



PRESIDENT:

January 2014

What a busy few months NYSASN has had. Our legislative efforts begun by Mary Beirne have resulted in some positive news. Senator George Latimer, a co-sponsor of S 4473, has rescinded his support. I know that many lawmakers when approached were really not aware of the safety issues relating to this proposed legislation. This grassroots effort by our members has shown what power we can have. I am hopeful that other successes will be shared with Mary Beirne so she can continue to update and keep us all informed.

2014 will bring about many changes for NYSASN. There will only be three full BOD meetings this year. It is imperative that we are prepared and ready for each BOD meeting. Motions should be sent to Diane Lightfoote for inclusion in the BOD packet.

SNO is being revamped and a new chairperson will be appointed January 2014. A SNO meeting has been scheduled at the conclusion of the EBOD meeting in January.

In November, I had a telephone interview with Catherine Saint Louis, a health reporter for the New York Times. The interview was in reference to the proposed diabetes legislation and a possible news article. The conversation was quite lengthy and she did follow up with a return call for some other information about school nursing. Ms. Saint Louis seemed quite impressed with school nurses and has asked that she be informed when issues about school nursing arise. She will let me know if the article will be published. I forwarded her a few names for her to follow up with.

I had many phone conversations with members and board members about concerns and/or ideas. These concerns will be discussed at the EBOD meeting and at the BOD meeting in March. A concern that has been shared by a few and one that I feel should be mentioned in this report is that we are an organization that works together, not individually or in select groups. We are open to all school nurses and support the ideas and efforts of all.

I know that NYSASN is a wonderful organization. There are many new ideas, programs, and issues that we can successfully manage with the wonderful talents of all of you. I look forward to a year of positive change and one that emphasizes NYSASN as the voice of school nursing.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Griffin, BS, RN, AE-C

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

I have not attended any meetings since beginning my journey as president - elect. While learning the expectations of the job, I have been reaching out to different BOD members to discuss our Operational Guidelines (OGs). After discussions with Karen Cofino (OG chair), we are looking at the value of posting all OGs on the BOD section of the website. All BOD members would have access to the latest OGs and have a clear understanding of all positions. I plan to review these with Karen and work toward transparency and increased communication.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice McPhee

PAST PRESIDENT

January 11, 2014

Happy New Year everyone, my hope is for us all to for fill our dreams for the coming year. This holiday season zone 9 has sent out letters to our legislatures and a few of the area nurses have spoken personally to educate them on our concerns with the diabetes legislation. We have in the next couple of weeks a few appointments scheduled to meet with both Addie Russell and Pattie Ritchie.

I'm cautiously optimistic that this proposal may just go away and never leave the Education Committee, with most of us in education in opposition the message has reached these legislators.

Some in the trenches have suggested we just quietly watch the movement, but we need to get our message out that we are in place to provide care and we already implement the diabetic care guidelines and will continue to provide this care.

I analyzed the BEDS list for 2012-2013 which lists all public schools and found this:

Number of Public Schools- 3152

Total number of RN's-3125

Total number of LPN's-34

Total number of LPN's in District-93

Out of these RN's

29 are NP's

123 are SNT's

The take away here is we have great coverage in the majority of public schools and can communicate this to anyone who thinks differently.

Private schools are another story but families can choose to go or not so that needs to be understood.

I am interested to hear what the sponsors of these bills have to say and hopefully we can change their mindset.

My role as past president is really to support the president and help where I can, coordinate the EISN awards and chair the nomination committee. We have some time till the elections but I wanted to let you know which positions will be up for elections this fall. We will need a President-Elect and Treasurer so start thinking both jobs are very rewarding was you grow personally and professionally.

Zone reps we will ask you all to nominate a school nurse from your zones this spring it will be here before you know it. Nominations for EISN are due to zone representative by March 15th and final award recipients name is due to the zone coordinator Gail Hall by May 1st. Let's recognize these excellent nurses for all that they do.

