

Report of the President TSNO Region X (TSNOX) 2015-2016 School Year

It has been my honor to serve as President of the TSNOX for this past year. We continued to move forward in ways that will strengthen our local organization as well as honor our members. This year we had a full day Leadership Retreat at which we reviewed and revised our operating guidelines. This document now better describes the roles of the elected, appointed, and volunteer board members as well as shows the ways that they coordinate with each other for the good of the organization. On that day we also began fleshing out a strategic plan. This is an ongoing process and currently has two goals:

1. TSNOX will promote the practice, development, and advancement of the Professional Nurse Specialty of School Nursing.
2. TSNO X will conduct the affairs of the organization in a fiscally responsible manner in keeping with the policies of NASN / TSNO by protecting its financial assets, complying with state, federal, and organizational financial requirements, using assets to support the strategic plan of the organization, and funding professional development programs for the membership.

In addition, at this meeting, with the help of the experience of Region IX, we developed a comprehensive document retention schedule. We plan to add pertinent documents to our Google Drive in an effort to eliminate most paper records.

We are pleased to offer Angela Hageman, RN, nurse at McKinney High School as our nominee for School Nurse of the Year (SNOY). In addition, we have continued our “Shout Out” program designed to recognize campus nurses whose actions go above and beyond the routine. They are commended by their fellow nurses and administrators. Seventeen nurses received a “Shout Out” and were mentioned on our Facebook page. Several were lauded by their school boards for their actions.

Coming in to the 21st Century we have developed a Facebook page which we have used to communicate with the membership about TSNOX, conferences and awards. Our website (www.tsnox.org) has been updated. We are exploring the use of a card reader so that we can accept credit cards for conference fees and merchandise.

TSNOX held a free membership event in October with Asthma as an educational topic. In March we held a successful conference on the topic of LGBTQ Issues. Our summer conference was Advanced Physical Assessment with a focus on Respiratory (asthma, trachs), Concussion and Migraine, Ears, and Gastrostomy tubes / feedings. Our conferences are half price for members and free for board members.

There have been two challenges this year. First, we had a potential concern about Conflict of Interest associated with the School Nurse of the Year procedures. The situation was investigated and no Conflict of Interest was found to exist, however, this did highlight the need for more specific procedures for future SNOY / SNAY selections. These have already been developed.

Our final challenge is that despite all of our progress in making the organization one that is modern and responsive to the needs of the membership, we are unable to find members willing to serve on the board. We will continue forward with the President and President-elect in their same roles. At the very end of the school year we were able to identify volunteers for our most important roles including an appointed secretary and advocacy chair and elected treasurer and nominating committee members. Please consider serving your local organization.

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