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National Student Nurses' Association



# Convention Preview NSNA 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

NSNA's 54th Annual Convention takes place at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland, April 5-9, 2006. Students will network with other nursing students from around the country, hear outstanding speakers, learn about the latest issues and trends, develop leadership skills and participate in the House of Delegates. Additionally, the Convention will feature its annual Exhibit Hall, the Foundation of the NSNA Awards Ceremony and Reception, a Harbor Auction, and plenary and focus sessions. For detailed program information as well as housing and registration forms, visit the [MEETINGS](http://www.nsna.org) page on [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org).

Highlighting the Convention theme, "Setting Sail for a World of Wellness," the Convention Center is within walking distance of the Inner Harbor, the Maritime Museum, and the National Aquarium. Also on the waterfront, Fell's Point is a landmark full of history, with boutiques and restaurants providing a range of activities to enjoy. The surrounding city also enjoys a diversity of culture in its neighborhoods, its eating, and its entertainment!

Baltimore is easy to reach via air, train, or car and its temperatures in early April – an average high of 68° F and a low of 48° F – should provide an early spring respite to those traveling from colder parts of the country.

Plan to pack a jacket, however, as Baltimore is on the water and temperatures may be cooler as winter slowly recedes.

## Opening Ceremony



Dr. Barbara Dossey kicks off the Convention on Wednesday, April 5, at 5:30pm. Dr. Dossey, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, is a renowned speaker, writer, and authority in holistic health. Dr. Dossey emphasizes the importance of establishing nurturing therapeutic partnerships with patients so that healing is approached in an intuitive, spiritual, and scientific manner.

Author of many well-respected books, Dr. Dossey wrote *Florence Nightingale: Mystic, Visionary, Healer*, wherein she explores Nightingale's work in research, nursing theory, statistics, public health, health-care reform, and feminism, among many of the pioneering nurse's efforts. She adds the Nightingale biography to a list of books that explore the connections between spiritual and physical healing and the importance of integrating both aspects to maximize effective healthcare.

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## NSNA NCLEX® MiniReview

NSNA is once again proud to offer the NSNA Mini-Review to help you pass the NCLEX®. Take this opportunity to study with the president of the Nursing Tutorial and Consulting Services, Judith C. Miller, and prepare by reviewing topics that frequently come up in the exam. The schedule allows all convention attendees, including delegates, to attend the entire eight hour mini-review course.

## Consultants, Advisor and Faculty Workshops

Earn continuing education (CE) credit by attending workshops on how to prepare your students for the job market, academic integrity, health care policy, technology in the classroom, health and stress, disaster and terrorism preparedness, and more.

## NSNA Leadership U

Students can earn academic credit for participation in the convention! Find out how at [www.nsnaleadershipu.org](http://www.nsnaleadershipu.org).

## Endnote Address

Brigadier General (retired) William T. Bester, Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, will close the Convention. Brigadier General Bester was the first man to serve as Chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 2000. His career has been extensive and spanned the globe. Bester served as Chief Nurse, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; Deputy Commander for Nursing in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Deputy Commander for Nursing at the USA Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC) in Wuerzburg, Germany. He has also served as the chief nurse of the 67<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital.

Brig. General Bester was part of Operation Joint Endeavor, a peacekeeping

operation sent to Bosnia in 1995, following the conflict in the Balkans. He was deployed to Hungary and set up and coordinated hospital facilities for over 20,000 of the troops en route to the conflict region.

Last winter, Bester volunteered as a nurse executive aboard the USNS Mercy, a fully-operational hospital ship, and coordinated tsunami relief efforts in Banda Aceh, Indonesia in cooperation with Project Hope.

His experiences and knowledge promise to provide fascinating material on which to close the Convention.

## Transportation Information

Baltimore is easily accessed by many routes. Three major airports service the city, including Baltimore International Airport (BWI) in Maryland, Washington Dulles International (IAD) and Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA) both in northern Virginia. BWI is

## BUDGETING INFORMATION FOR 54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION APRIL 5 – 9, 2006; BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER, BALTIMORE

The following information is being provided to assist with budgeting for the Annual Convention.

