

**BOOK OF REPORTS
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PRESIDENT

It has been my privilege and pleasure to represent you as President of PSNA this past year. We have had an exciting and exhilarating year again this year, marked with an increase in membership, a vibrant PA Congress, and legislative action to protect you, our members.

As President, I have attended all Board meetings and conference calls. In addition, I attended the conventions of the New Jersey State Nurses Association, the New York State Nurses Association, the Constituent Assembly of the ANA (this is the gathering of all the President's and Executive Directors of the State Nurses Associations). I also served as one of PSNA's delegates to the Center for American Nurses, and, along with our other elected delegates, at the June 2008 ANA House of Delegates.

We continue the work of the Pennsylvania Congress on Nursing Practice and this group has been energized this past year, working on issues including School Nurse Funding. The opportunity to create a cohesive, strong nursing community in Pennsylvania is exciting, and we are being watched closely as a national model. My thanks to Dr. Michael Dreher and Dr. Carol Weingarten for all their hard work and effort. The Congress will continue to expand and refine its' role as it evolves, but it offers an opportunity to truly speak for nursing in Pennsylvania. . I have also worked with the Educational Advancement Group to look at the future of nursing and nursing education in Pennsylvania. This group comes together with Dr Andrea Hollingsworth as Chair and is addressing the many and complex factors that impact on educational mobility.

I have had the privilege of working with President David Geller and Executive Director Cindy Shingler of the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania and I am pleased to say that we have a positive and productive relationship and I look forward to working with their new President, Samantha Stapleton.

Plans continue for the Pennsylvania History of Nursing DVD and for establishment of the PSNA Hall of Fame. Details should be coming out shortly after the first of the year.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Board of Directors for their vision, support and often slowing me down to think through all the ramifications of the many ideas I get. The many volunteers on the Cabinet, the Government Relations Committee, Continuing Education, the Foundation and all the structural units that make PSNA what it is today.

A special thank you to the PSNA staff: Karen, Patti, Chad, Stephanie, Linda, Kevin, Rosetta, and Ramona – your hard work provides the glue that keeps us together.

Thank you Betsy Walls, Toni McAndrew and Susan Simmons, Past Presidents, for your wisdom, experience and support.

Finally, thank you to Betsy Snook, our Executive Administrator, for her energy and commitment to PSNA. She and I have had a year of excitement and achievement. We have made a great team, and I appreciate all the hard work and many hours Betsy puts in.

I hope that I have served you well over my term as President. I always value your input, comments, criticisms and kudos. If I am fortunate to serve you in another term as President, I pledge to always keep PSNA's best interests at heart, and represent you well. I look forward to the future of PSNA that we craft together.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick E. Kenny, EdD, RN-BC, ACRN, NE-C, APRN-PMH
President

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VICE PRESIDENT

At the end of my time as the Vice President of PSNA, I look back at all of the accomplishments of the Board of Directors with pride. It has been a stimulating and rewarding experience and I thank you for this opportunity to serve with this Board, Executive Administrator and Staff.

As Vice President I also served as a delegate to the 2008 House of Delegates, which was an interesting learning experience.

Thank you for your confidence in me in allowing me to serve PSNA as Vice President as well as in my terms as Director on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Coles, RN MSN
PSNA Vice President

SECRETARY

Since the Annual Summit Meeting of October 20, 2007, the PSNA Board of Directors held six business meetings. Four of these meetings were face-to-face sessions in Harrisburg and two were conference calls. Meetings were conducted in October and December of 2007 and in March, May, August and October of 2008 with all minutes available upon request from the association.

Throughout the past year, attendance at all Board meetings has been excellent. In addition to Board members, meetings have been attended by PSNA staff, district presidents, and guest representatives from the following organizations: the Association of Occupational Health Nurses, PONL, Pennsylvania Council of Peri-Operative Nurses, the Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, PA Colleges of Associate Degrees the PA Capital Region Oncology Nursing Society, Central PA Chapter of AORN, and Prism Career Institute.

It has been a pleasure to participate as a member of the Board of Directors, because each member's contribution is valued and respected and all work as a team for the common good of the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Dailey, PhD, RN
PSNA Secretary

TREASURER

As Treasurer, I closely monitored the Association's financial status with the Board of Directors and Association Staff. We ended the fiscal year in June 2008 with a deficit primarily attributed to a Board-approved unbudgeted marketing program. The year-end result was an increased membership of 7 %. Other contributing factors were that we did not meet our income projections for advertising in The Pennsylvania Nurse and some additional approved staff hours. We were able to use monies from our investment operating account to balance the deficit.

A zero-based, balanced budget was prepared for the current budget year. The Board and Staff continue to closely monitor our finances by reviewing monthly statements and recommending adjustments as necessary. Included in this process is that each Program area income and expenses are reviewed as well as Administrative expenses.

I was able to participate in all Board meetings and conference calls as well as Executive Committee conference calls. And I chaired the Investment Committee quarterly committee conference calls (see Investment Committee report).

My thanks to all the Association Staff who worked diligently to assure the financial stability of the Association. Special thanks to Betsy Snook, Linda Smith and Karen Reinert for their assistance in providing data and reports to support the financial decision making of the Board.

Your questions and comments are always welcome. I can be reached at 814-332-9198 or skelly@wesbury.com

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne M. Kelly, BSN, RN, NHA
PSNA Treasurer

DISTRICT #3

Officers: President: Donna Ayers Snelson; Vice President: Cynthia Mailloux; Secretary: Marion Villano; Treasurer: Karen Cominsky; Legislative Chair: Todd Hastings

This year we at District #3 have worked to make our organization more active and increase our membership through:

1. Increased collaboration with other professional nursing organizations
2. Working with student nurses at the three area colleges in our region – Luzerne County Community College, Misericordia University and Wilkes University.
3. Personally reaching out to members to attend events.

Activities and Results:

- A. Increased Collaboration with other professional nursing organizations (see attached brochures):
 1. In a cooperative effort with District #4 on November 14th at 5:45 P.M. at La Trattoria Restaurant in Scranton, a dinner meeting was held. The topic: Forensic Nursing: “Identification and Management of Victims of Violent Crimes” was presented by Mary Muscari, Assistant Professor – University of Scranton. We are appreciative to District #4 for including us in their planning efforts and programming.
 2. Cosponsored an annual Collaborative Program held Tuesday April 8th, 2008, at the Quality Inn & Suites, Route 315, Pittston, PA. The program Creating the Culture of Inquiry was presented by a panel from Lehigh Valley Hospital Health Network.
 3. Co-sponsored with District #4 – Meet the Legislators Night on May 1, 2008 at the University of Scranton. Again thank you District #4 for including us in this effort.
 4. Offered to financially support any member’s attendance at Lobby Day – May 6th. 2008 in Harrisburg. Unfortunately this coincided with other commitments of many members. One member attended.

Future plans – plan to continue to collaborate with Area #4 and Sigma Theta Tau, Theta Phi Chapter to plan events for 2008 – 2009.

