



May 2015 IASN NewsBlast

Happy School Nurse Day! To all School Nurses providing care to Illinois children. May 6, 2015

IASN Board News

The board is working to develop short term (1-2 years) and long term (3-5 years) goals for the organization.

TEAM is the way!

T=Technology
E= Education
A=Advocacy/Legislative
M=Membership

These are just a few of the things that are being discussed and investigated as we move forward. Under technology, expanding the website and other web outlets, video conferencing for meetings of both division and state. Under education, web-based educational offerings, more division educational activities, approval as CNE provider. Under advocacy, an advocacy day, more visibility of school nurses within districts, communities and legislators. Under membership to increase new members of both RNs and PEL-CSNs, mentoring, and partnerships. As the board works toward the accomplishment of these goals, more will be shared with the membership.

Speaking of membership-----IASN has a total of 737 members. The divisions are BL-Blackhawk 17, DP-DuPage Valley 169, LSCV-Lake Shore Calumet Valley 203, MK-Marquette-Kaskaskia 41, MS-Midstate 43, NE-Northeast 122, NW-Northwest 46, NL-Northlake 77, SC-South Central 12, SO-Southern 7.

Are you an active member in your Division? If not, become one! The benefits of membership are many! Professional development, Networking, New friendships, Educational opportunities, Listserv, Website, etc. If you need to know what division you are in (either where you live or where you work), please contact Linda Gibbons, Executive Secretary at IASchoolNurses@gmail.com.

The Let Your Light Shine! column developed by Mary Anne Wesoloski, IASN President. It will appear on the IASN website under the About Us tab.

Let Your Light Shine!

Seeking submissions which demonstrate how you increase the visibility of school nurses! This page honors **Lillian Wald**, pioneer nurse and social reformer. Lillian refused to be minimized. She fought tirelessly to shine a light on health and social justice. LYL Column (Let Your Light Shine) is a place for you to shine your light. What good things are you doing to promote student health and school nursing? How did you become more visible to your community? Did you develop a health office web page? Present to your PTA/PTO, School Board, or colleagues? Highlight school nursing statistics to your school board? Meet your state legislator? Publish an article? Host a nursing student? Win a grant? Conduct a health fair? Be interviewed for an article? Bring a dental clinic to your school? The possibilities are endless.

This is your time to shine! We can all learn from each other. Your submission may spark an idea in another school nurse, so let's hear from you! Contact us at IASN.org. You may read more about Lillian Wald's efforts to improve women's and children's health, and establish school and public health nursing at <https://www.nwhm.org/education-resources/biography/biographies/lillian-wald/>

NBCSN—National Board Certification of School Nurses Illinois has 129 NBCSN's! NBCSN is expanding the NCSN testing windows for 2015--July 12---August 1 and October 18---October 31. For more information, contact www.nbcsn.org. Testing sites can be found at www.nbcsn.com/exam. NBCSN application, monitoring and recertification are available online through the NCSN Credentialing Management System. NCSN Recognition of the Year is due May 15, 2015. Consider nominating a NCSN colleague who exemplifies excellence in their practice of school nursing along with their dedication and promotion of national certification. To change your contact information log on to the website at www.nbcsn.org/member, email certification@nbcsn.com or call NBCSN at 844-808-6276. (Thank You Ginger Barnes for this information!)

IASN Foundation News

The IASN Foundation is looking for a few people to help with the Foundation. These positions are not very time consuming and are a great way to be involved and give back to the organization in a fun way.

Grants (Scholarship) Committee Member: People on this committee are responsible for reading applications for the Grants given to members. Applications are due by August 1st and decisions must be made by the end of August. Applications are read electronically. The committee communicates by e-mail and an occasional conference call - no meetings to attend. We usually have no more than 3-5 applications to read. There are no other duties for members of this committee.

Inquiry and Innovation Committee Member: This committee assists with planning and implementing the poster sessions at the IASN Annual conference. Poster abstracts are due August 1, but sometimes are received in the early fall. The abstracts are reviewed to ensure they are appropriate to present at the conference. Committee members communicate via e-mail and an occasional conference call - no meetings to attend. The committee may communicate occasionally throughout the year to discuss possible ways to encourage evidence based practice within IASN.

At-Large Member of the Foundation Board of Directors: The 5 Foundation Board of Directors oversee the running of the Foundation. The Foundation Board meets annually during the IASN Annual Conference. Throughout the year, they communicate via e-mail and an occasional conference call when there is business to conduct. The at-large member is one of 2 Foundation Board members who coordinate fund raising efforts. At this time, the Foundation's primary fund raiser is the Purses-For-Nurses silent auction at the IASN Annual Conference. The at-large board member helps with the running of this event.

Please consider helping with one of these positions. Contact Linda Kimel, Foundation President, for additional information. frogkimel@aol.com or 815-988-7078.

Look for the Foundation fundraiser at the 2015 IASN Conference, Purses for Nurses! Bring your extra \$\$\$ to bid!

Congratulations to Debbie Miller on her appointment to the Foundation Board as an at-large member.

Any donations made to the IASN Foundation will be listed on the Donor Page on the IASN Website.

IASN Website

Visit the IASN website and see the updates. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to add a division event, job vacancy or a "Let Your Light Shine" contribution please let us know. Contact: Linda Gibbons at IASchoolNurses@gmail.com and Barb Wicks encoder422@comast.net.

ISBE NEWS

Dr. Tony Smith is the new State Superintendent of Education.

ISBE has updated the immunizations and medical review for special education webpages. ISBE is creating a shorter form and reporting system for the reporting on use of undesignated epinephrine. Reports should be emailed to epinephrine@isbe.net. When the form is finalized, it and a guidance document will be on the school health website.

NASN

Continuing Education programs and webinars sponsored by NASN are available on the NASN website. Look under the continuing education tab or enter the title or subject in the search space or look in the archives.



Kudos Corner

Congrats!

2015 NASN conference presenters:

Jean Geller and Kathy Welsh will present an E-poster on School Base Health Centers.

Linda Kimel and Janice Selekmán as co-presenters on Students with Chronic Illness at Schools.

Congrats! Linda Gibbons presentation on Flu Projects at Chicago Public Schools.

Congrats! Mary Anne Wesoloski created a video about school nurses. It is available for viewing and downloading on the IASN website.

Please submit other school nurses for recognition. Contact me at encoder422@comcast.net.

DIVISION NEWS

DuPage Valley held their winter meeting and educational offering. The topic was Pediatric Sleep Disorders. It was well attended by 90 members. The spring meeting, May 4 is an update on Cystic Fibrosis. The fall meeting, October 7, will have Dr. Sarah Bauer, Developmental Pediatrician presenting.

Lake Shore Calumet Valley is busy planning the 2015 IASN annual fall conference for October 23-24. LSCV needs more volunteers to help. Please contact Kathy Knawa at awank5@aol.com.

Marquette-Kaskaskia presented an educational offering on asthma. The speaker was Reagan Nelson from Allergy-Asthma Foundation.

Midstate was able to fill their officer roster. Their meeting provided many great suggestions and ideas for future speakers and topics.

Northeast will hold their spring educational offering on May 5. Dr. Jeffrey Royce will present on Headaches in Children. Northeast will use Survey Monkey for their election of officers this year instead of paper ballots!!

Northlake had their spring educational offering on April 16. Cynthia Howard from Illinois Poison Control spoke.

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