Sincerely yours,

O. Jeanne Dolly MS, FNP, SNA, NCSN

Past President NYSASN

SECRETARY:

I know I may have surprised you with a request for a board report since there is no BOD meeting this month! It was discussed at the October Meeting that we will have a board packet this month for the EBOD meeting while we are in transition to 3 BOD meetings a year. Refer to the "To Do" list.

New Schedule for BOD reports:

Spring BOD meeting reports: Friday **March 7th** at midnight (NYSASN meeting 3/22)
Summer BOD reports: Friday July 1st at midnight **special arrangements can be made for the Officers attending NASN in San Antonio TX. (NYSASN meeting 7/16)*
Fall BOD reports: Friday **October 24th** at midnight (NYSASN meeting 11/7)

Respectfully, Submitted,

Diare J. Lightfoot RN, NCSN

TREASURER:

*****Current Mileage Rate is 0.56 per mile*****

The 4th quarter of 2013 realized an operating profit of \$1,730.06

The Oppenheimer Investment funds balance increased by 1,040.52, for a total increase in assets of \$2,770.58.

There were no unusual transactions to report.

SNO-13 made a profit of \$8,761.46.

The fall conference made a profit of \$2,429.80 with \$500 in outstanding PO's.

Vendor income for the 2013 fiscal year was \$14,900. This was the first year that vendor income was separated from conference income, which is reflected in lower profit numbers than last year. We are now calculating conference income on registration fees alone.

Last year showed an operating profit of \$16,681.43, far exceeding our projected deficit of \$6,110.

The deadline for reimbursement forms for this board meeting is March 4th,2014. Please be aware that the mileage rate has been decreased to 56 cents/mile.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacki O'Donnell

EDUCATION:

January, 2014

**NYSASN Pediatric Emergency Workshop Spring 2014
Regional Educational Offering**

Date: March 15, 2014

Watkins Glenn

Conference Chair: Gail Hall

Jan Rogers is unable to present Pediatric workshop in March due to health issues. Gail and I are currently working with Jan and have 2 candidates that would be available to provide workshop. Jan has agreed to provide her material so the CE application does not need to be resubmitted and actually we would not get approval back in time at this late date. We will have speaker confirmation by next week 1/15/2014.

**NYSASN Summer Enrichment Academy
July 25, 2014**

Awaiting details from J.Bardin and C.Griffin on plans for Summer Enrichment Academy. Provided electronic copy of Conference Planning Binder to J. Bardin 1/2014

**NYSASN Fall Conference 2014
November 7th and 8th**

Location: Marriott Hotel, Ridge Road West, Rochester, NY

Co-Chair-Donna Ryan and Diane Houseknecht

Currently working on venue with chairs have keynote speaker in place. Marriott contract provided to EBOD for review. Theme: School Nurses "We do it all"

Educational Webinars were submitted for posting on NYSASN website

SNO report provided by J.McPhee

*Respectfully submitted,
~Flora McEntee, MS, BSN, RN, SNT*

SCHOOL NURSE ORIENTATION (SNO):

In anticipation of major changes in SNO this year, Joanne Reynolds and I have conferenced and met several times to begin the planning process. SNO is scheduled for August 11-14, 2014 at the Lodge, Welch-Allyn's beautiful conference center in

Skaneateles. To make the change to 4 days successful, we have re-configured some presentations and will be asking for help at the faculty meeting 1/18 and 1/19, following the EBOD meeting in Newburgh.

