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NSNA 61st Annual Convention

April 3-7, 2013
Charlotte Convention Center
Charlotte, North Carolina

Today's Highlights:

9:30 am

Plenary Session — Nurse Athletes

11:15 amGrand Opening of Exhibit Hall and
Career Development Center**11:15 am**

Healthy Haven Opens

1:15 pm

Finance Forum

2:30 pm

Focus Sessions, Part 1

3:45 pm

Focus Sessions, Part 2

3:45 pm

Resolutions Hearing



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Council of State Presidents

Planning Committee and Chair Elected

The Council of State Presidents (COSP) met on Tuesday, April 2, to address association priorities, accomplishments, and challenges. Some familiar faces as well as new faces filled the room. The COSP is a meeting that occurs twice each year; at the MidYear Career Planning Conference and at the Annual Convention. State presidents and presidents-elect come together to network, share accomplishments and discuss challenges with each other and the NSNA Board of Directors. The meeting ends with a little bit of fun in the form of the traditional white elephant gift exchange.

After a warm welcome and introduction by **Cheryl Appleton**, Chair of the 2013 Annual Convention COSP, the state presidents heard from NSNA President, **Joseph Potts**. Mr. Potts addressed the group to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and commitment of the state presidents and Board of Directors.

Lola Fehr, the NSNA Parliamentarian, spoke about parliamentary procedure, and the Nominating and Elections Committee discussed campaign regulations and how to run a state caucus. Later in the evening, NSNA Secretary/Treasurer, **Rebecca Mills Brown**, addressed issues that state presidents should know about the treasurer role.

At the traditional COSP Leadership Dinner, sponsored by the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), attendees were treated to an excellent presentation by **Christopher Martorella** who discussed the transition from student nurse to nursing leader.

Be sure to check in with your state president to find out what ideas they will be taking from the meeting and sharing with state constituents. ■

COSP Elections

Elections were held for the Planning Committee. The Committee will organize the next COSP meeting, which takes place in Louisville, KY, during the MidYear Conference on November 7-10, 2013. Elected to the Northern Election Area is **Heidi Rogalla** (Illinois); for the Western Election Area, **Kimberly Young** (Colorado) was elected; **Anastacia Valentino** (Maryland) is now the East Election Area representative; and representing the Southern Election Area is **Forrest Pogue** (Mississippi), who was elected as Chair of the COSP Planning Committee and will now serve as the Ex-officio member of the 2013-2014 NSNA Board of Directors. Congratulations to Heidi, Kimberly, Anastacia and Forrest!



Above: Presenting the newly elected committee (clockwise from the left): Chairperson and 2013-2014 Ex-officio Board member **Forrest Pogue** (MS); **Anastacia Valentino** (MD); **Heidi Rogalla** (IL); and **Kimberly Young** (CO).

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Above: The first part of the NSNA NCLEX-RN® Mini Review began on Wednesday. This 8-hour prep course covers health promotion and maintenance, physiological and psychosocial integrity, and the nursing process. Continuing this morning and concluding on Friday, this course is led by **Judith Miller**. Sponsored by Delmar, Cengage Learning. ■



The Exhibit Hall Opens TODAY!

Hall C: Head to Concourse C near the escalator leading down to Hall C. The Grand Opening traditional ribbon cutting takes place right at 11:15am with the NSNA Board of Directors.

An Exhibit Hall map and list of exhibits are available in the Program Book and at

www.nснаconvention.org.

Tomorrow's Plenary Session



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Be sure to catch tomorrow morning's Plenary Session: "Leadership is Not Case Sensitive," beginning at 9:15 am in the **Crown Ballroom**. Join moderator **Suzanne Brody** and speaker **Joanne Disch** to

explore how and why experienced nurses, new graduate nurses, and student nurses must serve a leadership role at some point in their career.

The session begins with the presentation of the NSNA Leader of Leaders award and the Project InTouch Grand Prize presentations. Don't miss it! ■

Career Development Center

The Career Development Center is available in the **Hall C** during Exhibit hours. Faculty advisors and consultants review your résumé and discuss the primary steps for obtaining your first job. Before you arrive, make a list of your interests and needs, and analyze your priorities and goals. Take this opportunity to learn and discuss the basic steps for success. Bring a hard copy of your résumé and professional portfolio. The Career Development Coordinator is **Dr. Lois Marshall**, author of *Take Charge of Your Nursing Career: Open the Door to Your Dreams* and a career development and management expert. ■



Poster Presentations

The Project Showcase Poster Presentations feature student research by NSNA members. Stop by the **Ballroom Foyer** and chat with one of over 60 student researchers! These projects come from across the nation and include different topics of interest and relevancy to nursing education. For a full list of Poster Presenters, look online at: www.nснаconvention.org/posters. ■

Volunteers Needed

General Volunteers: Consider helping out this week in the House of Delegates, Auction, or other events. This is a great way to experience Convention. Visit the NSNA Convention Office located in **Room 105** to sign up. Volunteers receive a gift of appreciation and certificate.

Tellers: Tellers are needed to assist with the elections Saturday morning. Tellers cannot be a delegate or from a school that has a candidate. If you are interested in serving in this important role, visit the Nominating and Election Committee in **Room 217BC** or email **Trisha Mims** at trisha.mims@gmail.com. Check program schedule for office hours. Tellers receive a gift of appreciation and certificate.

Career Development Center Volunteers: Faculty members are need to provide leadership coaching and lifelong learning recommendations to NSNA members during exhibit hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Visit the NSNA Convention Office located in **Room 105** to sign up.

