



PRESIDENT:

March 2014

NYSASN continues to move forward with educating our legislators on the safety concerns about the proposed diabetes legislation. The work done by individual zones have been exemplary and we have had made great strides. It is amazing how after one chat with a legislator can empower an individual to advocate stronger and more often. My first conversation with a legislative aide in a senator's office caused me great angst, but once I started I realized it is one of our great freedoms to actually discuss and advocate for support or change.

I want to reiterate what I wrote in my last report and that is that 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. For those that are unable to attend, we welcome your thoughts, written preferably, before the meeting, so that all BOD members can express their ideas, thoughts, and items for action.

As you are all aware, SNO is being revamped and a new chairperson will be appointed March 2014. Currently, our temporary chair is Joanne Reynolds.

I have been in touch with Barbara Baron of the American Dairy Association and Lauren Zanfardino of DetaQuest. Both are interested in working with us towards common goals related to children's' health. I will be talking with both of these women next week and will report in further detail at the BOD meeting.

I continue to have phone conversations with members and board members about concerns and/or ideas. Many of these items will be discussed during our meeting either within other reports or as separate items.

Membership continues to be an issue for NYSASN. We need to reach out everyday to potential members. We need to emphasize that membership is a standard of professional performance. NYSASN is the recognized professional school nurse organization of NYS. There are many outstanding local school nurse associations and many feel that membership locally also means state membership. Again we must educate our school nurse colleagues. I thank all of you for your continued support, time, and efforts in doing the work of NYSASN. 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:

March 2014

February 7, 2014, NYSCEA (NYS Council of Educational Associations, <http://nyscea.org/>) representatives heard Dr. John B. King Jr, Commissioner of

Education speak on the Reform agenda. He mentioned his support of funding pre K programs as promoted by Governor Cuomo.

Senator John J. Flanagan, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, spoke of the committee's recent report to the NYS Senate. <http://www.nysenate.gov/press-release/nys-education-chairman-flanagan-calls-immediate-sed-action-common-core-and-unveils-pac>

I was able to meet with Carl Mills, Special Counsel to the Senate Committee on Education. We discussed NYSASN's opposition to A4987 (Benedetto)/S.4473 (Marcellino) and he accepted our folder with opposition documents to share with Senator Flanagan. NYSCEA has begun a relationship with the education committee and Senator Flanagan. I have requested NYSCEA's assistance with communicating with Senator Flanagan's office and a meeting, plus a speaker for a BOD meeting.

Kathleen Hinchman, Ph.D, Professor, Reading and Language Arts Center of Syracuse University, was the main speaker who described research related to ELA standards and cautioned against overzealous implementation of data-driven instruction.

Three member organizations were scheduled to provide tours of their websites. Their main points are listed below.

NYSAPERD <http://www.nysahperd.org/> has paid staff to update and manage the organization's website. The zones are defined on a map which lists each zone president's name. <http://www.nysahperd.org/content/about/nys-ahperd-zone-map.cfm>

NYS AFCSE <http://nysafcse.org/> is professionally hosted but managed by all volunteer members. The main point made by this organization is to always have more than one person with password and access to the website. (When their webmaster passed away suddenly, it was a year before they could re-create the website. No one had access.) This organization has a webmaster and a content specialist. Every region has its own page and adds its own information. For their conference attendees, all resources are available online.

AMTNYS <http://www.amtnys.org/Main%20Pages/aboutAMTNYS.html> is also managed by volunteers. The leaders of the zones are all linked on a map. Scholarships and award winners are noted with pictures of past winners. E blasts are only sent with president's approval.

Collaboration among organizations was stressed and will be worked on prior to the next meeting in June.

Janice McPhee MSN, RN, NCSN

PAST PRESIDENT

Past-President Report

March 7, 2014

This winter we have created a nomination form and criteria for the School Nurse Administrator award along with a rubric to evaluate nominees. The board had decided last year to put off this award until this year due to a quick turnaround time when

introduced last year. The award recipient nomination will be submitted to NASN as our NYS School Nurse Administrator award recipient and NASN will decide if they meet there standards for the national recognition. We mimicked the national requirements for this award with the only addition of matching NYSASN membership with NASN membership requirements.

The membership was poled for nominees and we did receive two nominees for the SN Administrator award. One nominee did not meet the nomination criterion. We have submitted a school nurse administrator from NYS and our President Connie Griffin will announce this award recipient at our March BOD meeting. Our great state has many an administrator to recognize and I am thrilled we are recognizing our leadership in this way. The required nomination forms are under our Board docs on the website for future need. NASN does have high standards and the recipient has to be both a member of NYSASN and NASN for 5 years, so spread the word in your zones for future applicants. In implementing this I found the time frame to be tight on receiving the nominations and then verifying information and membership so I would recommend we have our deadline be January 15th for nominations next year. This will give us time to generate a monkey survey if needed and get the results back before the March 1st deadline for our NASN Director to submit our recipient to NASN.