MINIMUM		MAXIMUM	
<b>Convention Advance Registration</b>	\$80.00	<b>Annual Convention &amp; NCLEX Mini Review Course</b>	Advanced Registration \$100.00
<b>Hotel</b> (4 nights, quad room, at the Day's Inn at the Inner Harbor Hotel includes 12.5% hotel occupancy tax) <b>(5 days)</b>	\$127.94	<b>Hotel</b> (4 nights, single room, at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel includes 12.5% hotel occupancy tax) <b>(5 days)</b>	\$783.00
<b>Breakfast</b> (\$8.50 per day, including tip)	\$42.50	<b>Breakfast</b> (\$12 per day, including tip)	\$60.00
<b>Lunch</b> (\$12.50 per day, including tip)	\$62.50	<b>Lunch</b> (\$15 per day, including tip)	\$75.00
<b>Dinner</b> (\$18 per day, including tip)	\$90.00	<b>Dinner</b> (\$21 per day, including tip)	\$105.00
<b>Airport Shuttle round trip</b> (hotel - airport)	\$20.00	<b>Taxi fare</b> round trip	\$24.00
<b>Baggage tips at airport and hotel</b> (\$1 per bag based on 2 bags)	\$8.00	<b>Baggage tips at airport and hotel</b> (\$1 per bag based on 2 bags)	\$8.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$430.94	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1155.00

Note: Estimated expenses, excluding travel, are for 4 nights and 5 days, and are based on rates for NSNA members. Food cost estimates are based on annual IRS recommendations for individual cities.

approximately 10 minutes from NSNA's designated hotels. NSNA has set rooms aside in five hotels, all conveniently located to the Baltimore Convention Center: Sheraton Inner Harbor, Hyatt Regency Baltimore, Wyndham Baltimore, Holiday Inn Inner Harbor, and Day's Inn Inner Harbor. To make a hotel reservation, please contact the NSNA Housing Bureau at 800-282-6632 or log on to [https://res.web.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=25036](https://res.web.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=25036).

Check out Baltimore's Visitor Center website for information on city-wide transportation and on tourist sites and attractions. Find out more at [www.baltimore.org/visitors/v\\_mapstrans\\_gethere.html](http://www.baltimore.org/visitors/v_mapstrans_gethere.html).

## NSNA Alcohol Policy

NSNA convention participants are reminded that alcoholic beverages are not served at official NSNA student program events, and participants may not use, consume, or bring alcoholic beverages into or upon the premises of any venue where such official events are held; nor shall any participant use the premises of any facility provided by NSNA, including student activity tables, to promote non-NSNA events where alcohol is served, nor sell tickets or other promotional items that endorse events where alcohol is served. Those of legal drinking age, who choose to consume alcoholic beverages off the premises of NSNA locations, are urged to do so responsibly.

## MidYear Wrap-Up

NSNA's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Midyear Conference took place November 10-13, 2005, in Louisville, KY, with record-breaking attendance! Over 1,500 nursing students from all over the country packed the Galt House Hotel to attend workshops, panels, and exhibits featuring nursing leaders with specialties in all aspects of the profession. Keynoter Dr. Gloria Donnelly opened the conference with an inspiring and often humorous speech entitled, "Countdown to Career Launch: Blast Off, Orbits, Trajectories!" She asked students to compare their careers to aircraft, encouraging them to prepare for "soft and hard landings" and "turbulence" along their professional journeys.

Saturday opened with a stirring presentation made by General Gale Pollock, 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, at a continental breakfast. General Pollock spoke about the long tradition of nurses in the military, their contributions to their country, and the possibilities open to new recruits should they choose a career in the Army Nurse Corps.



Friday and Saturday featured a variety of workshops and panels, including an NCLEX review course and sessions where nurses in a gamut of specialties – ranging from periOperative, flight and transport, to oncology nursing – talked about their careers, specialties, and encouraged audience questions from attentive student audiences.

## Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The NSNA Board of Directors met November 8-9, 2005 during the MidYear Conference in Louisville. The following highlights their actions:

- Accepted reports from the following: Finance Committee, *Imprint* and Image of Nursing, Legislation/Education, Membership, Convention and Program Planning, Breakthrough to Nursing, Community Health, and the State Presidents' update.
- Approved the 2006 Operating Budget.
- Approved policies for electronic fund transfers for state constituent monthly dues reimbursement.
- Reviewed the NSNA 2005 Operating Budget Statement of Activities as of September 30, 2005; the Capital Budget; bank balances, and investment account.

