

# CNSA Monthly Update

## Special points of interest:

- A few words about the coming year
- Important dates to remember

## A Word From The Board

Looking back over the last few months it almost seems at bit surreal. Everything happened so fast and after the congratulations and transition meeting were over, Everyone began to realize the job ahead of them. Over the last several years the previous boards have laid a solid foundation making CNSA one of the top constituencies' in the country. The commitment of the new Board is to leave a *Legacy* matching or surpassing our predecessors. The board has

spent it's time since convention getting to know one another and working to develop plans for the coming year. Be sure and check out the *Mark Your Calendar Section* so you do not miss anything that is happening this year. Because of our commitment to "The Image of Nursing", We felt it important to continue the ION committee for the coming year. There was a great amount of interest among the membership in the image of nursing and we wanted

to continue the work of last years committee. We will announce the new Chair of the committee as soon as they officially accept the position. The board has also decided to continue the *Night At The Ballpark*, as soon as we have more information we will let you know more. Please check out the article in this issue regarding sponsorship allowing an international student to attend National Convention.



## Mark Your Calendar

- CoCR South Feb. 22-23
- NSNA Convention Grapevine, TX March 26-30
- Night At The Ballpark (Dates Pending)
- RN Lobby Days April 20-21 in Sacramento
- CoCR North June 19-20 Stanford University Hospital
- State Convention October 10-12 Hilton Los Angeles, Universal City

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### International Student Sponsorship

In May of 2007 the International Council of Nurses, at their Annual Convention in Yokohama Japan, formed the International Student Nurses Network as a working group within the ICN. It is their desire that this new organization allow International students to collaborate on issues, providing a voice for nursing students worldwide. As part of this process the International Student Network will be meeting in Grapevine TX during the NSNA Annual Convention. NSNA has given State Asso-

ciations the opportunity to sponsor an International student at convention. At our January Board Meeting the board voted to sponsor a student. This will give California the opportunity to be a participant in this ground breaking event. We thank ANCL and ANA\IC for helping us make this possible. As convention approaches please look for information regarding opportunities for you to meet and greet this individual.



"I hope that the ICN Student Nurse Network grows from strength to strength; plays an active role in identifying trends and analyzing emerging issues that impact on student nurses, their education and future practice; and provides the basis for a dynamic community of future leaders that will actively disseminate research, highlight best practices, and contribute to the global cadre of nurse experts."

Hiroko Minami  
ICN President

### RN Lobby Days by Ian St. Martin

The Nursing Student in Sacramento Internship (NSSI) will be offered again this year, which is a program that allows selected nursing students to shadow Registered Nurse lobbyists as they conduct business at the state capital. The internship is held during the week of RN Lobby Days,

which is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Look at future postings on the CNSA website for applications and further information pertaining to the internship.

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### Legislative Update by Ian St. Martin

The House of Delegates for the California Nursing Students' Association (CNSA) passed three resolutions during the 2007 state convention, which includes the resolutions *In Support of the Establishment of Official Policies and Protocols Providing for the Option of Family Presence During Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Invasive Procedures in the Hospital Setting*, *In Support of a Continuum of*

*Medical Care for the Homeless in Order to Prevent Patient Dumping*, and *In Support of Research for Residency Programs for Registered Nurses*. All three resolutions, with separate aims in the profession, provide a powerful stance on their respective subjects. The first resolution was created to advocate for family presence in the event of emergency hospital situations. . Policies and procedures

for addressing such issues are infrequently found in the hospital setting, even though there is evidence that supports the effectiveness of providing this consumer right. Therefore, a standardized policy and protocol for family presence is absolutely necessary for providing effective patient care. (see back page)

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## Our Mission

California Nursing Students' Association leads by example, creating a statewide community of politically conscious, technologically savvy, and socially aware nursing students. CNSA fosters the transition of the student to the role of the professional nurse through the development of leadership, activism, and advocacy. CNSA supports scholarship, volunteerism, and mentorship to influence nursing education and nursing care in California.

**See you at  
CoCR South  
Feb. 22-23**

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## Legislative Update cont.



The December Board  
Retreat

This continuation of health care is desired to take place namely through respite care, which has been evidenced to decrease the number of days needed in the hospital. Furthermore, the costs would be greatly reduced thus preventing any cases of patient dumping. The third resolution, supporting the creation of residency programs, was accepted by the House of Delegates to represent CNSA at the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) 2008 convention. The resolution was based on research findings that identified a lack of confidence

by both employers and nurses towards new graduate nurses. The resolution proposed that research be done to identify an effective length of time needed for residency programs and for the creation of a standardized curriculum. During the American Nurses Association California (ANA\C) General Assembly in 2007, a similar resolution was passed supporting the creation of nurse residency programs. Therefore, two California professional organizations are stating with one large voice that change is needed for entrance into practice. Further detail on these topics can be found on the

resolution page of the CNSA website.