The use of peer evaluations for review and possible changes was beneficial. Thank you to those who helped. Inviting all BOD members to send their interest and commitment to orientation was also beneficial. The eight BOD members who expressed interest and commitment will all be on the faculty this summer. Currently, we have:

1. 1 contract signed (professional graphic design for a professional appearance)
2. 1 contract for review (Inn at the Fingerlakes)
3. 2 verbal commitments of interest with contract to follow
 - o Publisher of the notebook
 - o the Hilton Garden Inn
4. Waiting for the contract from Welch Allyn, which normally takes longer due to the detailed response

Looking forward to a productive meeting,
Janice McPhee MSN, RN, NCSN
Current SNO chair
With Joanne Reynolds MSN, RN

LEGISLATION:

January 2014

Our focus the last few months has been on contacting our legislators to voice our opposition to A4987/S4473, which, if passed, would permit trained, non-licensed school employees to administer insulin to students with diabetes while at school.

Our first order of business was to draft a memorandum of opposition and talking points for use by our members when speaking with their representatives. We deliberately chose to do a grassroots campaign, with our members reaching out to their own elected representatives. This strategy has impact because our elected officials like to be responsive to the concerns of their constituents.

We invited our senate representative to attend a school nurses meeting in our Zone 4 city school district. This format turned out to be very effective. Our senator told us that until our meeting he had not seen a downside to the proposed legislation. There were 12 school nurses in attendance at the meeting. Each nurse shared real life complex diabetes management situations with our senator. One nurse brought a family member's insulin pump and tubing, another brought sample student insulin order sets. Shortly before 5pm, our senator excused himself to make a phone call. He called his Albany office and asked his staff to remove his name as a co-sponsor of the bill. He also assured me that he would bring up our concerns with his senate colleagues, and would follow the progress of the bill closely, and left his contact information with me so that I can contact him at any time.

I have also heard back from most of the Zones. Our members have been busy calling, writing and visiting with their elected representatives. We are definitely getting the word out about our concerns with this proposed legislation and the very real threat to student safety it would pose if passed.

The plan moving forward is to see whether the bills are moved forward in the upcoming session. The assembly bill was introduced in the 2013 session, and was referred to the Education Committee where it remains. It may languish in this committee, or it may be referred to another committee, such as the health committee. If it stays in Education, we will take a watchful waiting approach. If it is moved on to another committee the plan is for us to reach out to those committee members individually.

Even if this bill languishes in committee, there will undoubtedly be another one to take its place at a later point in time. These bills have been introduced with success in state legislatures throughout the country as part of the ADA's *Safe at School* campaign.

Mary Beirne

MEMBERSHIP:

January 2014

Our current membership is 577 (as of 1/10/2014). Sending the final renewal notice by postal mail continues to be somewhat successful with an average 28% of members returning applications and payment for renewal. Members lost for October, November and December 2013 was 70. New members for the same period were 65. I have received the 12-13 BEDS list for NYS school nurses. I am waiting for a recruitment letter from Connie to go with the mass mailing. As soon as I receive that I will have copies made and get the mailing out.

Respectfully submitted,



Joetta Pollock, RN, BSN
Membership Chairperson

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSING (NASN) DIRECTOR January 2014

By Director-NY Suzanne Smith

NASN is preparing state directors to attend the Biannual Board of Directors Meeting Jan 26-28, 2014 in Washington DC. Board of Directors arrive the day before as there are usually activities/informal meetings to engage the state representatives. My flight is Saturday, January 25. There are numerous daily postings and e-mails via the NASN website and School Nurse Net as well as a 200 page Board Report to review. This session has included a State Department Tour in addition to scheduling visits on Capitol Hill on January 28th then everyone scrambles to leave DC to return home.

I plan to share NYSASN Memorandum of Opposition and NYSASN grassroots efforts re: the ADA legislation with the NASN Board. I am attaching 2 articles for the NYSASN BOD to read just to compare what other states have done or are in the process of...managing diabetes in the school setting.

NASN has provided a legislative agenda for 2014:

1. H.R. 3532/S.1546 Comprehensive concussion legislation-NASN is urging members of Congress to support the bills as well as to include School Nurse language as school nurses are part of the stakeholder teams.

