



## **NASN State Director Report**

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*I have just returned from NASN Winter Board meeting and a visit with Congressman Rogers on Capitol Hill to discuss Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere (Nurse) Act. I also took time to thank him for his support of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIPS) reauthorization for next 6 years.*



I stopped by Senator Doug Jones office, as they were just getting settled in at Capitol Hill, to leave them a folder with important information related to School Health Issues. This year I was not able to meet with US Representative Martha Roby, however, I did stop by and left a folder with her office as well. The air was abuzz with preparations for President Trump's State of the Union Address.

I would love to share with you an article to Read and Ponder: ***Building a Winning Culture: Execute with Excellence*** was read and discussed at the Board of Directors Winter Board meeting in DC.

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The following Position Statements were approved (soon to be posted NASN website)

- School Sponsored Trips
- School Located Vaccinations
- School Violence
- Prevention of Skin Cancer due to Ultraviolet Ray Exposure
- **Healthy Communities (new) Please read, print off and share with Administration and others! It is a very well written document.**
- Overweight and Obesity

## **I would like to take a moment and share a few words from Nina Fekaris NASN President:**

*It is my honor to serve as your NASN President. Collectively, as NASN members, we promote the health and academic success for children while advancing school nursing practice.*

*NASN offers numerous opportunities and resources for school nurses. Your membership strengthens national and local advocacy for the students and school communities we serve and supports their educational success. Together we invest in the future of school nursing and the children we serve. I encourage you to join and or renew now to continue the programs, services, and resources that advance your school nursing practice including:*

- *NASN School Nurse (published 6 times year)*
- *Journal of School Nursing (published 6 times a year)*
- *Weekly Digest (electronic newsletter)*
- *Vision Service Plan Sight for Students Program: eye exams and corrective lens*
- *Annual conference and more than \$300 worth of online Continuing Education credits*
- *Website, ([www.nasn.org](http://www.nasn.org)), with continuous updates on resources including programs, publications, NASN Position Statements, and Legislative alerts*
- *SchoolNurseNet electronic communities for discussions and sharing resources*
- *Scholarships, grants and awards*
- *Publications at special member rates to support your excellence in practice*
- *National advocacy to advance the practice of school nursing and student health and education*

*I encourage you to promote NASN membership benefits to colleagues because together we are stronger, NASN Strong! We make a difference working together with the student, the family, our partners in the school and in healthcare communities for better health, better learning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Nina Fekaris MS, BSN, RN, NCSN  
President*

This past June, 2017 AASN membership at our Annual meeting voted to become unified with NASN. We are in the process of doing this. One big step will be to get out AASN Bylaws unified with NASN Bylaws. At our July 9, 2018 Annual meeting in Saraland we will vote on these changes which will be posted on our website at: [www.aasn.org](http://www.aasn.org) at least 10 or more days prior to our Annual meeting as well as an email blast to AASN members.

NASN Annual Conference will be held this coming June 30- July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Preconference on June 29<sup>th</sup>) in Baltimore, MD. This will be NASN 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and this will be a celebration and conference to remember. Start making plans to attend!

Sincerely,

Brenda Lindahl RN  
State Director