



# May, 2016 IASN NewsBlast

## **IASN BOARD NEWS**

The IASN Board is very happy to say it is meeting its' 2016 technology goals. All board members used Google Reports for their documents. Each report became part of a Google Document. It was done for the first time following clear, concise directions and a link from Cathy Yonkaitis. During the meeting the reports were projected on the screen for those who did not have their own laptop to view. Kudos to all!!

IASN and IDPH jointly hosted five School Health Days all around the state. There were 1002 participants this year learning about various topics affecting school health and school nursing.

IASN can now monitor legislative issues in a timely manner with the use of FiscalNote, a program offered through NASN. This allows Sandy Lawinger, Legislative Affairs Chairman, to search all the legislation for issues relating to school nursing, education and children's' health that will have an impact on our school nursing practice. Updates of such legislation will be found on the IASN website at [www.iasn.org](http://www.iasn.org).

There has been discussion concerning Nurses Delegation of the Illinois Nurse Practice Act. IASN Ad Hoc Committee discussed replacement language as well as language needing to be deleted. This will be put in a draft to go to committee in July 2016 to be reviewed. The definition of delegation is broadened.

“It is the position of this workgroup that delegation by an RN must be supported through the Illinois State Practice Act as an activity that exists in a diverse array of settings, both virtual and in- person, and that it must be allowed to be to both licensed and unlicensed personnel, given that certain criteria centered on patient safety are met. This group does not believe that any single component of the nursing process: assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementing and evaluating should be done by other personnel, however, certain activities and tasks that may fall under these nursing process components, as clearly defined and verified to be to a competent individual, should be allowed. This group also believes that in recommending this change, RNs will benefit from a more defined decision and definition tree to guide delegation activities in the future.”

Continuing Education Modules for learning and CNE's soon will be available on the IASN website. There will be a toolbox available for the nurse planers to use to help the divisions plan their educational offerings. Thanks go to Mary Girardi for handling all the details of this tremendous task!

## **IASN FOUNDATION NEWS**

We would like to encourage IASN members to apply for the various awards, grants, and scholarships that the Foundation offers. The deadline for applications for all of these is August 1, 2016. Information about the awards, grants, and scholarships is available on the IASN website under the Foundation tab.

Members are also encouraged to apply to present posters at the October, 21-22, 2016 conference. The I & I committee is available to guide people in how to put the poster into digital format. Contact Robin Shannon, I & I Committee Chairman, at [rshann2@uic.edu](mailto:rshann2@uic.edu).

If you are new to school nursing and/or feel the need for a resource person, consider signing up for a mentor. A mentor is an experienced school nurse willing to guide you over the bumps encountered during your school year. Contact Carol Virtue, Mentorship Chairman at [carolvirtue@gmail.com](mailto:carolvirtue@gmail.com) for more information.

### Nursing Plates



Only 1000 have signed up for the Illinois

Nursing License plates. There has to be 1500 signed up by June 27. It is not too late to sign up. Go to <http://www.illinoisnurses.foundation/nurse-license-plate/>

### NBCSN NEWS

NBCSN testing windows are as follows:

\*Summer July 11-July 30

\*Fall November 7-November 19

NBCSN celebrates *Good News* by publishing information about a degree, honor or promotion you have attained. The *Good News* will be shared in the NBCSN Newsletter. Send your "Good News" to: [certification@nbcson.org](mailto:certification@nbcson.org).

NCSN Recognition of the Year is due **May 15, 2016**. Consider nominating a NCSN colleague who exemplifies excellence in their practice of school nursing along with their dedication and promotion of national certification.

### National School Nurse Day is May 11, 2016! Celebrate Yourself!

If you need to change your contact information, log on to website at [www.nbcson.org/member](http://www.nbcson.org/member), email: [certification@nbcson.com](mailto:certification@nbcson.com) or call NBCSN at 844-808-6276 (**This is a new number.**)

Learn more about national school nurse certification exam at [www.nbcson.org](http://www.nbcson.org). Testing sites can be located at: [www.nbcson.com/exam](http://www.nbcson.com/exam).

**The IASN 2016 Fall Conference** will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Springfield on October 21-22. The theme is "Standing Strong for Students". At the conference, the topics being chosen for presentation are ones at the forefront of school nursing. So mark your calendars and plan on attending. The day and one-half of attendance learning may equal a total of 6.5 CNE's. More details to follow.

**NASN Conference** is June 30-July 3, 2016 in Indianapolis. Plan on attending since it is not too far from home! More information at <http://schoolnursenet.nasn.org/nasn2016/home> .