B. Held Three Meetings:

1. September 12th, 2007
2. April 8th, 2008 – Panera Bread
3. May 1, 2008 – University of Scranton

Future Plans: Attempt to have one online meeting this year. Face to face meetings do not seem to bring the desired members. Even though members are contacted, it is very difficult for them to attend.

C. Distributed two District #3 Newsletters via mail, email and posting on the District #3 site of the PSNA official website:

1. Fall 2007
2. Spring 2008

Future Plans: Continue with newsletters. Try to communicate with members online at least once per month.

D. Two members attended the PSNA Summit in October 2007.

Future Plans: Support attendance of at least one member who has not previously attended Summit for this October.

E. Currently plans are being made to present the PSNA program, 1, 2, 3 of Mandatory Continuing Education at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital and the Veterans Medical Center in November. It is hoped we can open this to area nurses while working collaboratively with our area health care organizations. We plan to provide this as a service to our District nurses.

F. Currently working with area SNAP advisors to support student attendance at the SNAP Convention in November in exchange for the students registering on the PSNA website. This program will be formalized as the fall semester in each school continues and the membership of PSNA District #3 meets.

Summary: Our activities have remained constant due to our collaborative efforts and the support of our partners. Since so many of our members are also members of these organizations it has been to our advantage to be involved with each. Email has shown promise of a means of communicating with a large percentage of our members. Plans to enhance this form of communication are essential. We have made initial contacts with area legislators this year but this effort needs to be continued and strengthened. .

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Ayers Snelson
President, District 3

DISTRICT 4

Goals:

Goals for the year were:

1. Enhance communication between PSNA and the district.
2. Initiate fund raising activities.
3. Provide one continuing education program annually for member and non-members.
4. Provide activities for communication between district nurses and local state legislators.

Meetings:

The Wayne-Pike-Lackawanna District Nurses Association held four meetings during the July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 reporting period. Meetings were held on 9/17/2007, 11/14/2007, 2/11/2008 and 4/8/2008

Elections:

Candidates were nominated for district the offices of Vice-President and Secretary at the Sept. 17, 2007 meeting. Kathleen Healy-Karabel was elected Vice-President and Barbara Konopka elected Secretary.

Events:

The district planned 4 major events for the year.

- A CE program was offered at the Nov. 14, 2007. The speaker was Mary Muscari PhD, RN, CRNP. The topic of the presentation was “Everyday Forensics: Identification & Management of Victims of Violent Crimes.” 1.5 PSNA contact hours were awarded.
- District #4 Co-sponsored the 15th Annual Collaborative Nursing Network of NEPA on April 8, 2008. Kathy Carney serves as PSNA District #4 representative on the planning committee. Speakers from Lehigh Valley Hospital Center presented the topic “Creating a Culture of Inquiry.” 2.0 PSNA contact hours were awarded.
- The district planned and sponsored the 2nd Annual “Legislator’s Reception” on May 1, 2008 at the University of Scranton with 50 nurses and 5 legislators in attendance. District #3 was a co-sponsor for the program. Betsy Snook, Chad Cope, and Bob Archibald attended the event.
 - o Betsy Snook offered comments to the group.
 - o Legislators offered comments and answered questions.
 - o Margarete Zalon, district #4 member spoke on the legislative issues in PA related to nursing.

- Nurse's Week proclamations were delivered in Susquehanna County and Lackawanna County.

Other district events:

1. Kathy Carney and Pat Sweeney attended the PSNA Legislative Day in Harrisburg and met with Rep. Ken Smith.
2. Five district members attended the PSNA Annual Summit Meeting.
3. District 4 has developed a collaborative relationship with District 3. District 3 co-sponsored the "Meet Your Legislator" event. Future collaborative events for CE will also be planned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Sweeney
President, District 4

DISTRICT # 6

District # 6 of the PA State Nurses Association has had busy and active year. We held four General Membership meetings, each one including a continuing education segment for which PA State Nurses Association Continuing Education credits were awarded. The Media Chair, advertised the programs and meetings in our local newspapers, in flyers, in the *Vital Signs* (the District #6 Newsletter), and *Hospital Newsletters*. Highlights of each meeting and each program were then published in the following *Vital Signs* newsletter.

We also held four Board meetings, with the majority of Board members being present at each meeting. We chose the topics and speakers for our presentations and May conference and heard reports from each of our active committees.

In November, 2007 we had elections at which time the following people were elected:

President Elect:	Ginger Boneysteele
Treasurer:	Sharyn Gesmond
Secretary:	Carl Ross
Board Members:	Helen Burns
	Helen Ference
	Mildred Jones
	Donna Westerbeck

Each of these positions was filled in accordance with the State and our Local Bylaws and is in compliance with State regulations.

A Research Committee was established in 2007 which is open to undergraduate and graduate nursing students, registered nurses, and faculty who are members of SNAP or the PA State Nurses Association. Three scholarships were awarded at the annual meeting in May, 2007. This year at our annual meeting in May, 2008 the preliminary results of these three projects were presented in the form of posters. The attendees found these to be both informative and interesting.

The Legislative Committee continued its work advancing Nursing's agenda through support of legislation both the state and federal level. The District disseminated information throughout the district from the Single-Payer group for universal health care, and regarding the passage of the Mental Health Parity Act. The legislative committee had an e-meeting on August 6, 2008. There were 4 members who went to Harrisburg for Lobby Day. ANA asks that we continue to advocate for passage of the Safe Staffing Bill S73/HR4138. Members of the Legislative Committee are available to speak to local groups on the legislative process and how nurses can have an impact. They always welcome new committee members.

District 6 also has an active Speaker's Bureau. It is an active Speaker's Bureau which, upon request, provides speakers for local meetings and events. This year, we filled the request for 3 speakers at local meetings.

The May Celebration meeting was held in collaboration with Area VI Pennsylvania League of Nursing, Duquesne University School of Nursing, and District #6. Three student scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded. A silent auction was held to raise monies for scholarships. Four awards were presented: Distinguished Nurse of the Year to Shirley Powe Smith, PhD, RN, CRNP; Richard A. Caliguri Community Action Award to Lenore Resick, PhD, RN, CRNP, APRN, BC, NP-C; Nursing Practice Award to Linda Ann Snyder, MSN, CRNP; Friend of Nursing Award to Bruce Dixon, Director, Allegheny Health Department. The Martha I. Clark Scholarship Award was awarded to nursing students Lori Gallagher, Kia Roberson, and Cheryl Reid, RN. Encouraged and supported district members to run for PA Nurses office on state level.

The District actively participated in Nurse's Week. Planning was done in advance to obtain media coverage.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Mitchell, PhD, RN, President, District 6

Shirley Smith, PhD, RN, Immediate Past President, District 6

Ginger Boneysteele, MSN, RN, President Elect, District 6

Carl Ross, PhD, RN, CRNP, BC, Secretary, District 6

Sharyn Gesmond, MSN, RN, Treasurer, District 6

DISTRICT 7

District 7 has co-sponsored a number of programs this year with District 25, SPLN and Sigma Theta Tau Chapters. As of the last membership update, we were at about 73 members. We are a small District, but very well represented in PSNA and ANA.