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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO NSNA DOCUMENTS TO REFLECT CONSISTENT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LANGUAGE

NSNA BYLAWS	Bill of Rights & Responsibilities for Students of Nursing	NSNA Code of Professional Conduct	Proposal For All Three Documents	Rationale
Article III. Purpose/Function: Function f) To promote and encourage recruitment efforts, participation in student activities, and educational opportunities regardless of a person's race, color, creed, sex, <b>age, life style, national origin, or economic status.</b>	#4 Under no circumstance should a student be barred from admission to a particular institution on the basis of race, creed, sex, color, national origin, <b>handicap, or marital status.</b>	#9 Refuse to engage in, or condone, discrimination on the basis of race, gender, age, <b>citizenship, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.</b>	1. Race 2. Color 3. Creed 4. National Origin 5. Ethnicity 6. Age 7. Gender 8. Marital Status 9. Life style 10. Disability 11. Economic Status	To provide consistent wording across all NSNA documents.

## PROPOSED NSNA BYLAWS AMENDMENTS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 2006 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Current Article IX Consultants	Proposed Article IX Consultants	Rationale
<p>Section 1. There shall be two consultants: one consultant shall be appointed by each of the Board of Directors of ANA and NLN in consultation with the NSNA Board of Directors. The consultants shall be appointed at their respective biennial conventions to serve for a two-year term, or until their respective successors are appointed.</p>	<p>Section 1. There shall be <b>up to three</b> consultants: one consultant shall be appointed by each of the Board of Directors of ANA and NLN in consultation with the NSNA Board of Directors. The ANA and NLN consultants shall be appointed <del>at their respective biennial conventions</del> to serve for a two-year term or until their respective successors are appointed. <b>One additional consultant may be selected by the NSNA Board of Directors from nominations made by the Board of Directors of other national professional nursing organizations. The said additional consultant shall serve for a two year term.</b></p>	<p>1) NSNA bylaws require that at least one consultant be present at a board meeting for quorum. It is conceivable that two consultants may not be available to attend a board meeting thus preventing the board from doing business. There is less of a likelihood of this happening if there are three consultants.</p> <p>2) Since NSNA's inception over 50 years ago, nursing has grown in complexity and diversity. The addition of consultants from other national professional nursing organizations will provide the NSNA board a wider range of perspective on nursing issues.</p> <p>3) Removal of "their respective biennial conventions" as this is no longer relevant (the organizations no longer hold biennial conventions). This change is made so that Section 1 and Section 2 are congruent.</p>
<p>Section 2. The consultants shall:</p> <p>a) Be responsible for providing for interchange of information between the Board of Directors of the ANA, NLN, and NSNA.</p> <p>b) Serve as resource persons consulting with the Board of Directors, members and staff.</p> <p>c) Attend NSNA meetings.</p>	<p>Section 2. The consultants shall:</p> <p>a) Be responsible for providing for interchange of information between the Board of Directors of the <del>ANA, NLN, and NSNA</del> <b>national professional nursing organizations they represent and NSNA.</b></p> <p>b) Serve as resource persons consulting with the Board of Directors, members and staff.</p> <p>c) Attend NSNA meetings.</p>	

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- Approved changes to the NSNA Campaign Regulations.
- Approved proposed Bylaws amendments to be presented to the 2006 House of Delegates. See above for the complete text of the *proposed changes*.
- Approved changes to the NSNA Bylaws, the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities for Students of Nursing, and the NSNA Code of Professional Conduct to reflect consistent anti-discrimination language. See page 5 for the complete text of the *accepted changes*.

- Approved Orlando, Florida as the location for the 2010 Annual Convention.
- Approved the appointment of Tara Patton to the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Spirit of Nursing Award Selection Committee.
- Approved new criteria for the Web Site Award.
- Reappointed Dr. Anne Manton as the American Nurses Association consultant (2006-2008).
- Approved the development of

the following policies: comprehensive Privacy Policy for NSNA member personal data; and Code of Conduct for convention speakers, exhibitors, and association activity area.

- Approved the topic for the Board of Directors resolution to be submitted to the Resolutions Committee.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place in Baltimore, MD, on April 3, 2006.

## Gallup Poll Shows Nurses Most Trusted Profession in 2005

According to Gallup's November 2005 poll on honesty and ethics in professions, nurses have topped the list once again, receiving an 82% vote of confidence from the public. Pharmacists and medical doctors ranked second and third, respectively. Finishing the list were car salesmen and telemarketers.