Today: Terrance Keenan 12th Annual Nursing Leadership Lecture



Sherrod

The leadership lecture is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows Program Leadership Legacy Fund. Hear speaker **Dr. Dennis Sherrod**, discuss "Leading and Inspiring HEALTHY Nurse Careers." Session begins at 3:45pm in **Room 207D**.

Proposed Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee met with authors of proposed resolutions on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Resolutions to come before the House of Delegates tomorrow can be found on the Convention Updates MiniWebsite at www.nснаconvention.org. The first Resolutions Hearing is today at 3:45 pm in the **Ballroom**. Attendance for delegates is mandatory. For 30 minutes before and after the Resolutions Hearing, authors are available in the Ballroom to informally meet with delegates to answer questions. Prior to today's Resolution Hearing, delegates may review resolutions documentation (by appointment) with the Resolutions Committee in **Room 215** from 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm. ■



Above: Resolutions authors met with the Resolutions Committee on Thursday evening.

NSNA Discount on NCLEX Reviews!

NSNA and Delmar, Cengage Learning have formed a partnership that brings you the best in learning resources. NSNA members receive a discount on NCLEX-RN® Review, published by Delmar, Cengage Learning and Delmar's NCLEX-RN® Review Online with CAT Logic (Computer Adaptive Testing). Head over to **Booth 301 in the Exhibit Hall** to save even more than the regular 25% discount for NSNA members! Plus: a portion of your purchase comes back to NSNA! ■

Safety Reminder: Please remember to keep your hotel room door closed and locked when you are not present. Propping your door open with the door latch while visiting a friend's room (or even going to get ice down the hall) is a security concern that may get you unintentionally locked out of your room. If you have any concerns or see something unusual, contact your hotel's front desk. Remember, if you see something, say something. ■

Snapshots from This Week



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At right: The Council of State Presidents on Tuesday evening; **Above:** Registration on Wednesday morning; **Bottom, left to right:** President Joseph Potts conducting the school presidents forum; Vice President John Conner leads the Bylaws & Policies seminar with Parliamentarian Lola Fehr.



Healthy Haven Opens Today in Room 219



Stop by today to reset, refocus and revive! Learn tips to live a healthier lifestyle and enter a drawing for a complimentary mini-facial or a seated chair massage to be offered on Friday. Featuring: skincare tips

for everyone; and the interactive *Portrait of Thanks* Mosaic.

Head Shot Studio: Sit for our professional photographer and immediately take away your complimentary new head shot on a USB drive. ■



Ribbons for Sandy Hook

We all have been affected in some way by the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown, CT. As future healthcare providers, the Connecticut Student Nurses' Association (CSNA), has organized a fundraiser to show support to others in the nursing profession and provide funds for the Sandy Hook school nurse for caring and nurturing the children of Sandy Hook Elementary School. The CSNA have assembled Green & White Ribbons in honor of the Elementary School Colors.

Please show your support for this initiative,

wear a Green & White ribbon, and consider making a donation that will be presented to the Sandy Hook Elementary School Health Office. For those unable to donate, please consider writing a "Nurse to Nurse" note to convey your sentiments. Look for the CSNA table at the Student Activity Tables outside Room 105 starting Thursday at 11:15am until Saturday at 12pm. ■

TODAY & TOMORROW: Bone Marrow Donor Registry

A simple swab of the cheek can save someone's life! Register as a potential bone marrow donor today or tomorrow. Located in the foyer outside the Ballroom. Hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (both days). **Sponsored by DKMS, New York, NY**



Leadership U Certificates

...may be picked up in the NSNA Convention Office (105) from 8am - 5pm Wednesday through Friday and 8am - 3pm on Saturday.



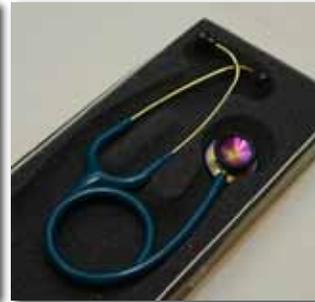
Registration count as of press time on Wednesday, April 3

2,837

Delegate Count: 495

TOMORROW: QUEEN CITY AUCTION!

Drop off donations (minimum value of \$30) in Room 105 by noon today to be auctioned off during tomorrow's auction. The auction takes place at 1:45 pm on Friday in the back of the Exhibit Hall. The auction raises funds for the Mary Ann Tuft Scholarship Fund and it's always a fun time. Special thanks to **3M Health Care** for donating three stethoscopes!



VISIT THE NSNA STORE for items such as graduation cords, key chains, DVDs, NSNA pins, TOUCHlives™ Bracelets and publications. (Concourse C)

SPECIAL: Receive a free t-shirt when you purchase \$25 or more!

Program Book Corrections

Thursday Schedule

Rob Davis, the speaker for the 12:30 pm Faculty Workshop (p 25) and the "Distance Education in Nursing" focus sessions (p 37 & 39), is unable to attend. A colleague will speak in his absence.

Exhibitors Added

- Booth 302 American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), Chicago, IL
- Booth 314 Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA
- Booth 913 Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO
- Booth 917 Gardner Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC
- Booth 912 Planned Parenthood Federation of America, New York, NY
- Booth 907 Regents of University of Minnesota School of Nursing, Minneapolis, MN
- Booth 915 Seton Hall University College of Nursing, South Orange, NJ
- Booth 911 United States University, Chula Vista, CA

Canceled Exhibitors

- Booth 814 Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), Washington, DC ■