2. H.R. 5/ S.1094 Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is still in Congress. NASN is requesting the inclusion of specialized instructional support personnel (SISP) as well as the importance of prevention and intervention services in all of the legislative language to advocate for America's schools.
3. H. R. 1857 was reintroduced into the House on May 7, 2013. This is the Student -to-School Nurse Ratio Act of 2013 (H.R. 1857) Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D_NY-4) The Senate still has to introduce a companion bill. NASN is asking for co-sponsors in both the House and the Senate. This Act would create a demonstration grant project to garner evidence that improving the ratio of school nurses to students will lead to more positive student outcomes.

NASN Finance Committee (that I am a part) has bi-monthly conference calls- There are assignments and agendas with every conference call. Such activities as reviewing income/revenue of the organization/ budget for 2015/strategic planning / positions papers: Bullying / Service Animals in the School Setting and Emergency Equipment for the Health Office were our assignments this quarter. Research, conference calls and numerous e-mails and working with many levels of NASN is an interesting process to get to the final product. It is a critical process and although humbling as the reviewers are very knowledgeable and critical, it is worth it for quality control. The final position statement is then presented to the Board for a vote. And hopefully, it is not back to the drawing board.

NASN Elections 2014: Information is posted on the website (www.nasn.org) and inside the cover page of publications: The Journal of School Nursing and the NASN School News magazines. Ballots may be cast online as of March 15-April 15, 2015. Paper ballots may be requested. NASN asks that our Board members spread the word to remind those school nurses that are NASN members to please vote! Zone representatives can remind their zone members to vote.

NASN 46th Annual Conference Information is now posted on the website along with a video. Please spread the word in your zone. It would be great to have more NYSASN members "Roar" at the annual rally. The committee created a great video to advertise this year's event in San Antonio, Texas. Check it out since New York made it into the video- one frame has Connie, Jeanne and Me!! And I noticed Mary Alice Smith on another frame! Go New York.

Happy New Year! Be well. See you in March.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzie

NEWSLETTER:

Winter 2014 Newsletter Report

My first experience as Editor of the Communicator was made fun and easy by MaryAlice and Harry! They were unbelievably patient, extremely supportive, and very encouraging. The Fall 2013 issue was 16 pages long and was put out mid-November.

Thanks to all who submitted articles for the Fall 2013 issue. The articles submitted were great and very timely. There was an expense of \$425 for the layout and

print service. Also, there was revenue from a half page ad from School Nurse Supply for \$250. Michelle Barber from the American Dairy Association has inquired about ad pricing and is considering a full page ad for all three 2014 issues.

The deadline for articles for the Winter 2014 issue is February 1st as I would like to have it out the latter half of the month. A very large thank you to all of the Board members for their kind words as well as a huge thank you to Maryalice for all her help. As always, ideas, suggestions, articles, or just funny little tidbits are always welcome and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mosher RN, AAS

NEW YORK STATEWIDE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES CENTER (NYSSHSC): Report to NYSASN BOD – January 2014

The New York Statewide School Health Services Center (NYSSHSC) housed at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES in Spencerport, NY, is now beginning the fourth year of our five year contract which runs January to December. We continue to embrace each new year of our contract and work diligently to provide resources and support to NYS school health professionals.

In our End of the Year Newsletter – 2013 – we referenced NYSASN in several ways. We recognized and congratulated Constance Griffin, the recipient of the 2013 School Nurse of the Year Award at the National NASN Conference in Florida, and highlighted her leadership, pursuit of continual learning and position of current president of the NYSASN organization. We also encouraged the approximately 4,000 school nurses in NYS to become NYSASN members. A re-cap of the 2013 NYSASN conferences was also highlighted.

We ask that the Save the Date for our Update Conferences be placed on the NYSASN website as well as information about our HIP and available resources.

Our Weight Status Category Reporting page has been totally updated in anticipation of the upcoming submission due date—Friday, January 31, 2014. We have added resources to assist school nurses and district nurses in the submission.