I have also been busy entering data from our Strategic Plan onto a power point for our review and presentation at one of our BOD meeting.

As chairman of the nomination committee I want to ask each of you to consider stepping up to one of these positions this fall; President-Elect or Treasurer. These positions will really reward you in many ways. I am amazed how quickly these three years have gone by. The EBOD will help develop skills in communication, leadership and organization that you will apply to many areas of your life. We need you to lead us in the future, please consider serving in a new and challenging role. Anyone interested in either position please come talk to me as I will answer any questions you may have.

As chairman of the EISN awards I am excited to hear from Gail Hall and the Zone Reps about all the wonderful School Nurses you are recognizing this year from your zones. I hope we will have 14 to recognize this year as I know we have many in NYS that are truly excellent school nurses.

Yours in Nursing,

O. Jeanne Dolly MS, FNP-C, SNT, NCSN

SECRETARY:

I have NYSASN stationery and envelopes. If you would like some, just let me know how many and I will bring them to the meeting.

Reminder of dates:

Summer BOD reports: **Friday July 1st at midnight** **special arrangements can be made for the Officers attending NASN in San Antonio TX. (meeting 7/23)*

Fall BOD reports: **Friday October 24th at midnight** (meeting 11/7)

Spring 2015 reports: Due date will be a Friday at midnight approximately 2 weeks prior to the BOD meeting.

I prefer Arial 12 font for continuity, but I can easily change it when compiling the packet.

I want to thank everyone for the detailed and timely reports. Over the years on the BOD I have noted that the reports have become much more detailed and informative. Thank you all for your professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Lightfoote, BA, RN, NCSN
NYSASN Secretary

TREASURER:

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

We do not end the financial quarter until March 31st, so the reports submitted in the January 2014 board packet are the most current.

For all new board members, and as a reminder to all of the “seasoned” members, I am attaching guidelines for reimbursement submission. Some of you were never fully oriented to the procedure, and some of you are getting lax in submitting proper documentation.

The guidelines on the back of the reimbursement forms need to be updated. I will work on that.

Also, we ask that members who fly to meetings be conservative and attempt to get the lowest possible airfare. This often means that you have to book early. We have had cases where two members are on the same flight, and one pays \$119 for the flight while the second member pays close to \$300. This is fiscally irresponsible to our members. The meeting dates are given far enough in advance for shopping around to get the best fare. Thank you for your cooperation.

The deadline for reimbursement forms for this board meeting is May 6th, 2014. Please be aware that the mileage rate has been decreased to 56 cents/mile this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacki O'Donnell

EDUCATION:

March, 2014

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

**Date: March 15, 2014
Watkins Glenn
Conference Chair: Gail Hall**

Cathy Page, MS, CHNP, RN, CEN will be presenting at the Pediatric Emergency Workshop for SN at Watkins Glenn on March 15, 2014. Her bio form for the CE application was sent to PSNA and approved. The number of registered attendees is 83. Another great job done by Gail Hall for performing as conference chair and registration chair for this conference! Thank You!!!

NYSASN Summer Enrichment Academy

July 23/24, 2014

Joanne Bardin is Conference Chair for the Summer Enrichment Academy in Newberg. I was informed by Joanne that Carol Bumbalow resigned as Conference Co- Chair.

The conference is titled Youth Mental Health First Aid through the Mental Health First Aid-USA. Joanne Bardin reported:

This is an eight (8) hour program that will give the participants certification.

Event dates have been changed to **EBOD 7/22, full BOD 7/23** with the first group of 30 participants attending this training with the first team of instructors. **7/24** there will be the same training with 2 teams presenting to accommodate 60 more participants. Per the trainers- due to the program presentation and interactions throughout the day with one another the groups could be no larger than 30 per session. Joanne also has been provided the CE appropriate forms for the conference chair and presenters to complete.

NYSASN Fall Conference 2014

November 7th and 8th

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

Co-Chair-Donna Ryan and Diane Houseknecht

Title: The Mind Body Connection-Mental Health. Venue is in place. Keynote speaker and presenters are scheduled. Marriott contract provided to EBOD for review and signing. Donna and Diane have committee in place. Save the date flier created. Nice job Donna and Diane.

SNO report provided by J.Reynolds

Discussion Item:

Attached is Conference Planning Spreadsheet and Discussion item at BOD needed on future locations.