Nurses were first included in the poll in 1999 and since then have topped the list six of seven times, the only exception occurring in 2001 when firefighters received first place.

## Shine a Light on your Future

### Run for National Office!



Alli Simon  
Nominating and  
Elections Committee  
Northern Election Area

The NSNA Nominating and Elections Committee (NEC) conducted a running for national office workshop at the MidYear Conference in Louisville, KY in November. We helped nursing students who were interested in running for office get the information they needed. Several different areas were covered during the workshop including: how to pre-slate, running from the floor, campaigning, application guidelines for national office, and campaign regulations. Many interested students attended and the NEC wants everyone to know that we are all available to answer any questions you may have about running for national office. It was great meeting

# NATIONAL STUDENT NURSES' ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

## 2006 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The National Student Nurses' Association Nominating and Elections Committee is pleased to announce the 2006 Slate of Candidates for Board of Directors and Nominating and Elections Committee. Delegates will vote for the candidates at the upcoming NSNA Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, April 5-9, 2006.

Candidates may also be nominated from the floor of the House of Delegates. If you would like information about running from the floor, send an e-mail with your name, complete mailing address, phone number, e-mail address and position you are planning to run for to [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org). An application and packet of information will be mailed to you. The Nominating and Elections Committee urges those who are planning to run from the floor to have their completed application to NSNA no later than March 22, 2006. By sending in your application to NSNA by this date, you will be mailed a candidate's packet so that you will receive it before convention.

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Medical College of Georgia  
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Vacant

### **NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (EAST ELECTION AREA)**

Vacant

### **NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (WEST ELECTION AREA)**

Vacant

everyone in Louisville and I hope to meet many more of you at the Annual Convention in Baltimore this April. Pre-slatting has already taken place, but there are still opportunities to plan ahead to run from the floor of the House of Delegates.

To run from the floor, you must first submit your credentials (application and all attachments as well as verification from the dean/director of your school) to the NEC and then be nominated by a delegate. Candidates wishing to run from the floor are urged to get their application to NSNA headquarters no later than March 22. If you miss this deadline bring the complete application with you to Convention. Note that noon on April 5 is the deadline for candidates running from the floor to have completed applications turned in to the committee. Nominations from the floor will be also accepted on Friday, April 7; however, nominations will be open only to positions with ONE candidate. Email NSNA at [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org) to get a candidate packet. The NEC is here to help you navigate through the steps for running for office, so if you have any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail me, or any of the other members of the NEC.

You can find a link to the NEC homepage at [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org) under Elected Officials. Be part of the future of nursing and shine a light on leadership. Good luck to all the candidates and see you in Baltimore!

## NSNA Awards Deadlines approaching!



Deadlines for many NSNA project awards, including Community Health, Legislation/

Education, the Newsletter contest, the new Website Award, Image of Nursing, Financial Excellence, Breakthrough to Nursing, and more, are coming up early in 2006! Download the updated NSNA Honors and Awards Booklet free at [www.nsna.org/pubs/pdf/awards\\_booklet\\_06.pdf](http://www.nsna.org/pubs/pdf/awards_booklet_06.pdf) or contact NSNA at (718) 210-0705 or [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org) to request a copy.

## Call for Posters

NSNA Chapters are invited to share school and state projects in the following areas: Breakthrough to Nursing, Community Health, Legislation/Education, NSNA Leadership U, Image of Nursing, and newsletters. Develop a poster for display during Project Showcase, which takes place in the Exhibit Hall during the Exhibit Hours on Thursday and Friday, April 6-7.

Joint faculty and student submissions are encouraged. Educational posters are displayed along with the award winners of the various contests sponsored by NSNA. The topic of the poster should be of interest to faculty and students in attendance, and should be adaptable for display on a pin-up board.

You, or a representative, are requested to be present to answer questions during the exhibit hours. The deadline for submitting an application is March 17, 2006. For any additional information please see the 2006 Posters Application or call Cathy Ramos 718-210-0705 ext. 116.

