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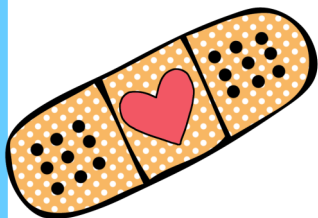
Back To School 2017

FASN strives to improve the health and educational success of students and the school community by developing and providing leadership to advance school nursing practice.

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Welcome Back To School Florida School Nurses!!!



Welcome to the beginning of another exhilarating school year. Those lazy, hazy days of summer are over (except this is Florida so summer is probably going to last till Thanksgiving). Still, it's time to pack up the beach mats and camping gear and head - 'back to school' – those three little words that are guaranteed to fill every parent's heart with joy.

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you hold it all together when the going gets tough; a button to remind you to button your lip and marbles to replace the ones you lose when dealing with difficult situations. You will need tissues to dry tears – some of which may be yours, and kisses because you deserve lots of them. Oh and don't forget the Starburst for extra energy when you are having one of those days. For the serious stuff take a look at the NASN website where they have a really cool [Back to School Health Office interactive toolkit](#) to help you get ready for the start of school.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a fabulous school year.



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Janet Jones MSN, RN, NCSN, AHN-BC
President-Elect FASN



President's Message

Paula Alford, RN
President, FASN



Welcome back! It's a new year with new beginnings for those fresh new goals you plan to accomplish!

My hope is that you will treat yourself kindly this year. Remember to take time for your family and yourself. Strive for plenty of rest and include a plan for exercise.

Advocate, for yourself and all school nurses across the state. Do so in a professional manner, utilizing data and your specific practice talking points. Highlight the multitude of ways your services improve attendance, educational achievement, and everyday safety for all. Expect challenges and plan ways to overcome them! Utilize resources offered by FASN and our national partner NASN.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to ask each of you to consider what special assets you might bring to the table as an FASN officer.

FASN offers opportunities of growth on a personal and professional level. FASN will have several board positions opening in February. Staying true to our roots, we want to be certain we represent all school nurses in the state of Florida. We need your voices! If you're even a tiny bit interested, please let Margaret Polk, FASN's Nomination Chair, know. Or, please feel free to check with any current board member or committee chair about their role and responsibilities.

Have a great year!

Paula Alford



Bee a Pollinator for FASN



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Advocacy 101 Webinar

Resources abound for the registered professional school nurse to use! Join the webinar on October 5th, 2017 from 7-8 pm! Learn about how to use your voice in the school and community. Concepts from the book, ["From Silence to Voice: What Nurses Know and Must Communicate to the Public,"](#) (Buresh/Gordon, 2013) will be reviewed. We will talk about national, state, local organizations and other resources to support the school nurse in this complex role of advocating for the profession and students/families. Join us!!

Please register for Advocacy 101 on Oct 5, 2017 7:00 PM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9029993611652785667>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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FASN Members Recognized at the 2017 NASN Conference

- ♦ **Lisa Kern**, NASN Affiliate Director, has been elected to the NASN Executive Committee. She will head the strategic committee on Healthy Communities.
- ♦ **Dr. Shirley Gordon**, Past President of FASN and current President-elect NBCSN, was the recipient of the Outstanding School Nurse Educator Award.
- ♦ **Dr. Dianne Mennitt** was recognized for her work on the Scope and Standards of Practice for School Nurses.





Nominating Committee is looking for our next President,
President-elect and Treasurer:

Term of office is 2018-2020

**Do you want to work with a DYNAMIC group of school nurses
and improve the lives of students in Florida Schools?!**

Join us by taking a leadership role in FASN!

FASN's Nominating Committee, Chaired by Margaret Polk and assisted by members Gwen Parish, Shelley Bumm and Kathy Browning are looking for candidates for the position of President Elect and Treasurer. Eligible nominees must be an active member of FASN for no less than two years. Interested parties may be nominated by an FASN member or express interest in the desired position by contacting Margaret Polk at MPolk@pasco.k12.fl.us. The terms of these officers are 2 years commencing with the annual meeting at which they were declared elected.