Respectfully submitted,

~Flora McEntee, MS, BSN, RN, SNT

SCHOOL NURSE ORIENTATION (SNO):

School Nurse Orientation

Report to BOD March 2014

The faculty of SNO 2014 met on January 18-19, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Newburgh to review and revise the curriculum for this year's program. The goal was to be able to keep costs stable and to decrease the time commitment for participants. The program has been shortened by 1 day for a total of three and one half days. The

curriculum has been revised to make efficient use of the shortened time, while maintaining valuable content. Joetta Pollock and Anita Mosher join the faculty as presenters and Joetta will also be handling registration and the mentor program. All faculty are working throughout the spring to create/refresh/revise their presentations.

The program dates are August 11-14, 2014. Lodging arrangements have been made with the two hotels that have been used in the past - The Inn at the Finger Lakes and the Hilton Garden Inn – both of which are in Auburn. Conference sessions will be held at The Lodge at Welch Allyn as they have been for the past several years.

At the time of this report, final changes are being made to the brochure and it will be ready for publication on the website within the next week. Save-the-date informational flyers are to be included in the conference folders at the Regional Pediatric Emergency Workshop and also at the SSHSC Updates later in the spring. Additionally, each Zone Rep will receive an electronic copy of the flyer to copy and distribute at Zone activities.

The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council (ADADC) had generously agreed to fund flash drives with resources for each SNO participant in addition to sponsoring a breakfast at SNO.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Reynolds MSN, RN

Joanne Reynolds MSN, RN
SNO Chairperson (interim)

LEGISLATION:

March 2014

To date, the bills A4987/S4473 have not been discussed in either the Assembly or the Senate education committees. In the meantime, our members continue to reach out to their elected representatives to educate them about our serious safety concerns with this proposed legislation.

I am pleased to confirm that NYSUT has taken a formal position against this legislation. I have also reached out to CSEA and NYSNA and have not heard back from them to date. I plan to follow up with their legislation people next week.

I have also reached out to Dr. Cindy Devore, the school physician consultant at SSHSC, with Gail Wold's assistance. Dr. Devore informed me that she has re-located to Virginia and is not as involved with the local NY AAP chapter as she once was. She was kind enough to forward my email to a group of NY school physicians who, unfortunately, have not yet responded to my request for support against this legislation. We may have to reach out individually to our local school physicians. They may be more receptive after discussing this with their 'own' school nurses.

One of the questions that has come up when our nurses have met with their elected representatives is the following question: "What do you expect parents/schools to do when there is no available school nurse?" The inference, of course, is that the appropriate answer to not having a school nurse is to delegate professional nursing care to non-licensed personnel.

We need to get the word out to our members that the answer to this question is that training unlicensed staff to administer insulin is not an appropriate response to a fiscal or human resource dilemma, however pragmatic that may seem to laypersons. We need to change the prevailing culture - where the notion that anyone can provide professional nursing services if they are trained is entertained and taken seriously. We also need to remind our legislators that we have specialized education, leading to professional licensure. Our profession has foundational documents which underpin our professional practice: our standards of practice, our code of ethics and our social contract with society. If our legislators truly believe that non-licensed school employees can practice our profession with a few days training, then we must ask them whether our New York State Nurse Practice Act has any meaning at all.

We need to stay on message when responding to the above question from legislators. We can help them understand our concerns by asking some pointed questions of our own:

- Would the questioner like to be admitted to a hospital where the registered professional nurse has trained non-licensed staff to administer a high-alert drug which if administered incorrectly could result in their death?
- Why then do they think that this is OK for our most vulnerable citizens?
- And why would it be OK to administer a high-alert drug in an isolated healthcare setting where, if the registered nurse is not present, the possibility of 'failure to rescue' is much higher than in the hospital setting?

In order to ensure that we can all speak to the current hot topics in the safety science literature, I also wrote a short article for the Winter *Communicator* on this topic.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beirne, RN-BC, NCSN
NYSASN Legislative Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP:

Our current membership is 570(as of 3/4/2014). Sending the final renewal notice by postal mail gave us 37% of members returning applications and payment for renewal. Members lost for January and February 2014 - 26. New members for the same period - 23.

The mass postal mailing of letters is not going to happen, way too expensive. Alternatives are going to be discussed as to how we can most efficiently recruit membership from all public school nurses in NYS. (I will not be at this meeting, so that may happen in July at a membership committee meeting?)

Respectfully submitted,



Joetta Pollock, RN, BSN
Membership Chairperson

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSING (NASN) DIRECTOR: March 2014
Suzanne Smith BSN, RN, NCSN

- The NASN January BOD meeting in Washington, D. C., the NASN Legislative agenda and the Capitol Hill visits in January 25-28, 2014 have been posted in the January BOD report and in the Winter Issue of the “Communicator”

-NASN strategic planning is in the final stages.