The District BOD has held 3 meetings this past year, and while turnout was small, we did hear from a number of members expressing interest in attending.

The Board will post upcoming meetings on the District webpage on the PSNA website. In the next month, the District will elect new officers, and approve new bylaws. A mailing is anticipated to go out by or shortly after PSNA Summit. We are always looking to have more members involve, and all are welcome.

My thanks to Cheri Mee, Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. Marylou McHugh, Director for their dedication and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Kenny
President, District 7

District 15

District 15 held a membership meeting and general election on September 4, 2008. At this time an entirely new slate of officers was elected. Further, Patti Gates Smith provided a continuing education seminar on the Act 58 Mandatory Continuing Education requirements. Results of the election are as follows:

President: Kelly Kuhns	Directors:
Vice President: Barb Birriel	Lynn Motz
Secretary: Christine Pyne	Kristen Gettys
Treasurer: Judy Hauck	Jen Buffenbarger
Directors:	Amy Trimmer
	Susan Hench
	Ruthann Mengle

On October 7, 2008, the Officers and Board of Directors held a board meeting focused on establishing goals of the district and an action plan to begin to revitalize the district. The major actions from the meeting are as follows:

1. Each district member will be contacted by a member of the Board to update contact information, particularly email addresses and professional nursing areas of specialty/expertise/interest.
2. Development of an online Nursing Resources Network in which district members could engage in professional networking among those with similar areas of interest.
3. Re-establishment of the district newsletter, most likely in an electronic format
4. Revision of the existing district bylaws
5. Maintenance of the Student Nursing Leadership Awards, currently given to one student at each of the colleges/universities within the district (Harrisburg Area Community College, Wildwood Campus; Harrisburg Area Community College, Gettysburg Campus; Messiah College; and Penn State University, Mount Alto Campus).
6. Updating the District website.
7. Development of a spring membership meeting/continuing education event.
8. Increase the public image of District 15.
9. Develop a connection/collaboration with the local SNAP associations.

The next Board meeting will be December 3, 2008. The Board is dedicated to the revitalization of the district and we look forward to connecting with the membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Kuhns
President, District 15

DISTRICT 23

During the past year District 23 has held several meetings that focused on ways to revitalize the District in terms of how nurses use information and organizational relationships. Several ideas were discussed during the spring and early plans have been discussed for a weekend brunch with a possible focus on best practices. Currently that activity is on hold until the all new member Board is elected.

District 23 is a proud supporter of the Foundation with a donation towards the meeting of the district \$5000 challenge.

District leadership is Claire McGuire President, Sara Pucino Vice President, Elizabeth Walls Secretary-Treasurer, Jane Brennan and Tom Hardie Directors.

Respectively submitted,
Elizabeth Walls
Secretary-Treasurer, District 23

DISTRICT 25

MEETINGS:

Four Board meetings were held during the last year with two of those meetings done by phone for the first time. We plan to alternate board meetings by phone conferencing with in person meetings to facilitate greater board member participation.

Our annual Business and Dinner Meeting was held on October 15, 2007, at the DoubleTree Hotel, Plymouth Meeting, PA. We updated the District 25 bylaws at this meeting. Our featured speaker, author Bernice Buresh, "From Silence to Voice; How Nurses Need to Communicate What They Know to the Public" was well received by the modest turnout. We had a change of leadership dinner meeting at the William Penn Inn in July.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board of Directors of District 25 welcomed 3 new members from our election last year. They are Nona Holloway, Stacey DePaul, and Deborah Cross. We are actively recruiting more member involvement in our activities by inviting members to participate in committee work with a focus on seasoned board members mentoring the newer participants.

Treasurer Joan Yuan reported that the district has total current assets of \$18,209.10 and a projected budget deficit for 2008-9 of \$1989, but our fundraising should offset the deficit.

The District 25 Board agreed to distribute PSNA applications everywhere we go to nursing meetings, and volunteering to speak to leadership or professionalism classes as an outreach strategy to Montgomery County colleges and schools of nursing. No SNAP to PSNA event was held last year. This year we thought that sending PSNA representatives to the individual schools might improve our outreach results. We will request a presence at events already scheduled at the designated colleges in our district. Chris Rosner will be organizing a table at an event being held at Holy Family College in October, 2008 where she will network and distribute PSNA literature.

District 25 sponsored a bus to the very successful Nurse's Lobby Day in Harrisburg on May 6, 2008 . We had 26 participants, including 7 LaSalle nursing students who were very enthusiastic about the experience.

The MCNA plans to repeat this successful Nurse's Week trip to Harrisburg for Nurse's Lobby Day, and the bus is already reserved for May 6, 2009.

We supported the PSNA Town Meeting held last year at Drexel University in Philadelphia, and we plan to support the next years Town Meeting to be held in our area in April, 2009.

Dr. Diane Wieland's 2 year involvement in the Omada Board Leadership Program with Sigma Theta Tau International program will end in May, 2009 and she states that it has been an invaluable experience where she "caught Potomac Fever in Washington". She is enthusiastic about her new understanding about the Nursing health policy advocacy role. Diane Breckenridge and Diane Wieland lobbied on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. in June, 2008 during attendance at the LEAD/ANA conference. District 25 sponsored Diane Wieland's attendance at this conference which was also attended by Susan Mojaverian. Dr. Wieland is our current President-elect and she has contributed several articles to our current newsletter, "The Capsule".

Two issues of "The Capsule" have been published during the last year. We plan to distribute the newsletter via email to save the considerable mailing and printing costs in the future and we are working to improve the accuracy email addresses of our 180 member district.

We are hosting a Legislative Dialogue on October 6, 2008 at a restaurant in Hatboro, PA. Invitations have been extended to most of the area state and federal legislators, and to the campaign offices of both Senator Obama, and Senator McCain. Invitations have gone out to the area schools of nursing. Those who want to come only for the Legislative Dialogue only are guests of District 25 who will cover the cost of the \$7. for coffee and dessert after the dinner. All legislators dinner costs will be paid for by the District.

Our spring educational dinner meeting will be held in April, 2008. District 25 is collaborating with SPLN to bring featured speaker Beverly Malone, PhD, FAAN, the CEO of NLN.

A PAC fundraiser is planned for April, 2008 with a Longenberger Basket Bingo night.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan E. A. Mojaverian, MSN, RN
President, District 25

DISTRICT 25 - LEGISLATIVE REPORT

District 25 is represented on the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association.

- Montgomery County District 25 (MCD 25)
PSNA – Government Relations Committee (GRC)

The MCD 25 - GRC members, Diane Breckenridge and Marilyn Harris, participated in several activities this past quarter and during the year.

Diane and Marilyn attended the PA Congress on Nursing Practice and Economics in September 2007 and April 2008.

M. Harris serves as PSNA-East Coordinator for the PA Political Nursing Network (PPNN). There has been email communication with the 9 district contacts during the year.

Throughout the year, members have provided input as requested by the PSNA staff on pending legislation.