The duties of the President are as follows:

- Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Annual State Meeting and at all membership meetings
- Appoint Permanent Committees subject to approval of the Board of Directors
- Appoint such special committees as deemed necessary
- Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee
- Serve as member of Finance Committee
- Represent FASN as ex-officio member of the FSHA Board
- Perform such other duties as may be required or assigned

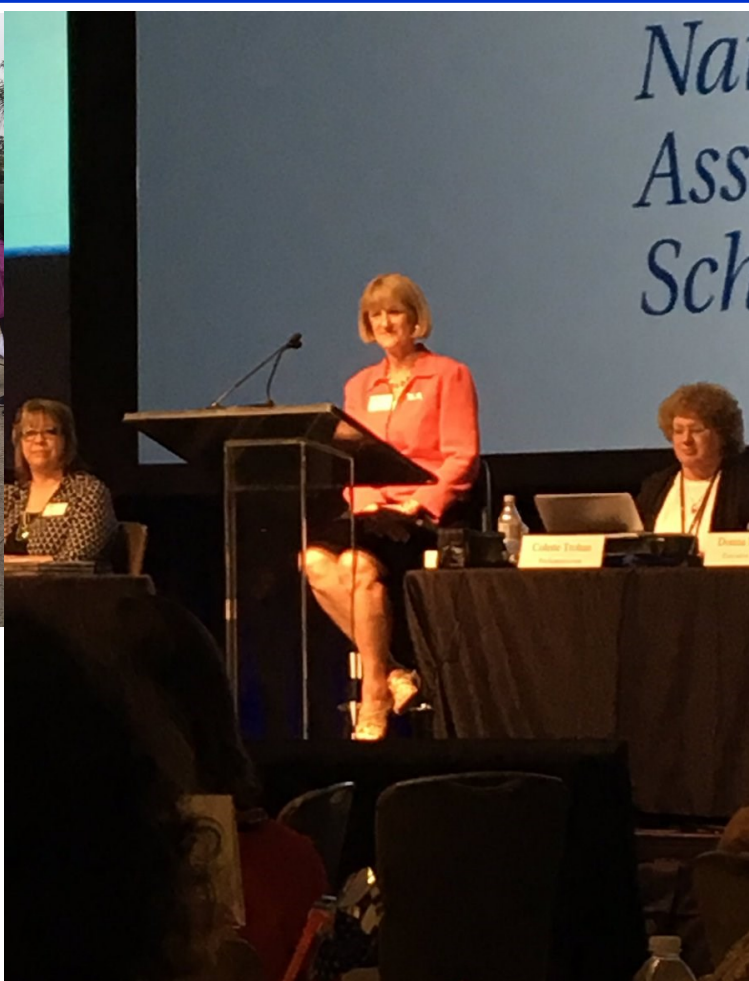
The duties of President-elect are as follows:

- In the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties of the President
- Succeed the President for the unexpired term and upon adjournment of the unexpired term serve the term of President
- Serve as a member of the Finance committee
- Coordinate activities and support FASN Regional Representatives and County Liaisons
- Perform such other duties as may be required or assigned

The duties of the Treasurer are as follows:

- Accurately record all receipts and expenditures
- Disburse funds according to the action of the Board of Directors
- Present a written report of income and disbursement at the annual board of Directors meeting
- Chair Finance Committee
- Submit an annual budget, subject to approval of the Board of Directors
- Submit records for annual audit
- Facilitate timing and completion and filing of all required state and federal financial documents
- Provide mentoring to Treasurer-Elect between election of incoming Treasurer and installation at Annual State Meeting
- Perform such other duties as may be required or assigned

If you have questions regarding these positions, you are welcome to contact the current President, Paula Alford at palford@lwcharterschools.com, President-elect, Janet Jones at Jonesjan@bellsouth.net and Treasurer, Martha Hanna at MHanna@escambia.k12.fl.us. We hope you will give careful consideration to what you can offer your professional organization in the way of these leadership opportunities.



Networking, Learning and Fun at its BEST!



Top Left:
The 5K Endowment Walk/
Run

Top Right:
Beth Matthey opening the
Board Meeting

Bottom Left:
Florida Delegation

NASN2017

National Association of School Nurses
49th Annual Conference
From Evidence to Action

Conference Information!!

Mark your calendar!!!

**FASN ANNUAL CONFERENCE: FEBRUARY 2,3, 2018-- AT THE TOP RATED
FLORIDA HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER!!!**

No fee increase!! Scholarships will be offered!!
Early Birds will be rewarded! **Great learning**
sessions and best-ever **networking!** **Continuing Education** Credits!! Amazing **Vendors!!!**
Awards!! Prizes---and of course, **Baskets and Purses!!! AND...**the mall AND Starbucks await!!!
Theme for this year's conference is "**School Nurses: Maintaining Balance As We Care for the Whole Child**". We again will offer a licensure-mandated topic.