-On-going Board work includes: new and revised position statements recently have been posted on the member section of the NASN website. Deadlines for award applications have been met such as, New York State/NYSASN - Excellence in School Nursing: Affiliate School Nurse of the Year and Affiliate School Nurse Administrator of the year. Book reviews are on-going that also teach board members about expectations and duties of a board member and provide leadership training. Committee meetings are conducted by telephone conference calls monthly.

NASN Voting 2014 opens March 15 – remember to vote on-line!

NASN Annual Conference – registration is open on the NASN website. Place: San Antonio, Texas. Time: (Preconference: June 27), June 28-July1, 2014. Please be sure to let me know if you can attend. Is anyone going to San Antonio? (George Strait sings this!) We will be sure to have fun at the rally!

Fundraisers- (Purses for Nurses)

***Reminder to zones for donations to put in the purse- gift cards or small tokens to represent New York State. Please bring your zone donations to this board meeting as it is our last meeting before the NASN conference in June 2014. New York always has had a great fun purse! Money goes to the Endowment fund! This is a popular fund-raiser. ***

New this year- “High –Five” campaign is also encouraged by NASN to take back to the Affiliate State as an additional way to continue raising \$\$\$ for the Endowment (Scholarship) Fund. So NASN is asking members in their Affiliate-NYS to give \$5 to the “High –Five” Envelope! I will bring for display at this meeting

Remember last year the endowment dinner included a donation to the endowment fund. This year no monies go to the endowment fund from the annual dinner party/gala. Thus the various fund-raisers: “High-Five” campaign was created to be circulated at the affiliate level! Amazingly some states contribute hundreds of dollars and have fund-raisers all year to donate at the annual conference! So, I feel the BOD should consider this added voluntary donation to the Endowment Fund. As one state affiliate director, I have yet to provide tokens to BOD members as Director –NY. This involves tokens for 50 board members. This is an additional expense to the NASN Director. In the past, our NASN Directors have done this out of pocket. I plan to accomplish this in June 2014. Does anyone have any suggestions on this? Any budgeted monies for this? This is a request for the BOD to consider this.

NASN is piloting a state website for Oregon (a unified state) NASN is also possibly willing to help out other states with websites problems?

NBCSN- I am interested in having more representation at our educational offerings at the vendor level to promote interest and information on this certification for school nurses. NBCSN has agreed to attend the March 15, 2014 Ped. Emergency Workshop!

Pearls from networking with other state affiliates: I liked this one: Having difficulty getting members to access the website on a regular basis? Consider: "Wednesday websites" -news posted on Wednesdays! -will motivate members to check the site once a week for new postings /information? Members can stay informed and up to date – as they will see something new each week! ...maybe search around the website at that time as well. Also, have you heard of a "Un- Conference?" This is a no fee conference- people and presenters show up and people decide on sessions to go to with questions such as technology questions or research or how to present topics including great websites- a great educational experience! This is an interesting concept. I hope to learn more about this.

ANA-NY NYSASN used to have a liaison with the New York State Association Nurses Association. Zone 9 representatives were advised on a legislative visit (Assemblywoman Addie Russell) to have partners and not go it alone. Should NYSASN reconsider this? Should NYSASN explore the ANA-NY?

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie

NEWSLETTER:

March 2014

My experience as Editor of the Communicator continues to be very positive and I am learning so much! The Winter 2014 issue was 19 pages long and was put out late February. Many thanks to all who submitted articles for the Winter 2014 issue. The articles submitted were really wonderful. There was an expense of \$475 for the layout and print service, Harry did not charge us for the link fee, a savings of \$25. There was revenue from a half page ad from School Nurse Supply for \$250 as well as two full page ads from the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. In addition, they submitted a great article on Breakfast in the Classroom. LouAnn Gleason kindly took the time to write a great Zone Highlight.

The deadline for articles for the Summer 2014 issue is May 10th as I would like to have the zones submit some pictures of their School Nurse's Day celebrations. The goal is to have it published late May or early June. The Board members continue to be so supportive, thank you. As always, ideas, suggestions, articles, or just funny little tidbits are always welcome and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mosher, AAS, RN

NEW YORK STATEWIDE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES CENTER

March 2014

The New York Statewide School Health Services Center (NYSSHSC) housed at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES in Spencerport, NY, is now in 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.

We ask that the Brochure for our 2014 Update Conferences be placed on the NYSASN website on the home page as well as under the EVENTS tab on the Calendar.

We have now moved to a new e-mail system called **iContact** which utilizes new technology to better serve listserv membership. This update requires ALL current listserv members to re-sign up to continue to receive listserv email. We would also appreciate your placing information regarding this change over to iContact on your site.

