



May 2017 IASN NewBlast

Visit NASN's updated website at www.nasn.org. NASN has adopted a new definition of school nursing:

“School nursing, a specialized practice of nursing, protects and promotes student health, facilitates optimal development, and advances academic success. School nurses, grounded in ethical and evidence-based practice, are the leaders who bridge health care and education, provide care coordination, advocate for quality student-centered care, and collaborate to design systems that allow individuals and communities to develop their full potential.” *Adopted by the NASN Board of Directors February 2017.*

Have you wondered how school nurses are perceived by parents, teachers, administrators, and the community? The students know what you do but do the others? What message about school nurses are you sending? Think about it!! Raise the bar. Represent yourself as a professional. Be proud of your credentials, share them, explain them! Have professional business cards, professional notepads for your communications to parents, teachers, administrators, etc. Use the Framework of School Nursing to help. This can be found on the IASN website and NASN website.

Speaking of school nursing... Have you wondered about the history of school nursing? The people involved? The officers, the decisions made that affect school nursing today? Well, at the Midwest History Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing <http://www.nursing.uic.edu/about-us/midwest-nursing-history-research-center#contact-us> are many documents and artifacts of nursing and school nursing. Visitors are welcome. To arrange a visit contact Brigid Lusk, Director, at bmlusk@uic.edu.

IASN NEWS

Restructuring of IASN was the business matter tackled at the April meeting. We must challenge attitudes and approaches to our current practice toward radical change for the future of IASN. Sequence of change is important for successful transformation.

Information presented by the AdHoc Committee on Restructuring includes the following suggestions. The current Division structure shall be changed into one Statewide organization with the dissolution of the Divisions. Reorganization of the IASN board for efficiency and effectiveness. May consider a six member board with an executive director. Other strategies include::

1. Overhaul and streamline governance
2. Rationalize the member market by coordinating opportunities to participate in vibrant committees that serve the entire association and state.
3. Rationalize programs, services and activities.
4. Advance use of technology for communication and participation. Bridge the technology gap and build a framework for the future.

The implementation of the restructuring target date is 10/2017 with completion by 10/2018. Listening tours around the state divisions may be planned as a means to reach the members with this information. To learn more go to this link: <https://youtu.be/E9A4xauTX4o>.

Legislative News

There are a few bills to keep an eye on that involves school nursing. For instance: HB3371, HB2545, SB2038, SB1846, SB1692, HB2950, HB2898, HB268, SB565. To check them out go to www.ilga.gov.

Immunization News

Rules passed 2/27/17 strengthened Polio requirements for Kindergarten students. Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, Kindergarteners must show proof of 4 polio doses unless the 3rd one was given after the 4th birthday. The MMR is 90% effective against mumps, per CDC, no scientific evidence that a 3rd dose is appropriate. In the event of a mumps case in the school, unvaccinated students must be excluded 12-25 days from date of exposure. Students with a mumps diagnosis must be excluded 4 days due to illness.

NBCSN News

Beginning January 1, 2020 in order to take the NBCSN exam, a Bachelor's degree or higher in NURSING will be required. If you are interested, please take the exam before January, 2020. The current fee is \$360. There is also a NCSN Emeritus credential. You must be up to date on your NCSN to qualify. Contact www.nbcnsn.org for more information.

IASN Listserv

The UIC sponsored site of the IASN listserv has moved to NASN. It is on the NASN School Nurse Net site. The link is <https://schoolnursenet.nasn.org>. The link is also on the IASN website home page. All members are required to move email address to personal email account. Any questions regarding the listserv, contact Cathy Yonkaitis at cyonk@uoic.edu.

Division News

Many divisions are having a difficult time gaining new members and getting members to take leadership roles as officers. Most of the divisions are having a spring meeting with some educational presentation. News of these is on the IASN website and on the listserv. The dissolution of the individual divisions is part of the 2017 restructuring. The future may include regional groupings for meetings and/or educational offerings and conferences. More information will follow on this as the restructuring proceeds.

SAVE THE DATE

IASN Annual Conference October 20-21, 2017 at Q Conference Center in St. Charles, IL. Theme is Twenty-First Century Nursing Framework, A Blueprint for Action. Plan on attending. Watch for updates on the IASN website

Think about your future in the organization that represents you as a professional school nurse. Show an interest in getting involved. As things change toward making IASN better and more efficient, see where you might fit in. There will be a place for all school nurses! **You are the future of IASN!**