A bus trip was arranged to attend the May 6, 2008 Legislative Day in Harrisburg, PA. Twenty-six MCD 25 and nursing students participated and enjoyed the PSNA sponsored breakfast in the capitol where they had the opportunity to meet some of elected officials. Chad Cope arranged appointments with their representatives and senators later in the morning. There was a press conference at noon in the capitol. The group enjoyed a lunch that was arranged through Rep. Tom Murt (R-152). One of the attendees stated: I want to thank you for encouraging me to visit the Capitol for Lobby Day. It was very enjoyable and educational.” A special thank you to Chad Cope and Betsy Snook for arranging this special day.

A Legislative Dialogue will be held on October 6, 2008 at the Café LaFontana in Hatboro, Pa. Incumbents and candidates for the November election have been invited.

Plans have been made to attend the PSNA May 2009 Lobby Day in Harrisburg.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Harris, RN, MSN, CNAA-BC, FAAN

DISTRICT 26

District 26 held their annual meeting on August 27, 2008. Elections were held with the following results:

President: Priscilla VanDewark
VP: Lisa Jordon
Sec/treas: Beryl Cleary
Legislative Liason: Bonnie Onofre

Members in attendance created sub-committees / taskforces to focus on activities of membership, communications, and education. We are grateful to the nursing department of Robert Packer Hospital who paid for four (4) state memberships as door prizes during one of their professional celebrations. And the district sent our congratulations to Guthrie's Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA for achieving Magnet Status.

District 26 is looking forward to the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla VanDewark
President, District 26.

DISTRICT 27

District 27 held two general member meetings this year. One of our district goals was to increase our number of yearly meetings to three. This was not accomplished this year partly because of scheduling conflicts for the members of the district who regularly attend the meetings. Setting a regular schedule for meeting dates may assist with attaining this goal in the future.

Our first meeting was held on March 26 and provided a continuing education presentation by Patricia Campbell, MSN, RN titled *An Overview of Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms*. A total of 12 members and guests attended the presentation. In an effort to increase membership we have been inviting non-members and members of organizational affiliates to attend the continuing education meetings. A new chapter of the Medical-Surgical Nurses Association was recently formed within our district and I will be working with their leadership to establish collaborative relationships and sharing of educational opportunities.

Our second meeting will be held on October 15 at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville, PA. I will be presenting a continuing education topic that will be an overview of the Nurses' Hazardous Exposure Survey conducted in 2005-2006. Since the writing of this update is occurring prior to that meeting, I will update the information at the business meeting being held at the Summit.

One of the goals of the district was to have one continuing education presentation each year. This year we will have met and surpassed that goal. With the implementation of the continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure we will continue to provide at least one free continuing education contact hour for district members in the future. This may serve as one additional way to attract members for our district and state association.

One of the PSNA Town Hall meetings was held in our district. There was modest attendance due to late publication, but we did grow our membership in the district by at least two members as a result of attendance at that meeting. We continue to seek ways to increase district and state membership in order to bring new enthusiasm and ideas to our district.

The Board of our district decided to continue our practice of giving a \$25 "scholarship" to members registering 30 days or more in advance for the PSNA Summit. Last year we granted 3 of these scholarships. We are also continuing the opportunity for student nurses to receive a scholarship that would cover the cost of their registration to attend the Summit. There are three schools of nursing in our district with registered nursing programs who are being asked to participate. The student is asked to write a brief (100 words or less) essay on "What a Professional Nursing Organization Means to Me." Last year we did not receive any applications. As of this writing the deadline has not been reached and we hope to have at least one applicant from each of the schools.

Our district is still in the process of finding someone who will guide the process to “Adopt a Legislator.” We do have one person who expressed interest in filling this role and we will work with him to develop the role and the process.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Smith, MS, RN, CPAN, CAPA
President, District 27

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee held three meetings via teleconference. Two of the meetings focused on developing the criteria for two new membership awards, the Emerging Nurse Leader Award and the District Excellence Award. The third teleconference call was held to choose the recipients of the PNSA Membership Awards and the Courage, Commitment and Compassion Award.

Congratulations to the Awardees who are:

- Nursing Practice Award: Donna F. Petruccelli
- Advocacy/Legislative Award: Joyce A. Myers
- Nurse as a Global Citizen Award: Carol Balcavage
- Nursing Education Award: Hope L. Johnson
- Distinguished Nurse Award: Marilyn Harris
- District Excellence Award: District #6
- Friend of Nursing Award: Basil Merenda, Commissioner of
Bureau of Occupational Affairs
- Courage, Commitment, Compassion Award: Mayann Hufnagle
Beverly Walsh
- Media Friend of Nursing Award: The Daily Item
- President's Award: Congressman Patrick Murphy

The Committee has also proposed to the Board of Directors that a new award be developed for 2009 that will recognize someone who has gone above and beyond their duties for the Association at the district level. The Board of Directors approved this and the Committee will develop the criteria for use in 2009.

Respectfully submitted
Awards Committee,

Carol Ann Coles and
Christine Rosner

Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee met twice by conference call, July 28 and April 25, 2008.

The Committee heard a report by Betsy Snook that included the accomplishments of the PA Nursing Congress on Practice, Education and Policy. There was a discussion of its present framework and any proposed changes were postponed. The Committee acted on the recommendation from the Board to develop Bylaws language that changes the title of the position, Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer.

Following the ANA Meeting and Bylaws action the PSNA Bylaws committee proposed insertion of language to protect the secrecy of the balloting process when electronic voting is used.

The Bylaws Committee discussed briefly the ANA Bylaw that designated one Board of Director seat for a recent graduate of an RN program (defined as no more than five years between graduation and election). This language was not proposed but was referred to the PSNA Board of Directors for their consideration and direction.

Respectfully submitted
Bylaws Committee

Elizabeth A. Walls, Chair
Katherine Anselmi
Oradell M.E. Banker

Cabinet on Nursing Practice and Professional Development

Activities of the Cabinet this last year can be placed in 4 general categories, 1) provide input on legislative issues related to practice, 2) development of position papers, 3) work with the congress on moving priority issues forward, and 4) planning for the annual Summit.

- Legislative Issues
 - HB 2715 & 2716 Protecting the title of Nurse
 - HB 4138 & SB 73 Safe Staffing
- Development of Position Statements
 - End of Life Care
 - Educational Advancement
 - Access to Maternity Care
 - Medication Take Back
 - School Nurse
- Congress Issues
 - Collaborate on the action plan for the School Nurse
 - Assist with implementation of action plan for End of Life priority issue
- Summit Planning
 - Identify speakers and topics
 - Review posters for the newly added poster session
 - Plan for future educational activities
- Other Activities
 - Review guidelines for testimony

Respectfully submitted,
Cabinet on Nursing Practice and Professional Development

Richard Henker, Chair
Kimberly Attwood
Lisa Bernardo
Judi Brendle
Melanie Duffy
Kelly Kuhns
Kimberly Trout
Eileen Sullivan Marx
Doris Warner

Continuing Education Committee

The CE Committee met via conference call on November 13, 2007 and April 28, 2008. Another meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2008 via conference call. This will follow the combined Reviewer Unit and CE Committee conference call that same day.

