
ALASKA SCHOOL NURSES ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE DATA FORM

Qualifications for ASNA Office:

1. Be a current active ASNA/NASN member who is working in the field of school nursing.
2. Who has been a member of ASNA/NASN for no less than one year immediately prior to nomination.
3. Be a current active member of an affiliate association.
4. ASNA/NASN members may self-nominate by completing the full application packet and submit the packet to the chair of the nominating committee prior to March 15.

TO THE ASNA NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

My name is: **Sharon Baring**

I have read and understand the eligibility criteria and I am declaring my candidacy for the ASNA office for: **President-Elect**

I am a current member of the following NASN affiliate organization: Alaska School Nurses Association

My ASNA/NASN membership number is: **#95913**

Signed: Sharon Baring Date: 4/30/17

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO VERIFY RECEIPT OF FORMS AND MATERIALS TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR.

CANDIDATE DATA FORM

Instructions: Potential candidates are expected to take the time to properly prepare this document into a professional piece of writing that reflects personal communication skills and professionalism. Since the information entered into this form will be reproduced as is, with no editing, please be certain to submit an accurate, complete and well-written document.

Incomplete or illegible documents will not be accepted for review.

1. Candidate's Full Name (will be used in all official documents as typed) and up to four credentials (e.g. RN, MS, PHD, CSNO): **Sharon Eileen Baring, BSN, RN, NCSN**

2. ASNA/NASN Member Number: : **#95913**

3. Elected Position Sought: **President-Elect**

4. Form of Address (Ms., Mrs., Dr., etc.): **Ms.**

5. Contact Information:

Home Address:

PO Box 84423, Fairbanks, Ak. 99708

Telephone-

Home: 907 978-8235

Work: 907 479-6963 x 3

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Preferred Mailing Address (Home Or Work): **Work**

6. Practice Areas (mark all that apply)

School Nurse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elementary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Education (Enter up to three degrees earned, starting with the highest and ending with the lowest degree)

Educational Institution 1: **University of Alaska, Anchorage**
Area of Study: **Nursing**
Degree/Diploma Year: **BSN**

Educational Institution 2:
Area of Study:
Degree/Diploma Year:

Educational Institution 3:
Area of Study:
Degree/Diploma Year:

8. Awards, Achievements and Honors:

NCSN-certified, Recognition and presenter at School Health and Wellness Institute for "Brain Booster Challenge," 10/12.

9. Employment:

Present Employer: **Fairbanks North Star Borough School District**
Current Title/Position: **School Nurse**
From: **4/21/2008**

Description of Responsibilities and Work Setting: **All activities of a registered school nurse**

10. Involvement in community, state, or national healthcare concerns (provide specific information.):
Alternatives to Violence Project facilitator, teens and adults, 2015-present

11. Other information you would like to provide:

12. If elected, how would you contribute to the position with regard to the ASNA strategic plan? Please explain below how you, if elected, would address each of the bulleted items.

- Advancing implementation and/or development of the ASNA Strategic Plan
- Increase membership and participation
- Improve member communication/network
- Improve public awareness of school nursing
- Improve continuing education opportunities for members
- Advocacy for professional practice/children's health issues
- What you see as key challenges to ASNA over the next two years, etc.

If necessary, you may add pages to complete your responses.

see attached

How I would advance the implementation and/or development of the ASNA Strategic Plan:

- *Membership, participation and continuing ed:* Advocate for school districts across the state to pay for nurses' memberships in NASN. (The best source of up-to-date practice standards and information. An inexpensive source of CEU's.) As a NASN member, nurses automatically become ASNA members. I encourage us to have at least one school nurse as presenter at each ASNA conference.
- *Improve member communication/network:* Continue to develop digital, on-line communication tools and working groups with broad representation within the organization, based on interests/needs. Facilitate opportunities for nurses to share own best practices, tricks of the trade with others at ASNA conferences.
- *Improve public awareness of school nursing:* First, for all involved – families, employers, educators and healthcare providers - we need to make it very clear: having an education is the single most important influence on a person's health over time (supporting K-12 education is highly relevant for health care providers and employers) and a person's health is one of the most important drivers of their ability to get an education (health care support in school is highly relevant for the success of schools and families.) Registered nurses in schools are the essential bridge for both. We need to meet with stakeholders: public health, hospital foundations and health care providers, chambers of commerce, as well as parents/PTAs, school administrators/school boards and risk management. School nurses are the primary gate-keepers to the healthcare system and a district's best insurance for risk management. We help students stay in school, and parents stay at work. We support the smooth functioning of an entire community. AND we are a very good deal: low bureaucracy, low expense, very high return on the investment.
- *Advocacy for professional practice/children's health issues:* Registered nurses need professional recognition and compensation for the services they provide. School nurses, throughout the state, should be on compensation tracks, and be represented by unions, that reflect their professional education, licensure and responsibility within the school setting – on par with teachers at least. School nurses need to be empowered at the individual and district level to advocate for children's health issues that affect access to education in their schools. They need to be collaborative partners at the table for all health-related discussions affecting schools.
- *Challenges of the next two years:*
 - o Stable funding for RN's to remain in schools.
 - o Stakeholder recognition of the role and kind of nursing skill required for working in school settings, with the professional recognition and compensation to match.
 - o Finding our public advocacy voice as health professionals in the school for state-, district- and school-based health policies and practices that support students' education.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I have read the job description and agree to follow these should I become a nominated candidate.

Candidate's Signature: _____

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Date: _____

4/30/17