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. It is in a great part the assistance from school nurses that allowed us to obtain weighted data. We are now in the midst of the administration of the 2014 School Health Profiles Survey (SHP). We are using Survey Monkey to administer the survey and deployed on February 14th. We are collaborating with New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) in survey administration for the 2014 School Health Profiles (SHP) by electronically deploying all SHP for NYS, NYCDOE and NYSDOH. The NYC and NYSDOH samples are not required for weighted data for NYS, but are required for each respective group's samples to be weighted. We may again call on school nurses for assistance.

The Bloodborne Pathogens Webinar- Blood Exposure in the School setting, submitted to SED in October for Materials Review Panel approval, has now been posted on the website.

We are immersed in providing guidance for schools with the new NYS Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance. We have created new resources to accompany these guidelines:

- Immunization Referral Letter to Parents 2014-2015 New York State Public Health Law, Section 2164 mandates that schools shall not permit a child to be admitted unless the parent provides the school with a certificate of immunization or proof from a physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant that the child is in the process of receiving the required immunizations. This letter informs parents of this mandate.
- Immunization Requirements for Students Entering 6th Grade Students who are entering 6th grade and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) and a 2nd Varicella.
- A brand new "Cheat Sheet" to help simplify the new requirements and identify the changes in each grade level.

These resources may be found on our A-Z Index, under “I” for Immunization and the SN Toolkit under Parent Notifications – then Immunizations.

We are excited about our 2014 School Health Seminar Update conferences and look forward to assisting you to Explore, Engage, Elevate and Enhance Your Nursing Practice in Making the Difference for New York State Students.

Dates & Locations:

May 21, 2014 – Wednesday Watertown / Thousand Islands

Hilton Garden Inn - 1290 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY 13601 (315) 788-1234

May 22, 2014 – Thursday - Syracuse - DoubleTree by Hilton, 6301 State Route 298 East Syracuse, NY 12057 (315) 432-0200

May 28, 2014 – Wednesday - Poughkeepsie The Grandview 176 Rinaldi Boulevard Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 486-4700

May 29, 2014 – Thursday - Elmira / Corning / Horseheads - Hilton Garden Inn Elmira Corning, 35 Arnot Road, Horseheads, NY 14845 (607) 795-111

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 is now posted!

Respectfully submitted,

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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AND BY-LAWS:

March 2014

I have been very busy at work reviewing the OGs and bylaws as part of my new position on the BOD. As I am sure many of you already know, the bylaws have been updated to reflect the November vote and are now on our Web site.

Currently, I am piecing all of the pieces of the OGs together, trying to obtain the most up-to-date documents to present. Not only is my goal to have an esthetically presentable document that we can all be proud of, but one that is professional as well.

To achieve this, I have several short-term goals, as well as some long-term goals as well.

For now, I have updated the bylaws and had them posted. I have also redone Section I of the OGs (which you will find as an attachment here). Section I is short. Therefore, a short-term goal is that I ask all of you to read it as part of this BOD packet. As you can see, the OG/Bylaws committee consists of the Chairperson and two committee members. I will be seeking the assistance of the EBOD to determine how it will best serve NYSASN to choose these two members to work with me on this committee. For one of my long-term goals, the committee and I will begin to pick apart each section of the OGs to review and then present them to the BOD at each respective meeting for approval. During this time, I will be developing a chart that coincides with each job description and the time frames for review of that OG. Should that OG be up for revision, I will ask that you update your OG for the position you hold. Hopefully, in a reasonable time frame, we will have a document that will be, and, perhaps one that we can place on the Web site for the BOD. Thanking you in advance!!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Cofino BSN RN NCSN

POSITIONS:

PUBLIC RELATIONS/Promotions

March 2014

I have finished sending letters to all of the BOD school districts administrators and BOE Presidents for the 2013-2014 school year. Thank you to Diane Lightfoote for keeping me supplied in letterhead and envelopes. Also, Suzie Smith and I looked up how to submit an online news release and Suzie submitted it to her local newspaper. If anyone has a news release that they want submitted to their local newspaper, please let me know. I would be happy to submit them as well as photos to help promote the good things that our school nurses are doing. The press release submitted is also in the Winter 2014 issue of the Communicator if anyone is looking for an example. A meeting with a legislator would be one example of something that would promote NYSASN and school nurses in a positive light.

The next conference where promotions products will be sold is the March 2014 Pediatric Emergency Workshop. There have been no conferences since the last BOD report. Thank you in advance to Joanne Bardin and Connie Griffin for volunteering to meet me at the conference with the promotions items. Connie Griffin 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. Promotions will also be selling items at the July Summer Enrichment Conference in Newburgh as well as SNO in August.

