

Region X President's Report for 2017-2018

Region X continues to enjoy a robust membership of over 500 school nurses. The board continues to sponsor activities that support the members through advocacy and professional development. This year we were able to offer two CE programs that were each well attended. The first, a membership event in October, featured a speaker who works directly with children who have been abused and neglected, offering a different perspective by focusing on treatment instead of just reporting and prevention. This event was free to members and non-members and included a door prize of a one-year NASN membership. The second event in February focused on legal issues in school nursing and the TSNO / DSHS class on Nursing Ethics and Jurisprudence.

In November 2017 the board president resigned. It was determined that we would not specifically fill that position, rather, the immediate past-president and president-elect would work together to perform the tasks of the president. Two changes in the operation of the board took place after that. First, meetings were scheduled every other month instead of monthly. In addition, board meetings were held throughout the region in order to try to include nurses in more remote areas.

We also lost our treasurer to personal illness. The past-president served as interim treasurer. Due to logistical issues with our current bank, we made a change to a credit union with more convenient services. The board continues to be fiscally responsible and had a clean audit in December.

Like most regions, Region X struggles each year to fill board positions. We were fortunate this year to offer a full slate of "volunteers" for election in June. No positions were opposed.

Region X is proud to be welcoming the TSNO Annual Conference in November 2018 to Plano. Several board members are active on the conference planning committee. We all look forward to the speaker offerings at this year's conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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Past-President