



Quarterly Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



As summer unfolds, we hope you're finding time to recharge and enjoy the season. Meanwhile, your affiliate leadership team is hard at work on several exciting initiatives to support and elevate the CNS role.

CNS Promotion Task Force: We're excited to announce the planning of the formation of a CNS Promotion Task Force—a new effort focused on advocating for the Clinical Nurse Specialist role in schools, healthcare organizations, and the broader community. This initiative is all about amplifying our voice and visibility. We'll be diving deeper into this at our All-Member Meeting on August 13th, and we'd love your input.

Fall Conference – Save the Date and mark your calendars! Our Fall Conference is happening **Friday, October 3rd**, and our planning committee is working hard to deliver a meaningful and energizing experience. Registration is now open, so don't forget to sign up and spread the word!

Proposed Bylaw Change – Cast Your Vote by August 1st. On July 1st, members received an email outlining a proposed change to our bylaws: allowing student members to vote in future elections and on bylaw amendments. The rationale? Students pay dues and bring valuable perspectives from their academic and clinical experiences. The board encourages all members to vote by August 1st. [CLICK HERE TO VOTE.](#)

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community and the CNS profession. Let's keep building momentum together!

Warm regards,
Emily Stelter, President, MN NACNS

Register Now

FALL CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION
OPEN

EARLY BIRD PRICING UNTIL AUGUST 29

SIGN UP NOW

OCTOBER 3, 2025 7:00 AM - 4:35 PM

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Member SPOTLIGHT



Ellen Dyer

Read about one of our members, Ellen, who is our President Elect and recently expanded her family!

About Me

As a System Clinical Nurse Specialist at Essentia Health, I specialize in Emergency Department services and Adult Medical Surgical care. Since joining MN NACNS in 2019—as both a student and a CNS member—I’ve remained deeply engaged with the affiliate, contributing to two Fall Conference Planning Committees and gaining valuable insight into our infrastructure and goals. My ongoing commitment to advancing CNS practice and enhancing affiliate operations has led to my current role as President Elect for MN NACNS in 2025—an opportunity I’m honored to embrace as we continue building a vibrant and connected CNS community across Minnesota.

Publishing as a new CNS

I have always had the goal to publish an article in a nursing journal. Reading so many articles during my academic years, I just thought how cool that would be. Through mentorship, partnership, and many hours of hard work, I was able to complete this goal this year with my first published article in *Journal for Nurses in Professional Development*. The article highlights my work in teaching evidence-based practice to newly experienced nurses in a nurse residency program. Check it out [here](#).

Family Life

Outside of my professional world, I cherish life with my husband, two beautiful children—Sydney, a bright and spirited two-year-old, and Jackson, our newest addition who has already brought so much joy to our home. We live in beautiful Duluth, MN with our two cats, dog, and five chickens. Balancing the roles of CNS and parent fuels my passion for creating meaningful change in healthcare while staying grounded in the everyday wonders of family life.

Calling All Members!

CALL FOR MARY FRAN TRACY AWARD

Do you know an outstanding Clinical Nurse Specialist who demonstrates excellence in education or practice? Consider nominating them for the Mary Fran Tracy Award of Excellence!



Mary Fran Tracy
Award of Excellence

Mary Fran Tracy Award of Excellence will be presented to the recipient at the Annual MN NACNS Conference, Friday, October 3rd, 2025

Nominations Due:
FRIDAY
mncns.affiliate@gmail.com
AUGUST 22

For nomination instructions, click on the image to be directed to the out website.

REGISTER NOW!

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 13,
2025

Minnesota

NACNS
Virtual via Teams 4-5 pm

Q3 All
Member
Meeting

ALL MEMBER MEETING

Please Save the Date and Register for our **Quarter 3 - All Member Meeting**

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 4:00pm CT - 5:00pm CT

[Click Here to Register or Visit our Website to Register under Events Tab](#)