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): March 2014

I would like to say that this meeting was the day after the head of the education department sat in front of the Albany legislators. Everyone was talking about what may be changed and what will continue to move forward. The politics were interesting to listen to I must say.

The meeting of PPS-AC was held January 31, 2014 in the State Education Building in Albany.

Anthony Jaacks discussed the updates from the Office of Curriculum and Instruction. It looks like each subject is being revamped and revised to meet the core curriculum. Karen Hollowood discussed the upcoming (obviously already received) immunization changes with at that time no determined adoption date from the Department of Health at that time. Another change was medical exemptions for immunizations need to be done annually.

David Bryant discussed Academic Intervention Service (AIS) and the Dignity Act. He asked the question if parents have a clear understanding of the process of reporting and resolutions of incidences. He spoke of how cyberbullying is impacted our school communities and the importance of getting parents and community to know their responsibilities as well.

Elaine Gervais from the Office of Special Education discussed the graduation requirements for students with disabilities.

The next presenter, Carl Friedman spoke of Kinship Care initiative which assists and helps over 150,000 children raised by grandparents and relatives in NYS. The NYS Kinship Navigator (NYSNavigator.org) is an information, referral, and advocacy program for kinship caregivers in NYS. A kinship caregiver is a person caring for a child that is not biologically their own. It assists caregivers by providing information on financial assistance, legal information and referrals, and other issues these families face when raising children in order to provide stability and permanency in the home. This will provide us more resources to help our families we know in this situation.

Cheryl Ohanesian closed out the meeting with a discussion and planning for future meetings as well as what projects the committee sees that needs to be done. Our next meeting is May 16, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Bardin, MSN,RN, AE-C

WEBMASTER:

March 2014

Thank you to everyone who continues to send updated information for their pages on the website. You'll notice that the 'Members Only' site has a different look. The old program and page design was not meeting our needs for our board and member documents. Instead, we've created a much more user-friendly page that is easier to navigate and looks much better.

The website continues to be a minor source of revenue for the association. We've already received \$300 this year for 3 summer job postings, and most likely will receive more.

As discussed with the EBOD, I'm working on developing a website manual that can be utilized to help manage the website, or be passed on to other board members in the event I am not able to fulfill my duties due to any unforeseen circumstance. It will contain important information such as webhosting/contact information, passwords, and tutorials to help someone else assume the role and position of webmaster. We're also looking at assigning web privileges to one or two other board members that will enhance not only their positions, but enable them to take a more active role in managing their duties that are part of our website management. My goal is to have this ready by the time we meet.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sharpe, RN

ZONE COORDINATOR:

March 22, 2014

All of the Zone reps have been working very hard maintaining their email contact listings for their zones, frequently communicating with their zone colleagues and working on naming their EISN for their zones. We are happy to welcome our new zone rep, Ann Lanoue, from Zone 7 to the board. She takes the place of Joanne Reynolds who will be the SNO representative on the board. Welcome, Ann, and thank you, Joanne, for representing Zone 7.

Respectfully Submitted

Gail Hall, RN
Zone Coordinator

ZONE 1:

Zone 1

March 2014

Zone 1 started off the 2014 year on January 8th with our second meeting. Our speaker was Warren Zelman, MD, FACS, FAAP. The topic was "All you want to know but have not had the chance to ask about Ear, Nose, and Throat Issues in Children and Young Adults." Dr. Zelman was an informative, engaging and entertaining speaker.

Since the event was an informal Q & A meeting, nurses were able to share their questions, thoughts, and experiences as well.

At the same meeting a nominating committee was formed. We are looking for candidates to fill the following positions: President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary and Zone representative.

The next meeting is on March 19th. All meetings are held at the North Bellmore Library, North Bellmore at 4:15 PM. The speaker will be Ms. MaryLou Sapienza, Assistant Director of PPS in the Syosset School District. The topic is "The ABC's of IEP's----Then Through the Door of 504".

Members were requested to continue writing their state representatives in opposition to the proposed Legislation A498/S4473.

Plans are underway for our annual School Nurse dinner.

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ZONE 2:

Dear Members of the BOD,

I am forwarding the following email which I received from Assemblyman Garbarino's Chief of Staff Josh Ringel. Their interest in school nursing is a result of the legislative visits and conversations that committee members from zone 2 had in regards to the diabetes legislation.

I sent a letter thanking them for their support and interest in school nursing. I explained that I would be forwarding his request to the BOD and would get back to him.

Would the BEDS list have the information he is requesting? If so how does one obtain the info? I do not mind doing the legwork but I would like the BOD position on his request. This is all very preliminary but very encouraging.

I will not be at the March mtg due to my husband's surgery. Please advise me on how you would like me to proceed.