In late August, the NYSDOH released Children with Diabetes: A Resource Guide for Families of Children with Diabetes. This comprehensive, up-to-date resource has practical tools and great information for school personnel and is available for download from the NYSDOH website. It can also be found on our website, under the A-Z Index, then “D” for Diabetes. A limited number of copies may also be ordered from the NYSDOH.

Approximately 9,266 New York children, ages 0-19, are living with diabetes. NYS Legislation has recently been proposed (A4987/S4473), which would permit non-licensed school employees to administer insulin to students at school. NYSASN’s Legislative Chair has worked diligently to provide school nurses with talking points and ways to address this concern. In November, NYSSHSC in collaboration with NYSED

and NYSDOH conducted a survey to assess current school health care delivery for students diagnosed with diabetes. Almost 70% of New York's school nurses took this survey. This opportunity allowed NYS school nurses to be active participants in shaping the future of care for these students. The individual responses received are aggregated to maintain confidentiality. A summary of the data will be shared with school health professionals to provide a snapshot of current practices in New York State, and ensure that resources are evidence-based and data driven.

In early 2014, we will be updating to a new e-mail system called **iContact** to utilize new technology to better serve listserv members. When implemented, this update will require ALL current listserv members to re-sign up to continue to receive listserv email. Please stay tuned for more information!

In an effort to promote student health and safety for all schools in the State, NYSED asked NYSSHSC to participate in a Student Health and Safety Conference for Nonpublic Schools in November 2013 to share health information and best practices tailored to support the needs of the nonpublic schools. Two webinars based on the content of those presentations are now available to view:

- School Health Services for NYS Students - an overview of school health services in NYS for both public and nonpublic schools with emphasis on the support and resources available from NYSSHSC.
- The Role of the School Health Team in Infection Management in the School Setting - an overview of the role of the school health team in infection management with concrete examples of how a plan can be implemented by your school medical director. Content was provided by Dr. Cindy Devore, Medical Director Consultant for the Center. This presentation specifically addresses delivery of health services for nonpublic schools and appropriate actions to take for ill students if no school health professionals are present.

In 2013 we completed administration of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey on behalf of the CDC and NYSED. We truly appreciate the support school nurses gave to this effort. We are now preparing for the administration of the 2014 School Health Profiles Survey (SHP). We will be using Survey Monkey to administer the survey and are eager to get started! We may again call on school nurses for assistance.

We are excited about our 2014 School Health Seminar Update conferences which will be held:

- May 21—Watertown/Thousand Islands
- May 22—Syracuse
- May 28—Poughkeepsie
- May 29—Elmira/Corning/Horseheads

The tentative Agenda for 2014 School Health Updates includes:

- What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Explore the Latest Updates from NYSED, NYSDOH & Federal Agencies
- It Takes a Village: Engaging Youth, Staff & Parents in Providing Mental Health Services & Support
- You Had Me at Hello: Elevate Your Nursing Practice With Effective Communication
- Enhance your Expertise: Clinical Practice Updates for School Nurses

The brochure will be posted in February 2014!

Respectfully submitted,

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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND BY-LAWS:

POSITIONS:

PROMOTIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Winter 2014 Report

I am in the process of putting out letters to all of the BOD school districts administrators and BOE Presidents for the 2013-2014 school year. Those should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

The 2013 Annual Fall Conference in Long Island was a great conference! Lois and Mary set the promotions table up right in the conference room itself instead of out near the other vendor tables. I think this was a great advantage. Items total sold came to \$814 with some new membership applications handed out. Again, much of what was sold was the recent new items. A huge thank you to Connie for hauling the items up and to both Connie and Carol for taking them back as I flew to Long Island

After consulting again with Connie Griffin and Jacki O'Donnell, Connie has ordered replacements for the pink and blue zip hoodies, blue and red crew sweatshirts, green and blue tee shirts and fabulous totes to be ready for the March conference. Thank you to Jackie and Connie for their continued support and assistance in rebuilding promotions.