## Imprint online goes bilingual

Starting in mid-February, *Imprint's* online version will feature an exclusive Spanish web page, providing Spanish translations of many of the magazine's feature articles. The 2005 *Back to School* and *Geriatric Nursing* online issue featured its first bilingual articles translated by NSNA President Rebecca Wheeler and Oscar Segovia, a senior BSN student at Emory University. Check those out now at [www.nsna.org/pubs/imprint/septoct05/index.asp](http://www.nsna.org/pubs/imprint/septoct05/index.asp) and stay tuned for *Imprint's* new Spanish web page!

## Cover the Uninsured Week 2006

It's not too early to mark your calendars for *Cover the Uninsured Week 2006*, which will take place May 1-7. Over 46 million Americans live without insurance, including 8 million children. Minor illnesses can become major health problems as more families are unable to meet the rising costs of insurance and small business owners struggle to provide basic coverage for their employees. Thanks to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and other partners, *Cover*

*the Uninsured Week* reaches out to thousands of businesses, union members, educators, students, patients, hospital staff, nurses, and physicians among others, to come together to let our nation's leaders know that millions of American are living without health insurance. Last year's efforts were a major success and the organization hopes that this year even more concerned citizens will rally around the issue.

Stayed tuned for more updates in *Imprint* or visit [www.CovertheUninsuredWeek.org](http://www.CovertheUninsuredWeek.org) for updates on this year's plans and to find out how you can get involved.

### Remember These Dates!

**March 7: Convention Hotel  
Reservation Cut-Off Date**

**March 13: Convention  
Pre-registration (mail/fax)**

**March 20: Convention  
Pre-registration (online on  
web site)**

<https://nsnamembership.org/>

**April 5-9: 54<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Convention Baltimore, MD**

Check our NSNA's calendar for other important deadlines!  
[www.nsna.org/nsnacalendar.pdf](http://www.nsna.org/nsnacalendar.pdf)

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# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & HIGHLIGHTS



Ashley Riker  
Chair, Membership  
Committee  
[nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org)

## NSNA: THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

Thanks for making NSNA's stellar membership growth possible. Your creative recruitment and retention campaign have really paid-off – NSNA is 42,000 members strong! Keep up your active recruitment and retention campaign. Now is the time to introduce new students to NSNA's valuable benefits program. According to the membership survey, the most significant reason to join is that NSNA membership demonstrates professional commitment. Participation in NSNA reflects an interest in your career development and shows future employers that you value professionalism.

## Use your Membership Recruitment Guidelines

Check out [www.nsna.org/pubs/guidelines/guide\\_member\\_recruit.pdf](http://www.nsna.org/pubs/guidelines/guide_member_recruit.pdf) for practical tips and proven strategies to get students interested and motivated. Prove to your fellow students that involvement in NSNA is fun and educational!

Spread the word to your fellow students... take advantage of NSNA's online MEMBER SERVICES on [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org)! Let them know that they can join NSNA, renew their membership, update their member profile and address, and register for NSNA's meetings online. Remind them to have their membership number handy. (Visa and MasterCard only). Contact NSNA headquarters, [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org), if they need assistance in using MEMBER SERVICES.

We hope to see you at NSNA's 54th Annual Convention in Baltimore, April 5-9, 2006. During the Awards Ceremony, many NSNA leaders are recognized for their membership recruitment campaigns. In addition, there will be an Association Activity Seminar on Membership Recruitment on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Please plan to attend and share your successful recruitment ideas!

Don't forget about the Shining Star Program. NSNA are recognize all new 2006 official school constituents that requested start-a-chapter information during 2005 – 2006. Certificates are presented during the 2006 Annual Convention.

**Ashley Riker**  
Chair, NSNA Membership Committee

## CONGRATULATIONS, PIT SUPER RECRUITERS!

ProjectInTouch (PIT) recruiters are on their way to winning valuable prizes for recruiting 10 or more new members. Will you be the Grand Prize winner? The recruiter who recruits the most new members wins the Grand Prize, an expense-paid trip to the NSNA 54th Annual Convention, April 5-9, 2006 in Baltimore, sponsored by Thomson Delmar Learning and *RN magazine*. Come to the Awards Ceremony on April 6 and honor all of the membership recruitment leaders!

