



2014 November NewsBlast

IASN Conference

The IASN 57th Annual Conference: The Art of School Nursing held in Rockford October 24-25 was excellent. Good programs, exhibitors, speakers, meetings, "purses for nurses", posters, raffles, food, and friends. The program presentations were interesting, educational, and entertaining. The School Safety Presentation allowed members of the audience to participate in demonstrations of how to fight back a would-be school intruder with items normally found in a classroom. This exercise seemed to fight the fear that would normally arise and empower one with the knowledge of what to do and how effective it could be. Kudos to the Northwest Division members. Plan to attend the IASN 58th annual conference hosted by Lake Shore Calumet Valley Division, October 23-24, 2015.

Purses for Nurses Silent Auction organized by Julie Johnson and Barb Wicks and helped by Mary Bonkoske raised over \$1300.00 for the scholarship fund. Thank you to all who placed bids on the purses throughout the conference. To those of you who won the bidding war, enjoy your purchase! This was Julie's last time. We will miss her! Thank you Julie for everything!

Brandon Wilson, developer of the Epi-NOW cabinet, emergency allergy kits who generously gave 2 cabinets for raffle at the conference would like to be contacted if the raffle winners have any questions or need any more information. He can be reached through his website at www.allergyemergencykit.com.

IASN Board Meeting

Welcome to the new members of the IASN Executive Board:

President Elect—Linda Vollinger (LS)

Treasurer—Joan Kittler (LS)

And returning board members:

President--Mary Ann Wesoloski (NE)

Recording Secretary—Karen Pfaff (DP)

Director to NASN—Lynn Rochkes (MS)

Executive Secretary—Linda Gibbons (LS)

We want to say a big thank you to Linda Kimel (NW) as she leaves the first 2 year president position. Her leadership of IASN for the last 2 years was a job done well. Linda is not saying goodbye to IASN, she will be moving forward to new challenges.

Historian—IASN members, Susan Gregory, Cathy Yonkaitis, Mary Wesoloski, and Linda Kimel assisted by Brigid Lusk, Director, Midwest Nursing History Research Center at UIC College of Nursing sifted through boxes of IASN history. Thanks to Brigid, IASN is able to house past documents. So, if your divisions have documents, pictures, news items, etc. relating to IASN from 2006 and earlier they should be given to Susan Gregory to be housed at the Midwest Nursing History Research Center. Contact her to arrange pickup of documents. Tours of this Research Center are available. This would be a great division educational opportunity! If interested contact Susan at cskgreg@msn.com.

IASN is looking in to offering the HANDS Workshop in the spring. It seems many members are requesting a repeat of this workshop. Check website for information.

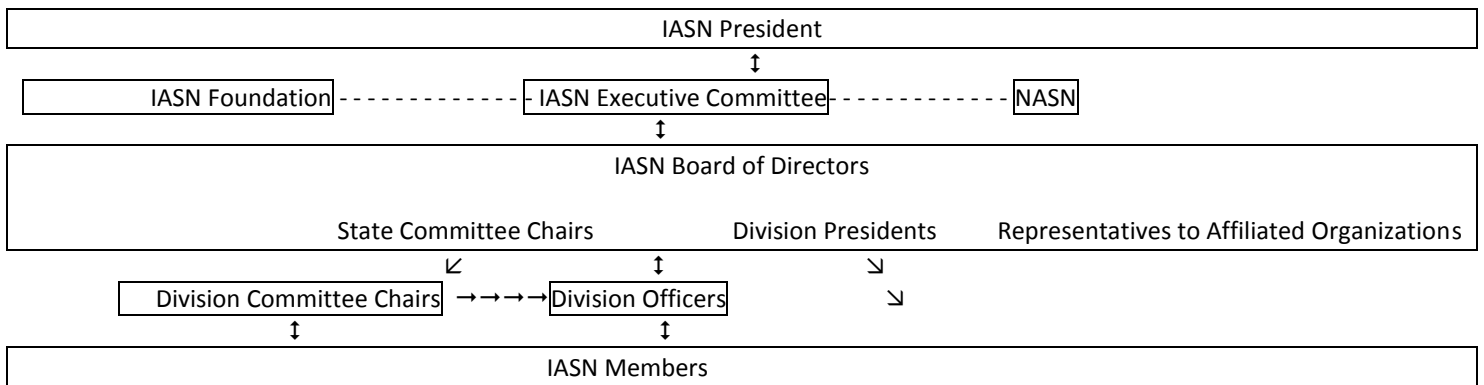
There is a need for us to elect a new IEA Representative in December since Linda Vollinger is moving to the President Elect position. Anyone interested in running for the office, please contact Linda Gibbons in the next 2 weeks. IASchoolNurses@gmail.com.