PSNA had the ANCC site visit for reaccreditation for the Approver Unit and the Provider Unit on December 3 and 4, 2007. PSNA was accredited as an Approver and provider for a period of four years.

PSNA has hired a new CE Assistant, Carol Hess. She will be attending the 2008 Summit and she will begin working on October 29, 2008. She is part time for PSNA and is a nursing student at Harrisburg Area Community College. Rosetta Lilly assumes the Membership coordinator position.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center has revised their manual and these changes are scheduled to go into effect in July 2009. Educational sessions will be planned for the CE Committee and the Reviewer Unit and the Approver Unit customers will also be notified of all changes. Patti Smith attended an educational session on the proposed changes in September.

The Mandatory CE law, Act 58, has increased the number of applications we are receiving. We have currently received 172 applications for Educational Activities and 21 applications for provider status since January 1, 2008.

The CE Committee would like to acknowledge the work of the CE Committee members, the Reviewer Unit, and the staff of PSNA for their diligence and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
Continuing Education Committee

Karen Davidson, Chair
Linda Carman Copel
Marian Farrell
Patricia Nester
Dolores Zygmunt

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

CleanMed International Conference

Co-chair, Renee Smith, spoke at this conference in Pittsburgh in May. She spoke about the origins of our Task Force and about our first year's successful initiatives, including our Educational Conference in Philadelphia in September 2007.

Medication Take Back

We conducted research about environmentally safe medication disposal. This included attending a Medication-Take-Back event in the state of Delaware conducted by the Delaware State Nurses Association. We researched current literature, spoke with Pennsylvanians who have held the first such event in PA, and spoke with officials regarding laws and regulations involved. We wrote a preliminary policy paper for PSNA and we are in the early stages of organizing a Medication-Take-Back Day in conjunction with a PA nursing school.

First Responders Course

We planned a free class for nurses to learn how to properly respond to a biological hazard disaster, such as mass contamination of citizens. This course is taught by the International Chemical Workers Union and offered to health care workers. We are still planning such an event and hope to hold it in the Scranton area.

Legislative Advocacy

We spoke at a news conference for the launch of a proposed bill in the PA state legislature, regarding limiting antibiotic use in healthy animals. This bill, "Safe Food, Safe Families" curbs the use of these drugs in livestock and thereby reduces the development of drug-resistant bacteria.

Planning a 2009 Educational Conference

We are planning another conference, this time in the western portion of the state and are hoping to conduct this in the fall of 2009.

Speakers

We spoke to nursing school classes about our task force and the importance of nurses getting involved in environmental matters and gave examples of how they can do that.

Meetings

We held quarterly meetings, one in person in Harrisburg and two via teleconference.

Web Page

We maintain a space on the PSNA Website where we post announcements and information about environmental issues and environmental nursing events. We are working on improving our site to make it more attractive and include more information.

Submitted by Co Chairs – Nancy Berry and Renee Smith

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Task Force **Pennsylvania Department of Health**

Unveiling of Plan September 8th, 2008

The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) plan for Pennsylvania has been approved and was unveiled in the East Rotunda of the Capitol Building in Harrisburg on September 8th, 2008. Governor Rendell declared September 8-14, 2008 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Week in Pennsylvania. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a broad term used to describe the most preventable category of developmental disabilities and birth defects. The disorders that are categorized under FASD include Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE), Partial Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (PFAS) and Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopment Disorder (ARND).

Next Steps

Now that the actual plan has been approved and unveiled, plans are underway to reconvene the FASD Task Force in early December 2008 to begin implementation and oversight of the plan. I plan to attend this meeting and write a follow up report on the progress of the task force.

Articles listed below can be found on PA State Nurses Association's website: www.panuses.org

Resick, L. (2007). Update from the fetal alcohol spectrum disorder task force Pennsylvania Department of Health – Report of the task force meeting of 4/16/07, *The Pennsylvania Nurse*, 62(3), p. 7

Resick, L. (2007). UPDATE: The fetal alcohol spectrum disorder task force Pennsylvania Department of Health goals and objectives identified, *The Pennsylvania Nurse*, 62(1), p. 7

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The Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations Committee (GRC) is comprised of the Pennsylvania Political Nurse Network (PPNN) and the Political Action Committee (PAC). The committee held two face-to-face meetings this past year to discuss legislative initiatives, formulate a legislative blueprint for the coming year, determine our legislative priorities and develop a working relationship with Stevens and Lee, our new lobbying firm. Throughout the year, the committee maintains in constant contact through emails and numerous teleconferences.

In accord with the PA State Nurses Association (PSNA) Legislative Blueprint, the GRC focuses on issues that affect licensure, nursing practice, nursing services, education, nursing research, protection of human rights and consumer access. Information about pending legislation is communicated to PSNA membership through the website, district legislative liaisons, town hall meetings and direct member mailings. The committee continues to support the joint initiatives of the Congress of Nursing Education, Practice and Policy with our organizational affiliates as joint stakeholders.

The GRC has been actively involved in supporting candidates who hold key legislative positions and have a direct impact on our legislative blueprint. Policies were reviewed for disbursement of funds to such political candidates. The committee has been in constant communication with Robert Archibald, PSNA's lobbyist. District Liaisons were invited throughout the year to participate in conference calls and meetings to discuss state races, political action strategies and grassroots activities.

The PAC continues to explore fundraising opportunities. The major project is a Gala event to be held next spring in the Philadelphia area. In addition, PSNA staff continues to bring PAC contribution envelopes to every PSNA sponsored event. The "Adopt-A-Legislator" program, which has been successful in some districts, will be reviewed at a future meeting.

The GRC continues to acknowledge the work of its members and the staff of PA Nurses who are dedicated to fulfilling the goals of the organization and in succeeding with the initiatives outlined in the Legislative Blueprint.

Submitted by: Christine Alichnie PhD, RN, Chair

The PSNA Government Relations Committee consists of:

PPNN (PA Political Nursing Network)
Christine M. Alichnie
Chair/State Advisor
Marilyn D. Harris
East Coordinator

PAC (Political Action Committee)
Diane M. Breckenridge, Chair
Helen Burns, Vice Chair
Jean Marie Carroll, Treasurer
Mary Ann Dailey
Carol Forester Staz

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee has been meeting quarterly as per our policy and due to the current market fluctuations. The Committee meets by conference call with Betsy Snook, our Wachovia investment advisor and Karen Reinert also on the calls.

The Committee reviewed account statements and made recommendations for Board approval regarding changes in distributions and allocations of funds. Due to a downturn in the market and transfers to the Investment Operating Account to support Association expenses (see Treasurer's Report), the value of our investments decreased this year by 6.27 %.

We received assurances that Wachovia is currently stable. Our cash deposits and CDs are well within FDIC limits. No major stock market rally is anticipated in the near future. We are taking appropriate actions to insulate funds from further losses to the degree possible.

The Committee also reviewed investment policies and procedures and revised the Cash Management Policy.

