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James A. Cato Elected Trustee of the Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association

Brooklyn, NY – July 14, 2011. The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) is pleased to announce the election of James A. Cato, EdD, RN, CRNA, MHS, MSN, CPEHR, to serve as Trustee on the FNSNA Board of Trustees. Dr. Cato is the current Chief Nursing Officer for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, a highly praised major academic and research facility.

Dr. Cato received his BSN from Southern Illinois University in 1978, His certification in nurse anesthesia from the Harris Hospital School of Anesthesia in 1983, His Master of Health Science degree from Texas Wesleyan University in 1990, His Master of Science in Nursing from Old Dominion University in 1995 and His Doctorate in Education from Nova Southeastern University in 2008.

Having spent over 30 years in the healthcare industry, Dr. Cato is renowned as a respected nurse executive and certified registered nurse anesthetist. He brings substantial leadership experience to his new role as Trustee of the FNSNA, having previously served as Chief Nursing Officer for Allscripts (formerly Eclipsys) and NCH Healthcare System. With an abundance of writing credits on topics ranging from anesthesia nursing to informatics to nursing leadership, Dr. Cato also serves on the editorial board for *Nurse Leader*, the official journal of the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE). In addition to being a member of over 10 professional nursing organizations, he has held numerous offices including the 2006-2007 President of the American Nurses Informatics

Association (ANIA), as a member of the 2002-2003 Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society (Collier County Chapter), and as the 1995-1997 Treasurer of the Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

“The FNSNA is extremely pleased and fortunate to have Dr. Cato joining its board,” says FNSNA President Kenneth Dion, PhD, RN. “His broad experience ranging from academia to business to service brings a multifaceted perspective that will greatly benefit the Foundation and NSNA in these times of rapid change within the healthcare and not-for-profit environments.”

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The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (FNSNA) was created in 1969 to honor Frances Tompkins, the Association's first Executive Director. Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, the Foundation awards scholarships to qualified nursing students. Contributions to the FNSNA are tax-deductible. Since 1974, the FNSNA has awarded over $3.4 million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students. The Foundation is organized as a 501 (C) (3) charitable foundation.