As always, any suggestions regarding other ways to promote our association and the great work everyone does would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mosher RN, AAS

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES- ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PPS-AC):

The next meeting will be January 31st so there is no report at this time.

Joanne Bardin, MSN, RN, AE-C

WEBMASTER:

Recently I received an email from a former NYSASN board member from many, many years ago. Some of you may remember Harriet Weinbaum, I believe she at one time was our Leg Chair. She sent an email to let me know she thought “the website was very beautiful” and to keep up the good work. It was nice to hear positive comments from a former board member who remembers what the old site once was.

I continue to update the website almost daily and work with Joetta Pollock weekly to update our membership for the member’s only site. Several email blasts have been sent, most recently regarding our legislative initiative, announcement of our Spring Regional offering in March, and our President’s message for the new year.

Thank you to everyone for checking the site regularly and submitting reports for your pages. It’s so important to have current information on the web and I can only do that with your help.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sharpe, RN

ZONE COORDINATOR:

January 2014

Information was sent to all of the Zone Representatives regarding the EISN award. Our goal is to have 14 recipients this year! I know that many zone reps. have sent information to their state legislators about the diabetic bill. Kudos to them and to Mary Beirne for getting the word out and for meeting face to face with the senators to share their concerns.

Sincerely,

Gail Hall, RN
Zone Coordinator

ZONE 1:

Happy New Year.

Just an update as to what has been happening here in Zone 1. We had a meeting last night with 41 nurses in attendance. I did a quick survey and of those present 10 had written a letter in ref. to opposing the diab. bill and 23 said that they would do so. One member had met with Ed Ra, an assemblyman, and had a phone call to Hannon. We have a meeting scheduled on Monday with Dean Skelos, or at least with someone there. Trying to catch up from being in Europe and the holidays, but I might be returning to Munich soon as I just learned my son is in the hospital with pneumonia. Life is really unpredictable as I am sure you all know. Lois

ZONE 2:

We started our year with a wonderful turnout of over 50 school nurses on Wednesday October 9, 2013 at the BOCES Sherwood Center in Holbrook. The meetings run from 4:30-6:30 and a light dinner is served. Our guest speaker was Mary Karnavogel RN from Shelter Island school district who is a NASN trained Epinephrine Resource nurse. Mary presented "Saving Lives @School: School Nurses Train Staff to respond to Anaphylactic Emergency Program." The presentation was well received, very informative and led to a wonderful dialogue among the membership.

Our next meeting will be this month on Wednesday January 15th, 2014. The guest speaker will be Dr. Wesley Carrion Pediatric Orthopedist from Stony Brook University Hospital. Dr. Carrion is going to speak to us on orthopedic injuries in the school age child.

On Wednesday March 26, 2014 the New York Organ Donor Network will speak to us about the importance of organ donation and a new program that they present to schools.

On May 7, 2014 School Nurse Day we will have our final meeting at a location TBA for a celebratory dinner.

Besides the general zone meetings, the membership has been very active with letter writing to their assemblymen and senators as well as making visits to ask for their support in opposing bill A4987/S4473.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen Maynes BSN, RN
Zone 2 Representative

ZONE 3:

ZONE 4:

Westchester-Putnam

Since October our Zone has had the opportunity to meet concerning the proposed Legislation A4987/S4473 in White Plains on November 11th. Mary Bierne provided guidance and facilitated discussion of the Legislation for over 30 of our Zone nurses.

On November 12th members of our Zone were again invited to attend the "Dine-Around" at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester medical Center. Specialists in Pediatric Rheumatology, Adolescent Medicine, and Pediatric Dermatology participated in lively discussion with our school nurses.