Many thanks to the Committee members and staff for their concerted efforts to monitor and maintain appropriate investment resources for the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Investment Committee

Sue Kelly, Chair
Barbara Dudzik
Mary Lou Kanaskie
Paul Tarves
Nancy Sharts Hopko

NEW TO PRACTICE (N2P) COMMITTEE

The new to Practice (N2P) Committee of the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA) was launched in February, 2008. The first meeting held on February 19, 2008 was held at Villanova University. It consisted of a group of dedicated nursing professionals who are both experienced professionals and new to practice nursing professionals.

Betsy Snook, Chief Executive Officer of PSNA, emphasized to the assembled group that this committee was not intended to be a task force, but an on-going committee that maintains a connection amongst nurses. The purpose of the N2P committee is to increase the membership of new to practice nurses in their professional nursing organization.

The New to Practice (N2P) committee's mission is the retention of newly practicing registered nurses in Pennsylvania. Its goals are: (1) identify, evaluate, and implement strategies to meet the needs of N2P nurses in the workplace; (2) offer education to promote career advancement; (3) provide mentoring and resources to support successful independent and collaborative workplace practices; (4) build connections to the professional organization's legislative policy and advocacy initiatives; and (5) establish communications that provide an environment of honest, constructive, balanced discussion and debate on the views and issues of N2P nurses.

As a newly established Committee, the N2P group identified the following challenges for beginning its work:

- What structure would help to bring new to practice nurses into PSNA?
- What type of partnering is necessary to make that happen?
- What do new to practice nurses need?
- What can PSNA do to support new to practice nurses?

The Committee has identified three main strategies to focus on in its first 6-12 months. Initially, the Committee's focus is to identify the new to practice nurses in the Commonwealth of PA. The following efforts have been discussed to achieve this goal: (1) collaborating with SNAP (Student Nurse Association of Pennsylvania) leadership, past and present; (2) word of mouth; (3) utilize the PSNA web site forum and discussion board; (4) send a mailing to nursing programs in the Commonwealth; (5) arrange to meet with faculty of nursing programs; and (6) hold a round table discussion at the PSNA Summit. Promotional activities for N2P have included an article in *Pennsylvania Nurse*; a dedicated "new to practice connection" column in *PA Nurse* and e-newsletter; and a plan to distribute pamphlets about PSNA with N2P information for organizational orientation manuals. Finally, the N2P group is exploring the development of programs that address as well as support N2P issues through (1) mentorship programs within the workplace; (2) sponsoring educational programs and events on N2P issues; (3) training about workplace related issues using simulation session techniques; and (4) create and distribute survey information about N2P.

To date, the N2P Committee has held two face-to-face meetings and 2 conference calls.

The next scheduled meeting is for November 18, 2008 at the PSNA office.

Sharon Rodriguez, RN and co-chair resigned in September, 2008 due to personal, professional, and educational commitments.

Respectfully submitted,
New to Practice Committee

Jean M. Carroll, RN, MSN, Chair

David Geller

Patrick Kenny

Tarik S. Khan

Erin O’Gurek

Regina Salyer

Lillian Stiglitz

Carol Toussie Weingarten

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee met at the PA State Nurses Association's headquarters on May 27, 2008. The Committee reviewed the bylaws regarding the duties of the Nominating Committee. Open positions and the position responsibilities were reviewed in accord with the bylaws. The voting process was reviewed. Those incumbent members who submitted consent-to-serve forms were reviewed and placed on the ballot. Potential PSNA members also were identified and contacted to run for office.

The Committee agreed that attention to diversity, geographic location, and variations in role and educational level would be important factors in assembling the ballot. Each Committee member was given an assignment to contact people who had been suggested to solicit consent to place that name on the ballot. The slate selected by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President (1):	Patrick E. Kenny, District 7
Vice President (1):	H. Michael Dreher, District 1 Mary Lou Kanaskie, District 15
Board of Directors (4):	Judi Brendle, District 16 Helen K. Burns, District 6 Danielle M. Calabrese, District 22 Alice E. Conway, District 9 Lana M. deRuyter, District 22 Michalena Levenduski, District 15 Regina Sayler, District 22 Patricia Sweeney, District 4 Elizabeth A. Walls, District 23 Kim Hitchings, District 2
Cabinet on Nursing Practice and Professional Development (3):	Kimberly Attwood, District 6 Dianne M. Fortson, District 5 Jocelyn O'Donnell, District 26 Rosemary Polomano, District 1 Valerie Nerenberg, District 1 Wayne E. Reich, District 27 Priscilla VanDewark, District 26 Doris J. Warner, District 22
Nominating Committee (3):	Susan A. Albrecht, District 06 Joan Clites, District 15 Toni McAndrew, District 4 Lisa A. Minnich, District 2

Respectfully submitted, Nominating Committee

Christine Alichnie, PhD, RN, Chairperson, Christine Bradway, PhD, RN, CRNP
Sherry Jean Obert, MSN, BSN, RN, CNA

NURSING FOUNDATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

NFP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND STAFF

- Betsy Snook-Chief Executive Officer
- Fran Manning- Executive Assistant
- Rose Constantino- Trustee President
- Mary Lou Kanaskie- Trustee Vice President
- Jane Brennan- Trustee Secretary/Treasurer
- Carol Coles- Trustee Member
- Gail Guterl- Trustee Member
- Betsy Walls- Trustee Member

MISSION

TO CARRY OUT PSNA'S GOALS:

- CHARITABLE
- EDUCATIONAL
- PHILANTHROPIC
- SCIENTIFIC

VISION

- Be the premier charitable foundation for professional nurses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Support the advancement of the nursing profession

2008-2013 STRATEGIC GOALS

- Goal #1: Sustain strategic and active support of PSNA
- Goal #2: Enhance its own financial strength
- Goal #3: Enhance support for scholarship and research

2008 INITIATIVES

- Distributed \$25,000 to fund Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and Activity (PANA) projects: Media Smart Youth and the Family Fitness Program
- Selected ten (10) \$1,000 Pauline Thompson Nursing Education scholarships
- Selected one (1) \$2,000.00 Clinical Research Award for 2008
- Donated \$1,000 to the Annual Summit

2008 ACTIVITIES

- Revised the Pauline Thompson Nursing Education Scholarship Criteria
- Revised the Pauline Thompson Clinical Nursing Research Award Criteria
- Formed a 2008 Scholarship Review Committee with Dr. Janet Sipple and Dr. Jane Brennan as co-chairs and Ms. Kay Bensing and Ms. Ann Woods as members

SHOWCASE PSNA DISTRICTS' ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

- Sent letters to 15 PSNA districts requesting donations to the NFP Scholarship Fund-collective goal of \$5,000
- Create a donor program with categories: Platinum, Gold, and Silver

PLANS TO SELECT HONORARY TRUSTEES

- Select Honorary Trustees with approval by the PSNA BOD
- Honorary Trustees are outstanding individuals who strongly support the nursing profession
- Interested in promoting the charitable work of the NFP

PLANS TO ESTABLISH A SOCIETY/ FELLOWS PROGRAM

The NFP Board as a Fundraiser/giver through

- Planned Giving
- Estate Planning/ Deferred Gifts
- Named Gift/Major Donor Program
- Friends who contribute \$1,000 annually for 5 years
- Friends who contribute \$100 or more monthly for 60 months or more.
- An NFP fellowship named after the person who initially contributes \$50,000 or more.

