



# October 2017 IASN NewsBlast

## IASN NEWS

Q Center in St. Charles welcomed about 113 School Nurses to the IASN 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. The topic was “Framework for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Nursing Practice”. The business meeting held Friday night revisited the restructuring of the Executive Board. Several points made:

- Current division structure will be changed into a ONE statewide organization.
- Consider a 7 member board with an executive director.
- Shared governance model with member at center.
- Coordinate opportunities to participate into vibrant committees that serve the ENTIRE association/state.
- Advance use of technology for communication and participation.
- Strengthen and diversify volunteer/leadership opportunities.

Along with the restructuring of IASN our By-laws, Operating Guidelines, and Strategic Plan will be reviewed for revision.

Information is from Ad Hoc Committee’s presentation. For further information visit the home page of the IASN website. [www.iasn.org](http://www.iasn.org).

Saturday highlights were an inspiring keynote address by Dr. Martha Dewey Bergren titled Illinois School Nurses-21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders. Vendors were available throughout the morning sharing information and samples.

We were then privy to a new way of presenting called Ignite. Several School Nurses “Let their Light Shine” in this Show & Tell Presentation. They were: Sandra Lawinger, Jeannie Martin, Mary Anne Wesoloski, Karen Madura, Lauren Vollinger, Eva Detloff, Robin Bruscato, and Joan Kittler. Very exciting! Thank you all for sharing.

This year we had 9 Poster Presentations. Below is a list of the presenters.

Robin Shannon, DNP, RN, PELCSN, NCSN

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A Model for Developing School Nursing EBP  
Clinical Guidelines

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Tuberculosis in the School Setting

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Safe Transferring/Toileting Protocol for Students

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Step Up and Be Counted Year Three

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Reasons that Adolescents Don't Carry Their Autoinjectors

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Practical Strategies for Implementing EBP into  
School Nursing Practice

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Enhancing Health Promotion of the School  
Community by Increasing Utilization of Social Media  
and Technology by School Nurses

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and Margaret Braden, MSN, RN,  
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Action Research Applied to Improve Asthma Care in  
an Urban School Setting – Waukegan School District

This year there was a tie and we had 2 winners. They were Angela Lepkowski and Juanita Gryfinski. Congratulations!

The afternoon continued with the Restructuring for Relevance presentation to explain to all the members the significance of the restructuring and the future of IASN.

Two breakout sessions followed, one on Mindfulness, The Effect of Yoga Strategies in the Classroom and one on Managing Substance Abuse, The Opiod Epidemic.

The final presentation of the day was School Nurses, Caring for Self and Others through the Arts.

All presentations were informative, enlightening and worthwhile. Thank you to Northeast Division for hosting this excellent conference. Good job!

### Legislative Information

On 9/20/17, after two years of collective efforts of ICNO, a coalition over 25 nursing organizations, Governor Rauner signed HB 313 into law as Public Act 100-0513. The overarching goal of this law is to grant authority for all nurses (LPN, RN and APRN) to practice to the fullest level of their education and expertise while providing safe and quality nursing care in all settings. Recognizing that healthcare is moving to the community instead of traditional facilities, the coalition focused on the changing role of the nurse as a provider of direct care services, virtual services and care management. As the sole healthcare professional in the school setting, school nurses provide direct care services as well as care coordination for school children every day. PA 100-0513 will allow school nurses, many of whom are members of our Association, to make important decisions about delegation and care of students, instead of non-medical administrative personnel.

### Continuing Education

Nurse Planners are needed to plan the future educational opportunities for the “new” regional areas. The Nurse Planners will meet to provide some suggestions to the Board as to how various educational modalities can be supported—online self- study, traditional site- based, webinars, workshops, exploring more Joint Providerships, and repeated ‘traveling activities’ for example. Also to be discussed is how the work of Nurse Planners can be allocated to meet all needs and desires of the Board and the continued growth of continuing nursing education activities, and member interest in these activities. Example of allocation ideas—Nurse Planners can be allocated to specialize in a certain activity modality—1-2 for online, 1-2 for conference, 1-2 for webinars, 1-2 for workshops, etc.

### IASN Discussion List

Members were emailed on October 7<sup>th</sup> a request to switch their school email to a personal email to use as a participant of the IASN Discussion List. Please do this as soon as possible.

### **ISBE NEWS**

As of May 1, 2017, ISBE doubled the number of school nurses serving in the role of principal consultants on school health and school nursing issues. Rebecca “Becky” Doran joined ISBE.

Becky and Jessica have divided some work responsibilities to reflect areas of expertise and interest, and otherwise split the daily consultations via email and phone. Feel free to contact either Jessica or Becky for assistance. To get a “fast track” to either one of them, nurses may write email: [schoolnurse@isbe.net](mailto:schoolnurse@isbe.net) as these emails go into a separate, jointly managed email address inbox. That email is for **nurses (RN or LPN) only!**

### **IASN FOUNDATION NEWS**

The IASN Foundation was very proud and excited to bestow awards on qualified School Nurse recipients, to further their education, or to further their research. The Foundation would like to continue giving scholarships and awards. To find out how to apply for these awards and scholarships—go to the IASN Website. Click in the Blue Quick Link Box on Scholarships and Awards for the applications. This year’s winners were:

Margaret Winters Scholarship - Angela Lepkowski

Achievement Awards - Jeanne Martin for her Implementation of an Opioid Overdose Program

- Cathy Yonkaitis and Robin Shannon for publishing articles in the NASN School Nurse journal on "The Role of The School Nurse in Special Education"

School Nurse Certification Grants - Bridget Heroff, Jennifer Sellers, Marissa Pastori



(L to R) Foundation President Linda Kimel, Achievement winner Jeanne Martin, School Nurse Grant Winner Bridget Heroff, Achievement Winner Cathy Yonkaitis, Margaret Winters Scholarship and poster presentation winner Angela Lepkowski, Poster presentation award winner Juanita Gryfinski

Thank you to all the attendees at the IASN Conference that placed Bids on the lovely donated Baskets. Congratulations to the winners! Over \$1000.00 was raised for more scholarships and awards.

Mentorship as a school nurse is very important. The Mentorship Chair is Jeannie Martin. If you are new to school nursing, an IASN member, and would like to have an experienced School Nurse as your Mentor, contact Jeannie at [jmartin@adams.net](mailto:jmartin@adams.net).

To see a photo album of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual IASN Fall Conference go to the Illinois Association of School Nurses Facebook page!

Continue to visit the IASN Website, IASN Face book page and drop us a tweet on Twitter! Remember each and every one of you are the future of IASN.