Subject: School Nurses in NYS Date: 2014-02-25 10:05 From: "Joshua Ringel" <ringelj@assembly.state.ny.us> To: <zone2@nysasn.org> Dear Noreen Maynes, Our office is working on legislation to potentially put a school nurse in every school in New York State. Right now were in the very preliminary stages of researching for this legislation. What I am asking of the NYSASN is if you have an estimate of how much this will cost. If not, the next best thing to do would be to get the average salaries of school nurses in each zone of NYS. This will better help us to figure out the cost estimates per school/district/building. We do not want to implement this program as an unfunded mandate (funding would come from the state). Again, this is very preliminary. Do you think you could get me this information? Let me know if you have any questions or need more information. Josh Ringel

Thanks,
Noreen Maynes BSN RN
zone 2 rep

ZONE 3:

MARCH 2014

The metropolitan nurses continue in their efforts in opposition of A4987/S4473. Several visits have been made with positive results, Assemblyman Braunstein states he

will not sponsor the bill! Two education committee members have been visited, however there are 3 we need to still visit and I am having difficulty finding a nurse constituent in their district willing to make a visit.

Our next meeting is March 20th, in PS/IS 178 in Jamaica Queens. Carolyn Graeber a pediatric ophthalmologist will be the guest speaker.

I coerced 2 nurses to co-chair school nurse dinner for May 7th. Hopefully we will have a venue in place shortly. I have been encouraging members to nominate a nurse for EISN award. I continue having difficulty getting nurses involved in the city and state association.

Mary Fitzpatrick BSN RN

ZONE 4:Westchester-Putnam

March 2014

On January 28th Zone 4 co-sponsored (with Student Assistance Services of Westchester) a conference on Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention Updates for Middle and High School Nurses in Westchester and Putnam Counties at Abigail Kirsch, Tappan Hill in Tarrytown, NY. The featured speaker was Dr. Steven Kipnis, Medical Director of the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. NYSASN Zone 4 member Phyllis Cobb BA, RN presented on the implications for School Nurses relating to bullying and risk for substance use. Other Zone 4 members presented and acted as moderators for presentations by Emergency Room Nurse Managers, Mental Health Practitioners and Hospital Administrators.

We have repeatedly reminded our Zone membership to contact their legislators regarding legislation **A4987 (Benedetto)/S.4473 (Marcellino)**.

On March 6th gathered at Sir John's Restaurant in White Plains, NY to hear Dr. Eric Small, renowned Sports Medicine Physician who discussed topics pertinent to our practice. We were joined by some School Nurses from Zone 5 who asked if they could attend. Approximately 30 attended this program.

Our plans for School Nurse Day celebrations are advancing with some enticing rewards for our membership!

We regret that are unable to participate with Zone 5 in co-chairing this years Summer Enrichment Academy due to the change in dates but we hope to support the venture as much as possible.

Carol Bumbalow RN 3/2/14

ZONE 5:

March 2014

Our program committee for our zone has met several times to discuss the 2014 Summer Enrichment program we are hosting at Hilton Garden Inn in Newburgh. The

title of our program is Youth Mental Health First Aid. Our eight-hour program (8am-5pm) will be offered twice: July 23 and July 24. The nationally certified team of instructors will teach the participants how to help youth who may be experiencing a mental health challenge or may be in crisis. We are really excited to present this program to the school nurses of New York State. We are currently moving through the details of what it takes to put a conference together.

Our executive committee for our zone is also planning our May 7th School Nurse Day event with setting up speakers and activities to celebrate US!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in our area in July for the summer board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Bardin, MSN, RN, AE-C.

ZONE 6: No representative

ZONE 7: *Welcome new Zone 7 Representative: Ann Lanoue!* March 2014

Zone 7 has been working on sending letters and reaching out to legislators regarding proposed changes in diabetes legislation.

A second request for the Excellence in Nursing Award was sent out to all Zone 7 members; so far we have not had any response.

CRSNA has an upcoming conference on March 29, there are 51 participants signed up. Topics include: Hand to Shoulder Injuries, Food Allergy Management Update and Self Injurious Behavior. The Mini Conference has 3.0 hours of continuing education credits available.

Respectively Submitted,
Ann Lanoue RN, BSN, MBA

ZONE 8:

ZONE 9:

NYSASN Zone 9 Report – 3/7/14

Zone 9 nurses met at the North Country Family Health Center on Arsenal Street in Watertown, New York on Wednesday evening for our dinner meeting. There were nine nurses in attendance. We enjoyed a tour of the facility, including the Pediatric Primary Care and Adult Care Departments, WIC Department, and The Dental Clinic area. We learned more about what the center has to offer for our community, students, and their families. Elaine Garvey was our host for the evening. We also enjoyed a presentation on Dental Emergencies in School presented by Jill Guiles RDH, Dental Clinic Coordinator. Each nurse was provided with posters and health teaching material to

bring back to our offices to use for future reference and some teaching tools to use with our students and their families.