On the horizon, our Zone is co-sponsoring with Student Assistance Services of Westchester, a conference on Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention Updates for Middle and High School Nurses in Westchester on January 28th. This day long conference is provided to us free of charge at the lovely Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill setting. Featured speaker will be Dr. Steven Kipnis, Medical Director of the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. NYSASN Zone 4 member Phyllis Cobb BA, RN will present on "Identifying and Managing Alcohol and other Drug Impairment and Withdrawal at School.

Finally, we are hoping to participate with Zone 5 in planning the Summer Enrichment Academy scheduled for this summer.

Carol Bumbolow RN 1/11/14

ZONE 5:

Zone 5 had their first dinner meeting of the school year on October 30, 2013 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Newburgh, NY. We had over 50 school nurses come and hear our guest speakers, Pat Sarino & Jennifer Ostrow, certified Youth Mental Health Trainers from United 4 Change. Their topic was Introduction to Youth Mental Health First Aid. This presentation gave us information on their program to train professional like us to best assist our children who have mental health issues. They work with area groups to get the word out of the need for everyone to help better understand mental illness and what it does to the children and their families when there is poor understanding of what mental illness is. Oh, yes- I forgot- We also had Goliath (such an appropriate name when you meet him) there who is Jen's service dog who took time off of his coach to be with us.

Connie Griffin (our NYSASN President & Zone President) spoke about the diabetes legislation that is looming in the halls of the legislative body of NYS. The school nurses were given a packet with the proposed law and NYSASN talking points of why we do not support this legislation. A template for a letter to be sent to our representatives was also included. Our children's safety is our concern and this legislation compromises that. Connie encouraged all school nurses join NYSASN so that we would have a stronger voice as the experts in school health within NYS.

The meeting was well received and everyone had a great time networking with our fellow colleagues and winning the beautiful raffle baskets donated by the Zone 5 board of directors.

We are looking ahead by planning the NYSASN summer enrichment program that we are hosting with Zone 4, Thursday, July 17, 2013 here at the Hilton Garden Inn in

Newburgh, New York. Our core committee has been meeting with Zone 4 working on formulating a great conference. More details will follow. You will not be disappointed!

Joanne Bardin, MSN, RN, AE-C

Zone 5 Rep.

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ZONE 6: no representative

ZONE 7:

January 2014

Capital Region school nurses were able to attend a presentation on von Willebrand's Disease on November 20, 2013- presented by Accredo Health Care & Maria Peart, RN, Health Care Coordinator, Hemophilia and von Willebrand's Treatment Center at The Melodies Center at Albany Medical Center.

On Saturday, March 29, 2014 Capital Region school nurses will be offered a "Mini Conference" with three presentations: common hand and upper extremity injuries- assessment and immobilization, anaphylaxis treatment and education in schools, psychiatric/anxiety disorders and self- injurious behavior in children. Continuing Education Contact Hours will be offered for this event.

Zone 7 members on NYSASN have been contacted on several occasions regarding the proposed diabetes care legislation both by email and in person at local meetings. Members have been asked to contact their local legislators to educate them on this issue and discuss NYSASN's opposition to these bills. I have heard from some members who have described limited feedback from legislators and I have forwarded the names of the legislators who have been contacted to Mary Beirne, Legislative Chairperson. Additionally, Gail Hall, Zone Coordinator, has been copied on all emails to members, as requested. I will continue to reach out to members and other school nurses in the Capital Region on this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Reynolds

ZONE 8:

ZONE 9:

ZONE 10:

January 2014

Zone 10 officers and I met at the vice-presidents house in mid December for a wonderful dinner and planning session. We have known each other through the zone for years but have really come together as the executive committee these past 2 years.