PLANS TO SHOWCASE PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH AND PHARMACEUTICAL SYSTEMS AND NFP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Letters to Healthcare Systems
- Letters to Pharmaceutical Companies
- Letters to Past NFP Scholarship Recipients
- Establish a Donor's Circle annually to recognize donors

TRANSCENDING CHALLENGES TO OPPORTUNITIES

- An opportunity to serve on the NFP Board of Trustees or Honorary Trustees
- An opportunity for each of the Commonwealth of PA nurses to contribute \$10 to NFP this year
- An opportunity for each of us in this room to contribute \$10 to NFP today

Respectfully submitted,
Nursing Foundation of Pennsylvania

Rose Constantino, President
Mary Lou Kanaskie, Vice President
Jane Brennan, Secretary/Treasurer

Trustees:
Carol Coles
Gail Guterl
Betsy Walls

PA NURSING CONGRESS ON PRACTICE, EDUCATION AND POLICY

Meeting minutes

April 17, 2008

Participants – Diane Breckinridge, Ann Ciak, Joan Clites, Lana DeRuyter, Melanie Duffy, Sharon Rainier, Linda Gural, Rick Henker, Trish Hushen, Patrick Kenny, Laura Kling, Kelly Kuhns, Michalena Levenduski, Kathryn Lindsay, Cheryl Mattern, Colleen McClintock, Lisa Minnich, Mary Lou Mortiner, Jane Oyler, Julie Retowsky, Regina Salyer, Margery Samsel, Sue Schrand, Carol Smith, Lillian Stiglitz, Grace Stropp, Eileen Sullivan-Marx, Doris Warner,

Staff – Bob Archibald, Chad Cope, Patti Smith, Betsy Snook

Chair H. Michael Dreher opened the Congress meeting at 10:05 am with introductory remarks.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
Legislative update	Chad discussed HB 1256 (definition of CRNA scope) and 1137 (Physician MCare). Chad also discussed Access to Basic Care and the passage of HB 2005 that looks at insurance reform. He also introduced the PSNA lobbyist, Bob Archibald.	FYI
PSNA Update	Betsy Snook reported that PSNA is continuing to come together to have one strong voice for nurses in PA. She introduced Diane Breckinridge, the PAC chair. The Government Relations Committee met 3 weeks ago and the agenda was a struggle.	Issues being looked at include RN +10, the title of nurse, and the Direct Care Worker.
Panel Discussion on Educational Advancement	Terry McGoldrick facilitated the panel which included the following members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Linda Gural – NJSNA 2. Deb Elliott – NYSNA 3. Patrick Kenny – PSNA The Reactor Panel included; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ann Ciak, UPMC School of Nursing 2. Lana DeRuyter, Delaware County Community College 3. Julie Retowsky, Wellspan Health 	FYI

		<p>The priority issue as voted on by the Congress is School Nurse Funding, with the CRNP regulations being second. PSNA will also continue to promote Educational Advancement throughout the year.</p>
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The Congress meeting was adjourned at 2 pm by Chair H. Michael Dreher.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Smith
Director of Professional Development
Approved by HM Dreher

**Meeting minutes
September 17, 2008**

Participants – H. Michael Dreher – chair, Richard Henker – co chair, Sandy Albright, Chris Alichnie, Bob Archibald, Lisa Bernardo, Lana DeRuyter, Melanie Duffy, Carol Hackenbracht, Nicole Hartman, Sally Kauffman, Kelly Kuhns, Yolanda Lang, Kathy Lindsay, Cheryl Mattern, Terri McGoldrick, Jane Oyler, Ann Ritter, Marge Samsel, Lillian Stiglitz, Gayle Watson **Staff** – Chad Cope, Kevin Gayle, Patti Smith, Betsy Snook

The meeting was begun by the chair at 10:15 am at Central Pennsylvania College.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
Legislative Update	<p>Chad Cope discussed the following items included on his prepared report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The title of nurse – HB2715 and HB 2716. Included with this report was the discussion of Christian Science nurses who are lay nurses. There are issues of child medical neglect associated with the care of children within their community. Five states have an exemption in their law. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendments will be offered to these bills to address the concerns related to Christian Science nurses. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Remove religious exemption for the medical treatment of children in PA. b. To investigate Parish Nurse statement issued by ANA and to check with Marilyn Harris on this issue. c. Look at doing an article doing a side-by-side

<p>Fall Session update</p>	<p>2. Safe Staffing – Won't be introduced until January 2009. (HR 4138 and SB 73) This would delete the use of ratios and the system would be created by input from RNs</p> <p>1. This session has been unusual. Current issues being looked at are Energy, a compromise on the Health Care piece of legislation and MCare abatements.</p>	<p>comparison of Christian Science nurses to Parish nurses.</p> <p>2. Put this issue on the PSNA forum. Use media blasts to educate the public on this issue. Will need to strategize about working with the union.</p> <p>3.</p>
<p>Whistleblower</p>	<p>Act 13 reports on near misses and adverse events. Anonymous reports can be made.</p>	<p>What issues would be beneficial to nurses as legislation is drafted? Education about Act 13 is needed.</p> <p>Kathy Lindsay and Bob Archibald to coauthor articles on steps to take to report issues.</p>
<p>School Nurses</p>	<p>1. Presentation given by Carol Hackenbracht.</p> <p>2. A document was prepared in the early 1990's on ratios for school nurses.</p> <p>3. Merle Phillips introduced every school needs a school nurse bill.</p>	<p>Direct outcomes are needed in bill to prevent diversion of funding.</p>
<p>House of Delegate report</p>	<p>Betsy Snook reported on issues discussed at the House of Delegate meeting held in June 2008.</p> <p>1. ANA is no longer an Organizational Affiliate of UAN and CAN. Now it is freestanding, independent of ANA.</p> <p>2. Educational Advancement</p> <p>3. Global climate Change</p> <p>4. Intimate partner Violence</p> <p>5. Access to oral care for the elderly</p> <p>6. Care coordination of federal and non-federal agencies</p> <p>7. Healthy food in health care</p> <p>8. Strengthen social security</p> <p>9. Protection and</p>	<p>FYI</p>

	<p>enhancement of Medicare</p> <p>10. Identification and referral of victims of human trafficking.</p> <p>11. Elimination of the CNO position at the national American Red Cross.</p>	
<p>Priority issues follow up</p> <p>1. Compact licensure</p> <p>2. C RNP regulations</p> <p>3. End of Life</p> <p>4. School Nurses</p>		<p>1. No movement/no report. Changes needed in legislation to move issue forward.</p> <p>2. Information distributed. Looking to improve scope of prescriptive practice.</p> <p>3. Will develop and display a poster at every PSNA event to help promote education on advanced directives. Need to develop a tool kit for org. Affil. To use to help educate on this issue.</p> <p>4. Healthy People 2010 has ratio 1:750. Chad to look for more recent data. Discussion occurred regarding holding a Town Hall meeting or other forum to discuss issues to educate the public.</p>