After the presentation we enjoyed a delicious dinner and dessert that was brought in by volunteers in our group. We had a time a sharing and recognized Theresa Leeson (last year's Nursing Excellence Recipient) for her part in the successful resuscitation of a student, from another district, that was participating in an athletic competition (basketball) at her building. I have attached the link to the story:

<http://www.wvnytv.com/news/local/Indian-River-School-Employees-Credited-With-Saving-Boys-Life-248901971.html>

Following dinner we had a short meeting to finalize plans for School Nurses' Day. Our next dinner meeting will be Wednesday, May 7th at South Jefferson Central High School at 5:30. Dr. Daniel Cappon will be our guest speaker. We will be honoring our Zone 9 Excellence in School Nursing recipient that evening. We will also honor our retirees. The menu for our dinner will be:

Macaroni & Cheese
Marinated Chicken Breast & Baked Ham
Roasted Green Beans and Corn
Tossed Salad
Wheat Italian Bread
Cake

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Ann Gleason RN, BSN
Zone 9 Representative

ZONE 10:

March 2014

Zone 10 officers and I met on 2/14/14 at Fran Greenman's (the presidents) house for a wonderful meal and planning session.

Our March meeting is Saturday the 29th at the Marley Education Center in Syracuse from 9:00am to 2pm. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. The cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 non-members. Maureen Foran-Mocete the coordinator at the McMahan-Ryan Child Advocacy Center will present "It Shouldn't Hurt To Be A Child". We will learn about the newest Epinephrine Delivery System (Auvi-Q) from the Drug Representative who will also have training units. Dr Michael Ratner a Pediatric Surgeon will discuss what's new and next in managing abdominal complaints and conditions, "If they feel a bubble" does it mean trouble". He will answer our questions on other topics of interest as well.

Our National School Nurse Day Celebration Dinner will be on Wednesday May 7th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. It will be at the Alpha Restaurant in Nottingham. The cost is \$30.00 members and \$35.00 non-members. We are having a wonderful speaker, Larry Brennan a retired RN and a light hearted humorist. We will have raffle baskets donated by each district, and the announcement of our Excellence in School Nursing Award winner. We will also hold elections for new officers.

Zone 10 donated \$125.00 to both Ophelia's Place and to Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.

Respectfully submitted
Diane Belton, RN

ZONE 11:

March 22, 2014

Zone 11 members have been very busy working on the final touches and completing the "To Do" lists for the Spring Regional Pediatric Emergency Workshop for School Nurses in Watkins Glen. We expect at least 80 attendees. We are also working on our School Nurses Day celebration for May 7th to be held in Ithaca, NY. We have chosen our EISN for Zone 11 and looking forward to presenting her with her award.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hall, RN
President, Zone 11

ZONE 12:

ZONE 13:

Greetings from Zone 13! WNYASN has 2 remaining meetings--March (guest speaker--cardiologist) and April (police officer: the latest info. concerning drugs and our youth)--with our banquet in May. Our scholarship committee will soon meet to choose 1-2 recipients for our annual "winners"! This scholarship goes to a graduating senior(s) who plans to attend a BSN program in nursing in the fall. On a personal note...my school is closing at the end of the school year (one of the 10 parochial schools the bishop has closed here in western NY!) A very sad time at our school....

Debbie Kampff
Zone 13

ZONE 14:

March 2014

Zone 14 will continue to meet twice a year. The next meeting will be held on School Nurse's Day, Wednesday, 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. We are looking for a speaker at this time. Look for more information closer to the date.

Our zone continues to send letters to the three legislators in Zone 14. We are all starting to receive feedback from all three of them. It is encouraging to see so many of the Zone 14 nurses take the time, above and beyond school hours, to invest in our students' futures.

Any nurse is welcome to send me information they want disseminated to other school nurses in Zone 14 and I will happily pass it on to everyone. We often have nurses throw a question out to the zone for a consensus or feedback. If anyone knows of any conferences or events they wish to pass on to the rest of the zone, please feel free to forward it to me.

Thank you for all that you do for the students of Zone 14. It has been a very cold winter this year, but the end is in sight. While I am sure that students and probably even

staff have needed a lot of encouragement from their health office to get through the extreme cold and illnesses of this winter, know you are valued and appreciated. Spring is just around the corner! Consider inviting a school nurse who is not a member of the local or state organization to our meeting in May so he/she can celebrate the value of school nurses with his/her zone.

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