

Region 17 TSNO Annual President's Report
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Region 17 TSNO nurses continue to focus on improving quality of health care for our students through continuing education for our nurses. We do this through our Summer Conference, as well as through speakers at our TSNO meetings who give us updated information on a variety of topics. We currently have 59 members as reported October 2016.

Our Summer Conference, "School Nursing is our Passion", was held June 16th and 17th here in Lubbock, and very well attended. Our Conference planning Committee: Sarah Batson, Kristy Rose, Debie Dewbre and Cyndi Vasquez, did a fabulous job again this year and provided us with CEU's. The conference covered these topics: "Synthetic Compounds", by NEIDS; "Scoliosis Management", by James Gutheil, MD; "Local Gang Affiliation and Markings", by Lubbock Police Dept.; "Evidence Based Practice for the School Nurse", by Dr. JoAnn Long; "School Emergency Triage Training", NASN; "Tuberculosis in Pediatrics", by Melanie Lee with DSHS; "Operation Screen Your Athlete", by Aaron Cristan.

Our first TSNO meeting this school year was October 4th, 2016, at the Quaker Ave. Church of Christ with 30 nurses in attendance. The officers proved Chick-fil-A: nuggets, fruit and cookies for all who attended. Our speaker was Georgeanna Welch, FNPC, from the Allergy & Asthma Clinic of West Texas. She spoke on food allergies and anaphylaxis. She had many posters and hand-outs for all the nurses present and was able to answer many questions.

Our next meeting is planned for November 29th, at the same location, with speakers, Dr. Kirk Tiemann and Joe Bautista, physical therapist, from Regal Park Medical Center.

We have had a difficult time the past few weeks with our newly appointed treasurer stepping down for family and medical reasons. I was able to find and appoint a replacement, with the help of the other officers. We are completing the transfer of information now.

Our region also struggled with the Region 17 TSNO Officers and the Summer Conference Planning Committee not working together well in the past. We discovered there had been a lack of communication. We were able to work together and resolve most of the issues last spring and changed our bylaws to include this committee. We opened up the lines of communication and are working together better.

This report is respectfully submitted by Stacey St. Clair, RN, BSN, Region 17 President.

