



IASN November 2015 NewBlast

The IASN Board hard at work! (C. Traut)

IASN Board

The board took a moment of silence and recognition on the passing of our loved and respected parliamentarian, Barbara Smith. We will miss her. A donation was made in her honor to the IASN Foundation.

Congratulations to the new officers of the 2015-2016 IASN executive board: Cam Traut (NL) Director to NASN, Maryann Tolzien (LS), Recording Secretary, Nominating Committee-Jean Geller (NW) Chairman, Nancy Connelly (DP), Susan Gerardot (NE). Congratulations! 2015 School Nurse of the Year, Mary Girardi (NE). 2015 School Nurse Administrator, Susan Gerardot (NE).



IASN Foundation Board

Congratulations! Mentorship Chairman, Carol Virtue (NE). If you would like to have a mentor or be a mentor, contact Carol at carolvirtue@gmail.com. Winners of the IASN Achievement Award are: Mary Girardi (NE) for obtaining Continuing Education Unit Provider Status for IASN. Mini Grant Award- Ashley Bowers for Creating Healthy Snack Options for the Extended School Year for Students with Severe and Profound Disabilities at Schramm Educational Center.

The "Power of the Purse" fundraising event held at the 2015 Annual Conference in October raised over \$1000.00 for scholarships and awards. Thank you to one and all for your donations of the purses and for your generous bids to help raise these funds. Scholarships, awards and mini grants are available to one and all. Check the website under Foundation for the particulars on how to apply and the qualifications.

Listserv

Just a Reminder!

Remember to use your **home email** for all correspondence involving IASN especially if you are checking your email at work. Schools usually have filters that can interfere with websites. This may have been the reason some had registration problems for the conference. Legislative information and job opportunities should all be viewed from your home email. This is to protect you at your job. Your employer can view your email anytime and if it is considered inappropriate email use during school hours, discipline may be warranted. So protect yourself and only use your school address for school business!

Website Photo Contest

We are requesting photos from members to be installed on the home page of the IASN website. A few have already been received. The photos can depict anything related to school nursing. Please remember to get permission from parents if their children will be in the photo. The deadline has been extended to the end of the year. Questions and/or send pictures to Barb Wicks at encoder422@comcast.net.

More updates are on the website. There are links, NASN Resources and apps. If you find an interesting link, app or resource send it to me and I will add it to the website.

Membership

There are 473 active members, 165 associate members, 36 student members, 84 retired members and 3 at large members with a total of 761 members.

IASN Annual Conference

Thank you to Lake Shore Calumet Valley for hosting the 2015 IASN Annual Conference, School Nurse Empowerment, Vision, Visibility and Value. It was educational, well-attended, and fun. The site was excellent. Everything was centrally located. Good food! Great Networking! Interesting speakers sharing insights on various topics. Use your blue IASN thumb drive to reference the conference materials.

TEAM IASN's goals for moving forward

Technology---E-voting, surveys for board and membership, increase information appearing on website. Establish a Twitter account. Working with the educational team to offer on-line resources, using Google Docs for reports for board meetings, and interactive projects. Use of email for executive board activity between meetings and for emergent issues.

Education---Work on having conference poster presentations on the website, increase educational activities, on-line course for preceptors, live webinars. The IASN Approved Provider Unit has been active in support of the divisions continuing educational activities. DuPage Valley Division has completed a Joint Providership activity. Northeast Division is in the process of completing the process. Lake Shore Calumet Valley Division was successful in obtaining CNE's for the 58th Annual IASN Conference. Any questions, contact Mary Girardi, Education & Certification Chair at girardi6@comcast.net.

Advocacy---Educate members of the necessity of being visible and involved in school health issues; mock meeting of how to communicate with legislators, invite legislators to division meetings and make it more personal.

Membership---Increase active members, more salesmanship of IASN and leadership positions in divisions and on the state board.

Legislative Information

This is the link to the bill on concussions. It includes all the requirements regarding concussion policies and protocols: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/99/SB/PDF/09900SB02191v.pdf>.

Golden Rules of Lobbying provided by Sandy Lawinger, Legislative Affairs Chair.

- Help your legislator understand why your position is important to his/her constituents.
- Understand your issues and the bill you support or oppose.
- Be prepared to give the legislator information he/she can use. Be a good listener.
- Be credible, honest and trustworthy. Stay calm.
- Make your case without being critical of others.
- Never write off a legislator just because of party affiliation.
- Research things you might have in common with the legislator. Ask for a commitment.
- Build coalitions and look for allies among other organizations. Be accessible. Be a reliable resource. Leave fact sheets or position statements.
- Be willing to settle for making progress toward your goal.
- Remember—you are the expert!

Visit the IASN website www.iasn.org for more legislative information.

Remember to "Let Your Light Shine!" If you have been recognized for an accomplishment in school nursing, let the world know. Send it to either Linda Gibbons, Executive Secretary at IASchoolNurses@gmail.com or Barb Wicks IASN Webmaster at encoder422@comcast.net.