



2026 NASN ELECTIONS NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Carrie Clarke

Carrie Ann Clarke, BSN, RN

Nominating Committee Candidate

Current NASN Affiliate: South Dakota School Nurse Association

Major Clinical, Teaching, or Practice Area: School Nurse, Elementary, Secondary

Education: South Dakota State University, Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1995

Awards, Achievements, and Honors:

2010 Voices of Meningitis Challenge Winner

Academy of Education Arts and Science, 2015 Bammy Award

2019 Excellence in School Nursing Award

Number of Years in School Nursing: 26 years

Employment:

- School Nurse, November 1999-present, Sioux Falls School District
 - Serves as a team member in identifying, evaluating and providing services for children. Develops and maintains a nursing care plan with specific goals and interventions that are unique to that student's needs. Focusses on prevention of illness, disability and early detection and correction of health problems. Serves as a liaison between the school and community health and welfare agencies and the medical profession. Provides health education for students, staff and parents. Provides care for students with scheduled and unscheduled health needs. Including but not limited to responding to emergencies, administering medications, providing specialized health treatments as directed by the student's physician and District policy.

Other Significant Positions Held: Staff Nurse on Oncology Unit, August 1995-January 1996, Sioux Valley Hospital; Staff Nurse in Adult ICU, January 1996-October 1998, Sioux Valley Hospital (now known as Sanford Hospital); Nurse Liaison, October 1998-October 1999, Sioux Falls Select Specialty Hospital

Present NASN Offices/Appointments: NA

Past NASN Offices/Appointments: Healthy Community Committee, 2020-2022; Research Committee 2022-2025

Present NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments: NA

Past NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments: Director, July 2020-January 2025; President-elect and President, 2010-2014

Present Offices/Appointments in Other Associations: NA

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Publications Significant to School Nursing:

Tanner, A., Clarke, C. (2016). Epinephrine Policies & Protocols Guidance for Schools: Equipping School Nurses to Save Lives, NASN School Nurse, 31(1), 13-22.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1942602X15607604>

Participation in Publication Review: NA

Presentations Significant to School Nursing: NA

Participation in Data Collection: NA

Statement of View:

As a dedicated school nurse with over 25 years of experience, I am committed to advancing the profession and making sure that school nurses are recognized as integral members of the educational team. Throughout my career, I have observed the challenges facing our profession, including insufficient staffing, inadequate compensation, and a lack of involvement in decision-making processes.

I believe that the Nominating Committee plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our association by selecting leaders who are not only qualified but also passionate about advocating for school nursing. If elected, I will focus on:

- Identifying and recruiting diverse candidates who bring innovative ideas and represent unique experiences within our profession.
- Ensuring that leadership positions are filled by individuals who are committed to addressing the current issues of our time, such as equitable reimbursement, staffing shortages, and professional recognition.
- Promoting a transparent and inclusive nomination process that encourages active participation from all members.

I am excited to contribute to the Nominating Committee's efforts to strengthen NASN's leadership and, consequently, the impact of school nurses nationwide.

**This Nominating Committee candidate completed
the Nominating Committee process.**