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,

Patti G. Smith
Approved by HM Dreher, Chair

PA Nursing Education Advancement Coalition **Annual Report - October 2008**

The Pennsylvania Nursing Education Advancement Coalition has been meeting since the fall of 2007. The vision of the PA Nursing Education Advancement Coalition is to achieve a cohesive plan for the advancement of nursing education within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Coalition met on the following dates:

- 1) October 25, 2007 – Harrisburg
- 2) January 17, 2008 – Downingtown
- 3) April 24, 2008 – Harrisburg
- 4) June 12, 2008 – Harrisburg
- 5) September 11, 2008 – Reading

The members of the Coalition represent the PA State Nurses Association, the PA Organization of Nurse Leaders and nursing education programs in hospital based programs, associate degree programs and baccalaureate and higher degree programs and practical nursing programs. Members of the Coalition are: Andrea Hollingsworth, Chair; Patrick Kenny, Betsy Snook and Patti Gates Smith, PSNA; Patty Knecht, Debbie Rahn, Rhonda Maneval, Mary Alyce Nelson, Diane Breckenridge, Lana DeRuyter, Christine Alichnie, Beverly Welhan, nursing education; Michele Campbell, Trish Hushen, PONL.

In October, 2007, the group began their work by establishing the Vision Statement of the group and identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and trends that have an impact on nursing education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The group has given a great deal of effort throughout the year in gathering data concerning the interest of students in continuing their education, the barriers to this advancement, the capacity of schools to handle larger numbers pursuing higher degrees and the availability of institutional support. This has been accomplished by surveys designed by the group and sent to various constituencies.

The Coalition has begun to draft a position paper with the eventual goal of producing a White Paper. PSNA has budgeted \$3,000 to support the production of the White Paper. The goal is the development of a model of nursing education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that focuses on a career ladder of education beginning at the Licensed Practical Nursing level and continuing through educational programs up to and including doctoral degrees. This model will enable all levels of nurses to seamlessly continue with their education as they desire.

The next meetings of the Coalition will be November 14, 2008 in Abington and January 16, 2009 in Harrisburg.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Hollingsworth, Chair

PENNSYLVANIA TRAUMA SYSTEMS FOUNDATION

Submitted By PTSF Board Members: **Kate FitzPatrick, RN MSN CRNP**
 Lanyce Horn, RN, BSN

Date: **October 6, 2008**

1. **Introduction:** On behalf of Lanyce Horn, RN and me, we thank the Pennsylvania State Nurse’s Association for the opportunity to represent them on the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) Board of Directors. As members of the PTSF Board of Directors we have been involved in multiple activities of the Foundation as noted below.
2. **Nomination/Term:** Both Lanyce and I are serving 3 year terms. My term end date is 12/31/08 and I have been approached by the PTSF to consider an additional term as a PSNA representative to the board. The nomination committee will be reviewing the candidate slate this fall.
3. **PTSF Committees:** Lanyce and I have been appointed to the following committees of the PTSF Board: Bylaws, Conflict of Interest, Nominating, Policy & Procedures, Standards, and Outcomes. In addition I have been appointed to the PTSF Executive Committee as the Chair of the Policy & Procedure Committee. Lanyce chairs the POPIMS Standardization Adhoc Committee.
4. **The Trauma Stabilization Act (Act 15 of 2004):** The Trauma System Stabilization Act passed both the state House and Senate. The bill was signed by the Governor in March of 2004. This bill mandated that PTSF create standards for Level III trauma centers and also allocates money to accredited trauma centers. As of November 1, 2008 there will be two Level III trauma centers and 28 Level I/II trauma centers. There was a lawsuit that was waged against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania last year from a hospital in a bordering state claiming that because they care for Pennsylvania trauma patients they should be awarded funding as well. A preliminary financial settlement was awarded in 2008 and from this point forward the hospital must go through the Pennsylvania accreditation process to receive further funding.
5. **PTSF Strategic Planning-** The PTSF Leadership embarked on a process to complete short/long term strategic planning for the organization. Two different consultants have been involved with the PTSF in this endeavor including the American College of Surgeons Trauma System Consultation Committee and a local consultant. In September 2008 the Board agreed upon a vision for the future and organizational priorities. A work plan is presently being created.
6. **State EMS/Trauma Act** The commonwealth of Pennsylvania is currently revising the state EMS/Trauma Act. PTSF has been a key advisory group in the process providing expert opinion and technical feedback on the language. The current content changes of the Act for the trauma section are not substantive. Should this not be voted on in this legislative session, a recommendation has been made to increase the PSNA nursing

representation on the PTSF Board from 2 to 3 members. This is to enhance nursing presence during deliberations when conflicts of interest dictate Board members need to be excused from deliberations.

7. **Accreditation Deliberations:** There has been a number of policies implemented to continue to make the accreditation deliberation process as objective and balanced as possible. In the past year, definitions that better define frequency of site survey visits were agreed upon for use by Board members during deliberations..
8. **Technology:** PTSF has been diligently working to increase the use of computerized technology to streamline processes related to accreditation. The site surveyor teams now conduct surveys in a completely electronic format. This past July, the PTSF Board transitioned to a completely electronic accreditation packet review process at their meetings. In 2009 the Application for Survey will be submitted for the first time in a new electronic format. This will allow for paperless submission of the application and a continuous database of key Trauma Center information that can be updated annually. All these technology enhancements decrease labor hours greatly while supporting “green”/environmental stewardship.
9. **Standards/Performance Improvement:** The Foundation continues to move forward with advancing the level of trauma performance improvement activities statewide. With the release of the American College of Surgeons latest standards (*Optimal Resources for Care of the Injured Patient – 2006*) the PTSF/Standards Committee has revised and released updated trauma center standards that are effective for the current accreditation cycle. The Ad Hoc Committee to Develop Site Survey Measurements is in its 12th year and has developed software which is available to each trauma center as a tool to track identification, and analysis of trauma patient issues. Peer review of challenging cases has been underway to continue to develop and standardize data entry into the PTSF PI database and examine best practices throughout Pennsylvania’s trauma system.
10. **Advocacy:** PTSF released its first statewide press release on the value of motorcycle helmets based on data provided by the PTSF statewide trauma registry and a study performed by The University of Pittsburgh.

POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee met June 2, 2008, via conference call. Members present were Mary Lou Kanaskie, Chair, R. Helen Ference and Karen Papastrat. Betsy Snook and Karen Reinert, PA State Nurses Association staff members were also in attendance. The committee reviewed a total of 39 policies, 14 of which required no changes. The committee recommended revisions to 23 policies. The committee's recommendations were submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval at their August 2008 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Policy Committee

Mary Lou Kanaskie, Chair
R. Helen Ference
Karen Papastrat