Registration will open this fall. Individuals will be able to register online or by mail. If your county or district uses a **specific vendor card** option, please **contact Janie Sailors** sailorsn@aol.com **IN ADVANCE** to ensure that

card is compatible with our system.

Check www.FASN.net periodically for more details as they become available. **See you there!!!**
Conference Co-chairs:

Marcy Burnes marcyb@leeschools.net Janie Sailors sailorsn@aol.com



Book your room now!

Please use conference code [FL Assn of School Nurses 2018](#) to book your room. Rooms with one or two beds are available for \$129/night.



*22nd Annual Conference
February 2-3, 2018*

*The Florida Hotel and Conference Center
1500 Sand Lake Road,
Orlando, Florida 32809*



Save the Date

*School Nurses: Maintaining Balance as
We Care for the Whole Child*

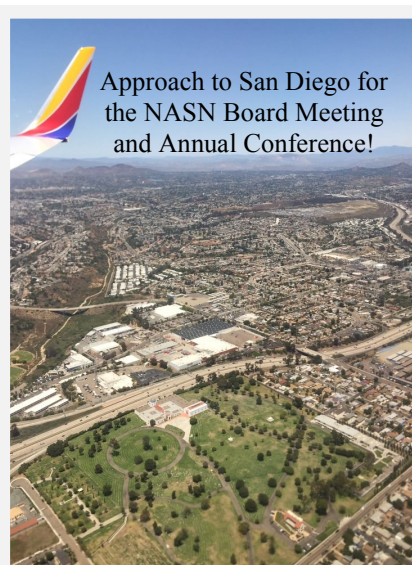


FASN Affiliate Director Message

Lisa Kern RN, MSN, NCSN
FASN Affiliate Director

As the summer draws to a close, schools are busy preparing for the 2017-18 school year and school nurses are busy preparing safe, healthy and supportive school environments for all students. As you begin your preparations for the new school year, I'd like to share some highlights of my work over the summer as your NASN Director...

Big news! During the summer Board meeting, Directors representing states from across the nation, were in agreement that "To optimize student health, safety and learning, it is the position of the National Association of School Nursing that a professional registered school nurse is present in every school all day, every day." This important stance will be included in all position documents that NASN releases, and is in agreement with the AAP policy statement, published in the June 2016 issue of Pediatrics which calls for a minimum of one full-time registered nurse in every school. We have a lot of advocacy work to do in Florida! Speaking of advocacy, I'm sure all of you have kept up with recent Congressional activities related to healthcare legislation. Wherever your personal political views lie, please be aware of the impact that legislation will have on the health of children – especially as relates to Medicaid and the reauthorization of CHIP. After the August recess, there should be further discussion so please consider contacting your legislators to share your views. NASN has an advocacy page just for you!



The NASN Board members have been very busy for the past six months, writing and editing many position documents. The following NEW* and revised position documents are now available on the newly updated NASN website (under the Advocacy tab):

Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child: Implications for 21st Century School Nurses*

The Role of School Nursing in Telehealth *

The School Nurse's Role in Behavioral Health of Students *
Child Mortality in the School Setting

Students with Chronic Health Conditions: The Role of the School Nurse
Sexual Health Education in Schools

Final big news! I attended the 49th NASN national conference in San Diego and had the pleasure of networking with school nurses from across the nation – including several who hailed from Florida ☺ It was a great experience both personally and professionally! I also had the honor of being elected to the NASN Executive Committee. I am responsible for the Healthy Communities Strategic Committee and will be joining the other three Executive Committee members and elected officers in September for our first face-to-face meeting. We will be preparing for the 50th NASN National Conference this summer that takes place in Baltimore, Maryland. I sure hope you will consider attending and celebrating this milestone with NASN!

Wishing you a healthy and safe school year,

Lisa



End Notes



Join the FASN Website!

If you haven't joined the FASN Website already, please take a few moments and join as a follower. By joining you will receive announcements, event invites, group communications and access to the member's only areas.

The steps are easy:

- Go to the FASN website: FASN.net
- Click the "sign up" icon at the upper right hand corner of the screen
- Enter the *required ID information
- Create a password
- Click create your account

You are now ready to start receiving e-mail updates and stay connected with FASN!

REFER
a
FRIEND!

And Watch Us Grow!

Refer a friend for FASN membership.

It's an easy way to earn \$10 in e-commerce credit.

You can use your Refer a Friend credit to help decrease your own membership fee!



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