The ISBE course for RN’s role in special education is in high demand. Those who have taken it are amazed at how much there is to learn.

Many districts all over the state are still looking for PEL-CSN’s to hire. If you know someone interested in applying as a FT or PT PEL-CSN check out the Job Board on the IASN website. Many districts will hire a RN who is willing to become a PEL-CSN. Check it out! If you know of any vacancies that should be added to the website, contact Barb Wicks at encoder422@comcast.net.

Organizational Chart—A new IASN organization chart has been developed to show how IASN works!!

Illinois Association of School Nurses – Organizational Chart



IASN Foundation—Welcome to the new 2014 IASN Foundation Board:

- President-- Linda Kimel (MW)
- Vice President—Ginger Barnes (MK)
- Secretary/Treasurer—Nila Hawkins (SC)
- Director Members at Large—Lynn Rochkes (MS) and Genie Vuangiaux (MK)
- Inquiry and Innovation—Robin Shannon (LS)
- Mentorship—Diane Driver (NL)

Strategic Planning Committee—The board met the three approved goals for 2013-2014. They were to increase the number and quality of poster presentations at the IASN annual conference. This year we had four poster presenters and one was electronic. Secondly, was to increase membership by 5% (38 members) by the October annual meeting. In January, 2014 membership was 729. October, 2014 membership is 788. An increase of 59 members! Third, to determine the most effective process for obtaining CNE’s for our members. It was determined that to do this we need to become an approved CNE provider. Mary Girardi, Ed/Cert chair, is working tirelessly on this difficult process to reach this goal. Lastly, we took a big technology leap by updating and redesigning the IASN website. We were also able to do online website credit card registration for the October conference and credit card purchases for the Purses for Nurses Fundraiser. Barb Wicks, Linda Gibbons and Invex Design worked to make this happen.

IDPH Immunization Advisory Committee—A change for the administration of the Meningococcal Vaccine was approved and entered into record on August 26, 2014.

Immunization Code 77 Ill. Adm. Code 695.10 is amended to read as follows: “Beginning with the school year 2015-2016, any child entering the sixth grade shall show proof of having received one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine on or after the 11th birthday. Beginning with the school year 2015 – 2016, any child entering the 12th grade shall show proof of receiving two doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine prior to entering the 12th grade. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose shall have been received at least eight weeks after the first dose. If the first dose is administered when the child is 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required.” A new form for religious exemption was approved after revisions and is being submitted to IDPH for consideration.



Kudos Corner

Thanks to all:

- Mary Girardi (NE) for working on the very difficult application process to make IASN a CNE provider.
- Karen Pfaff (DP) was on WGN-TV discussing “What Parents Need to Know When Their Children Begin School”.
- Wendy Kaplan Smith (NL) wrote and received a grant.
- Mary Ann Wesoloski (NE) and Linda Kimel (NW) were content advisors for the NCSN test for National Certification.
- Robin Shannon (LS) and Cathy Yonkaitis (DP) were poster presenters at the 2014 NASN June Conference in San Diego, California. Robin also was a presenter for the conference.
- Pam Seubold (DP) received the 2014 ISBE “Those who Excel Award”.
- IASN School Nurse of the Year 2014--Nila Hawkins, MSN, RN, PEL-CSN, (South Central)
- IASN School Nurse Administrator of the Year 2014--Monica Blum, MS, RN, PEL-NCSN, (DuPage Valley)
- IASN Scholarship Winners--Brandy Kirby, (MidStates) and Marie Sienna May, MBA, BSN, RN. (Lake Shore Calumet Valley)
- NASN’s Outstanding School Nurse for Special Needs Students award-Cheryl Hayes, MSN, RN, PEL-CSN,(Blackhawk)
- JOSN and SAGE First Publication Award --Julia Olsta, RN, MSN, PEL-CSN, NCSN (NE)
- "Excellence" award, Student Support from ISBE Those Who Excel - Mary Colver, BSN, RN, PEL-CSN, (NL)
- Making a Difference in Asthma" award by Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, Peggi Braden, MSN(R), RN, PEL-NCSN, (NL).
- Poster Presenter award at October, 2014 Conference to Laura Hagenbruch of Rockford for “Methods for Improving Patient Trust in Vaccinations”.

If anyone was missed it was not an oversight but lack of notification!

Last Words--It is important to recognize all the good things our members are doing. Please continue to send any information on recognitions, awards, newspaper articles, published articles, presentations to other groups, etc. to Barb Wicks at encoder422@comcast.net or Linda Gibbons at IASchoolNurses@gmail.com. This is the forum to inform everyone! If you have something exciting or unusual from your day as a school nurse send me the story. It may appear on a future page of the website.