



# January 2018 IASN NewsBlast

## **Information from Board of Directors Meeting**

The January 2018, IASN board meeting was held in Bloomington on January 20, 2018. It was a good weather day for travel. There was a lot of business to cover and some of the business items elicited a lot of discussion. The plans for restructuring are an ongoing discussion. The next step is to better define the roles and responsibilities of the eight refined board positions and the supporting positions under each wedge. At the October 2017 annual business meeting, the membership voted to accept a bylaws change to dissolve the Divisions and created one statewide unified structure of IASN. Many of the Divisions have already met for the last time.

IASN is seeking the assistance of an attorney and financial expert at NASN to guide us with how Division treasuries will be disbursed and closed out. This is to ensure that we are completing these activities in accordance with the law and taxing structure. We have set a deadline of 2/15/18 to have this process completed so that the Divisions can close out their books and complete a final report for the IASN Board of Directors.

IASN continues working to improve the website. One of our goals is to have education modules on the website offering CNE's. If you are interested in planning to develop an educational program module please contact Mary Girardi, Education /Certification Chair, at [girardi6@comcast.net](mailto:girardi6@comcast.net) for a nurse planner, and help to get started for CNE approval.

NASN has opened a discussion list for school nurses considering or taking the national certification exam. Log onto [www.schoolnurse.net](http://www.schoolnurse.net). And click on the national certification exam candidates join button. The next exam testing window is March 1st to March 14th. Registration closes January 29th for the March test dates. The application fee is \$360.00. Congratulations to the two new NCSN's in Illinois: Melissa Geibel, Tinley Park and Jenness Stock, Libertyville.

## **NASN 2018 Conference**

The NASN 2018 Annual Conference will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from 6/30-7/3/18. Pre-conference programs will be held on 6/29/18. For more information, go to the NASN website at [www.nasn.org](http://www.nasn.org).

## **School Nurse of the Year (SNOY) and School Nurse Administrator of the Year (SNAY) Awards**

School Nurse of the Year, (SNOY) and School Nurse Administrator of the Year (SNAY) Awards applications are being revised and updated. The application is not as lengthy and the applicant must provide a narrative reflecting NASNs Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Nursing Practice. After final editing and board approval, the forms containing complete instructions will be available on the IASN website. New this year ---Nominators of a school nurse for these awards will be open to others besides an IASN member. This may include: administrators, supervisors, parents, or a colleague.

## **IEA**

IEA RA (Representative Assembly) will be held April 19-21 in Rosemont. Some of the possible discussion topics may be legislation in the near future regarding implementation of ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), education licensure modifications to address shortages and online coursework. The new law recently passed by Illinois legislators and Governor Rauner allows schools to decrease PE classes to three times a week. IEA launched the “Keep Learning Keep Moving” campaign to help preserve daily physical education classes for all students in the state.

## **IASN Foundation**

At the Annual Conference held this past October, the IASN Foundation was pleased to award three School Nurse Certification grants, two Achievement Awards, and the first ever Margret Winters Scholarship. Research Chair Robin Shannon coordinated the exhibit of eight excellent posters at the Annual Conference. This was a must see! There was a tie in the judging and consequently two poster awards were given. A total of \$3,850 was awarded to the recipients of the above mentioned awards. The awards are given every year so be sure to visit the IASN website for more information about these awards under the IASN Foundation tab. Maybe YOU can be an award recipient!!

If you are a school nurse who graduated in December, or you know of a new school nurse, who would like a mentor, contact Jeannie Martin at [jmartin@adams.net](mailto:jmartin@adams.net). Any school nurse who wishes to be a part of the mentor program should also contact, Jeannie Martin.

## **ISBE**

ISBE liaisons are working on these issues and/or following these developments:

1. Group of stakeholders in asthma issues is developing a draft of legislation for stock albuterol. The legislation has not been filed at this time.
2. HB 4216 introduced in General Assembly:  
Amends the School Code. Requires a public school to permit a student, without the authorization of the student’s parent or legal guardian or a physician, to possess or self-apply sunscreen that is regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Provides that if a student is unable to self-apply sunscreen, a volunteer school employee may apply the sunscreen on the student if the student’s parent or legal guardian provides written consent for the assistance. Sets forth provisions concerning liability. Effective immediately.
3. Drafting rules in relation to the revised Nurse Practice Act regarding delegation by RN to non-nurses. ISBE will limit rule to the delegation of medications as written in the new law, [P.A. 100-0513](#). Although the law allows RNs to delegate other nursing interventions, ISBE does not plan to address in rule any delegation other than medications.
4. Following implementation of the law on free provision of feminine hygiene products in schools grades 6-12. No official guidance is being offered at this time.
5. Studying the recent Illinois court case regarding medicinal marijuana in school to a student with an IEP. The ruling is specific to D54, Schaumburg, and may or may not have relevance to other similar situations.

6. Working on non-regulatory guidance related to a number of school health issues that have been in draft stages for the last 3 years. Movement is occurring due to some staff and supervisory changes in the works at ISBE.
7. The Wellness Unit is being re-structured to enhance ISBE goal regarding safe and healthy learning environment for all students and the state ESSA plan, whole child/whole school/whole community.
8. ISBE encourages school staff that hold RN or LPN license to send emails requesting consultation to this email: [schoolnurse@isbe.net](mailto:schoolnurse@isbe.net) in order that each of the consultants will be able to read/respond to the request in a timely manner.

### **IASN Discussion List**

Here are some of the videos (less than 5 min each) to help members with the IASN discussion list (formally the listserv) assessed on NASN SchoolNurseNet. ([www.schoolnurse.net](http://www.schoolnurse.net)) A link is also assessable on the IASN website under the Services tab. Click on IASN discussion list.

How to access the listserv/discussion list: <https://www.screencast.com/t/wsGyH66mAo>

Posting to the listserv/discussion list: <https://www.screencast.com/t/THmZpZYqdH>

Check/update your email and change your email preferences: <https://www.screencast.com/t/IQhc1C36P23p>

Members are encouraged to send any discussion for list questions to Cathy Yonkaitis at [cyonk@uic.edu](mailto:cyonk@uic.edu)

### **Division Reports**

Many divisions have already had their last meetings and have submitted a report to the board.

DuPage Valley hosted speaker Dr. Ann O'Connor, pediatric surgeon, speaking about bariatric surgery, obesity in adolescents and understanding ways of dealing with obesity in school to an audience of 90 school nurses.

Northeast met to evaluate their role in hosting the Annual October, 2017 Conference at the Q Center. They made recommendations for the next Conference Planning Committee.

Northwest will host their last meeting February 15 with a speaker from Rosecrance speaking on "Current Use of Psychotropic Medication other than ADHD Medication in Children". Further information is on the IASN website and IASN Facebook page. It is necessary to RSVP to Linda Kimel at [frogkimel@gmail.com](mailto:frogkimel@gmail.com) or Vicki Naretta at [vinaretta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vinaretta@sbcglobal.net) .

Next IASN Board of Directors meeting is May 5, 2018 in Lisle/Naperville, Illinois