

ASNA Annual Meeting - April 25, 2015 Minutes-DRAFT

At: Millennium Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska

1. Call to Order @ 1209 by Wendy Parsons.

- Roll Call: 59. There were 72 members and 22 non-members attending the conference: 59 members present at the business meeting. Quorum present.
- Attendance by district: Anchorage 39, Denali 1, Kodiak 2, Lower Kuskokwim 1, Mat-Su 2, Fairbanks 7, Juneau 2, Kenai 3, North Slope 1, Copper River 1.
- Board Members present: Wendy Parsons, Lillian Anderson, Anne McCarron, Lori Schneider, Annette Johansen, Mary Bell, Dianne Swanson, Jordis Clark.

2. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2014 Annual Meeting.

- Motion to approve by Luann Powers.
- Seconded by Cindy Bachert.
- Motion carried.

3. Treasurer Report – Lori Schneider.

- Current balance: \$27,281.
- This month money deposited: \$186.46.
- This month withdrawals: \$9,859.55
- Motion to approve by Marty Langlois.
- Seconded by Nancy Bale.
- Motion carried.

4. Annual Reports Q & A

Written reports were previously submitted and posted on ASNA web page from: President, Wendy Parsons; National Director, Annette Johansen; State School Health Nurse Consultant, Mary Bell; Treasurer, Lori Schneider; NBCSN Liaison, Dianne Swanson as well as from the easy Chairs of the Finance Committee, Legislative Committee, and the Membership Committee. Report highlights and additional comments as follows:

a. President – Wendy Parsons.

- Marijuana legalization initiative reviewed by Board. No endorsement given due to the proposed bill mainly affecting adults.
- Facebook page launched. Managers: Nancy Bale & Lillian Anderson.
- Invitations for audience to “Like” page and to submit photos or articles for publication to the managers.
- Goal of 50 “Likes” by the end of Conference.
- Legislative Committee acknowledged for its dedication to inform legislators regarding school nursing and health issues.

b. National Director – Annette Johansen.

- NASN reviews all Position Statements every 5-years. Currently there are nine Position Statements for review and the goal is to have them completed to present for vote-by the National Board of Directors in June 2015.

- NASN Consensus Statement was created and was passed by the Executive Committee on “Early School Start Time” and the document was recently posted on NASN website.
- Members encouraged to review all NASN Position Statements posted on the National website.
- NASN commended Alaska as being part of the 35% responding to the recent 2015 School Nurse Survey. Members were encouraged to participate in the next NASN survey on administering medications and to share with non-NASN/ASNA member colleagues as well.
- NASN has five new videos posted on You-Tube about school nursing stories and it was encouraged to watch them
- NASN/ASNA encourages its members to volunteer and take an active part in their local and national associations.
- Members encouraged to contribute to the NASN “Five for the Future” research endowment fund.

c. State School Nurse Consultant – Mary Bell.

- Information regarding documents available on the Division of Public Health School Nursing School Health website.
- New publications mentioned: A seizure emergency module, a medication module with training lists for unlicensed staff, the data collection report compiled from recent NASN survey, growth screening referral policies and standards, and a nursing standard and delegation policy checklist.
- Members present from the School Nurse Health Advisory Committee invited to stand to be recognized.
- Current project under development is a series of training webinars. A survey to identify school nurses’ educational interests, needs, and wants to be disseminated in the near future; participation strongly encouraged.
- A guide for hearing screening guidelines is also currently under development.

d. NBCSN Liaison – Dianne Swanson.

- Currently 78 Nationally Certified School Nurses in Alaska.
- Next application deadline for summer testing is June 12th, 2015. Deadline for fall testing is September 18th, 2015.
- Summer testing window July 12th-August 1st, 2015. Fall testing is October 18-31, 2015.
- Comments offered regarding receiving an annual \$2000 bonus for being Nationally certified in the Anchorage School District.
- Comment regarding it is easier to re-certify for the type C-Certificate with the National Certification within ASD.

5. Committee Reports

a. Finance– Jordis Clark.

- Committee charged with drafting a budget to help ASNA track expenditures and income.
- 2015 budget recommendations passed by ASNA Board.

- Goal of Annual Spring Conference to meet or exceed anticipated goal for net income.

b. Membership – Anne McCarron.

- Currently 117 members of ASNA of a total of 235 school nurses in Alaska.
- Request for assistance to build membership.

c. Legislative – Karen McBride/Nancy Bale.

- Funding for public education discussed. Deep cuts in funding expected, impacting several school districts across the State. Call for school nurses to collaborate with established lobbyist from AaNA to advocate for adequate funding for public education, the expansion of Medicaid, and enhanced access to school nursing services in both rural and urban districts.
- High points shared were meetings with nine legislators, Jay Butler, Director of Division of Public Health and Ms. Monique Martin, Deputy Director of Health Care Policy Advisor for Alaska during the annual AaNA “Fly-in” to Juneau.
- Invitations to join AaNA as associate member for \$50.
- School nurses requested to join a “Share Your Story” campaign, highlighting how they have saved a life and/or been instrumental in the early identification of a potentially severe health concern in a student, staff member, or parent.

6. Elections and Committees

a. Nominations – Anne McCarron.

- Solicitations for nominations for ASNA Board position had not yielded any new potential candidates.
- Current sitting Board members have consented to run again for their respective offices.
- Other interested parties urged to contact a Board member by the end of the Conference.

b. Election Procedure – Wendy Parsons/Annette Johansen.

- Photo and 200-word biographical statement needed by end of Conference for all candidates.
- Voting to begin online two days after the end of the Conference.
- Voting will last for 2 weeks, and then close.

c. Call for Committees – Wendy Parsons.

- Call for members to join the Conference Committee. The 2016 ASNA Spring Conference to be arranged by the Fairbanks school nurses.
- Call for members to join Legislative Committee.
- Call for members to join Audit Committee.

7. New Business

Discussions/Questions from the Floor:

- Question: Can retired nurses join or remain members in good standing of State and National School Nurses Associations?
Answer: Affirmative—retired members retain all benefits except the right to vote in

elections.

- Question: Would it be possible for the Board to draft a statement regarding association position on LGBTQ issues in schools?

Answer: Position Statement already available on the NASN website.

8. Recognitions

School Nurse of Excellence Award – Wendy Parsons.

School Nurse of Excellence Award presented to Esther Jefferies from Barrow, Alaska.

9. Adjourn @1259 by Wendy Parsons.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Anderson, RN, NCSN
ASNA Secretary