Super Recruiters who recruited 50 or more new members (as of November 30, 2005)

Davis, Autumn  
Clemson University, SC

Edwards, Shawn  
Trident Tech College, SC

Farr, Kendra  
University of Oklahoma, OK

Havey, Renee  
University of Michigan, MI

Hiriart, Andrew  
San Jacinto College, TX

Lawson, Michael  
Florida Gulfcoast University, FL

Macleary, Jessica  
Valencia Community College, FL

Russell, Sean  
Texas Tech University, TX

Thies, Jacqueline  
University of North Florida, FL

## APPLICATION FOR CONSTITUENCY STATUS REQUIRED ANNUALLY

All school and state chapters must apply for official constituency status annually. The deadline for having ten members in a school is eight weeks prior to Convention (February 8, 2006). The Official Application for Constituency Status can be brought to Convention and submitted during delegate credentialing. Schools or states unable to hand-deliver the application to convention have ten working days after the close of the House of Delegates (postmarked by April 21, 2006) to submit their application. By submitting the application, the school association verifies that their association's bylaws conform to NSNA's mandated areas of conformity.

Schools must have a minimum of ten members on the NSNA roster on the cut-off date of February 8, 2006, and states must have at least two constituent schools to qualify for constituency. All state-approved schools of nursing and their campuses are eligible. The Official Application for Constituency Status can be found in *Getting the Pieces to Fit* on p.20, on NSNA's Web Site, [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org) (click on PUBLICATIONS) or you can request one from the NSNA office. All schools are notified in March of their status and the number of delegates and alternates they are entitled to seat in the 2006 House of Delegates.

## SUBMISSION OF STATE BYLAWS

States are required to submit their bylaws annually with their Official Application for Constituency Status. States that fail

to submit their bylaws by the deadline for the application (ten working days following the close of the convention), will have their constituency status revoked in accordance with NSNA Bylaws Article IV Section 1.e. State presidents receive periodic updates regarding the number of members in schools in their states. If you have questions about constituency, please call NSNA headquarters, (718) 210-0705, and ask for Susan Wong.

### NSNA ALLIANCE PARTNERS

Purchasing these products and services provides additional support for NSNA. A portion of each purchase and use of service is contributed to NSNA to support program activities such as Breakthrough to Nursing, Community Health, Legislation/Education and Image of Nursing Projects.

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more information about the costs and terms, or to apply, call 1-866-GET-MBNA and mention priority code ENNX. The NSNA credit card program is issued and administered by MBNA.

### Health and Accident Insurance with Student Resources

NSNA offers group health and accident insurance to members, their spouse, and dependents through Student Resources. The plans include continuation privilege for a period of up to nine months after graduation if eligible. Available in most states. For more information, call 800-643-6688 or visit [www.student-resources.net](http://www.student-resources.net).

### Professional Liability Insurance with NSO

For only \$29.00 a year, nursing students can enroll for up to \$6 million annual aggregate, up to \$1 million per occurrence professional liability insurance protection offered through Nurses Service Organization (NSO), the official NSNA professional liability insurance provider. Recent graduates are eligible for a 50% off regular nurses' rates, for up to one year after graduation. All those insured receive the *NSO Risk Advisor*, a newsletter providing information on how to avoid malpractice suits. Visit NSO at [www.nso.com](http://www.nso.com) or call 1-800-247-1500 for more information. For fast and easy processing, apply online.

### NCLEX® Review From Thomson Delmar Learning

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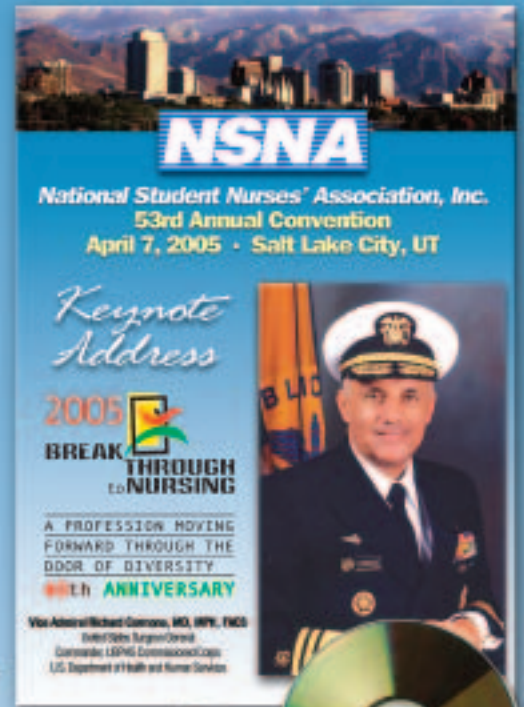
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