Our November meeting was at Ophelia's Place in Liverpool, NY. The topic was disordered eating. It was an amazing meeting. I wrote about it in the last Communicator. We were so impressed with the speakers and information that we donated \$125.00 to them. Zone 10 also donated \$125.00 to Golisano Children's Hospital. Our January meeting is on the 25th from 9:30am-1:00pm at Marley Education Center at Crouse's School of Nursing. The speakers are Drs. Irving and Brad Raphael, Orthopedic Surgeons and Medical Directors for Athletics at Syracuse University. They will speak about age appropriate sports for children, bone development & growth, conditions affecting bone strength, stress fractures, etc. Dr. Thomas Schwartz, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Upstate Medical University will discuss psychiatric conditions and treatment options available today. Many nurses informed me they sent their letters out before the holidays. I completed my folders. With my out of town son home the week before Christmas and out of town family here from Christmas through New Years I was unable to meet personally with anyone. However, I mailed the folders and will follow up with calls and possible meetings. A school nurse from the Baldwinsville district called me and said she knew through a friend with connections that this bill will not even be considered at the present time. Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Belton, RN

ZONE 11:

January 2014

I requested every school nurse in Zone 11 to write a letter to their state senator about the diabetic bill. While none of our representatives are listed as supporting the bill, we feel that by our communicating our concerns to them, it will be conveyed to those that support it. We may invite one of our senators to an upcoming meeting to discuss this bill if there is enough interest in our zone to do so. Information was sent to the school nurses about the EISN award and we are working on our School Nurses day celebration for May. Several zone members are working with me in organizing the upcoming Pediatric Emergency Workshop in March. Several nurses have registered thus far; I expect it to be another sell out!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hall, RN
President, Zone 11

ZONE 12:

The contracts are signed for the 2014 fall conference. Donna and I are still contacting speakers; we already have some lined up but do have more ideas. Also we are getting together ideas for our May Zone12 meeting! Thanks Diane Houseknecht

ZONE 13:

Greetings from Western New York!
Zone 13

The next WNYASN meeting will be Monday, January 27th. After the business meeting, our guest speakers, ***“Eating Disorders Panel”***, for the evening include: Mom, Sheila Gordon and daughter, Katelyn (anorexia) along with Dr. Delinda Condino from WCHOB (Women and Children’s Hospital of Buffalo), and Diane McMullen, Social Worker, specializing in eating disorders. Our remaining schedule for the school year: February 24th, March 17th, April 21st, Banquet May 12th.

Wishing you all a *HAPPY, HEALTHY 2014!*
Debbie Kampff, Zone 13 representative

ZONE 14:

Zone 14 will continue to meet twice a year. The next meeting will be held on School Nurse’s Day May 7, 2014. This meeting will be organized by Joetta Pollock and Anita Mosher. It will be held at The Mustardseed in South Dayton, NY. Look for more information closer to the date.

Our November 13, 2013 fall meeting had 22 members present. We had a wonderful meal provided by The Mustardseed. Officer Jen Alessi spoke to us about substance abuse. She detailed the different substances kids today are abusing, how they are getting a hold of these substances, how they are utilizing them, and how we can appropriately handle this issue when presented in a school setting. She was an interesting, intelligent speaker and is a great resource as well as a wonderful advocate for students and staff. Joetta Pollock and I also presented the Memorandum of Opposition regarding the administration of insulin to students by laypersons. We provided the toolkit created by NYSASN and encouraged all to write letters. A follow-up email was sent to all of the school nurses in Zone 14 with the memorandum and toolkit attached. We used the money earned by co-hosting the July 2013 conference to purchase promotional NYSASN products and gave them out as a special gift to the 11 NYSASN members present at the meeting.

Our zone will continue to communicate through email blasts to disseminate information regarding free meetings and conferences pertaining to school nurses. I will also continue to send e-blasts out intermittently regarding the importance of belonging to our professional organization to all the school nurses in our zone. In this e-blast, I include the contact information for the local, state, and national school nurses organizations.

I continue to assist the membership chair with membership renewal. E-blasts are also used to send out the current NYSASN conference brochures. In addition, I forward summer job opportunities I receive as well as encouraging new school nurses in Zone 14 to attend the August School Nurses Orientation.

Please check the NYSASN website for more details at: <http://nysasn.org> for more information.

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