

2008
California Nursing Students' Association
PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

ID #	Current Bylaw	Proposed Revision	Rationale
I	<p>ARTICLE VI. COUNCIL OF CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES (COCR) Section 3. Purpose</p>	<p><u>D. COCR shall serve as a resource and provide support for existing chapters, schools with CNSA members but no chapter, geographically close chapters wishing to coordinate activities and other activities related to the recruitment and retention of members in CNSA.</u></p>	<p>The General Membership/Recruitment Committee identified in the bylaws has never met. The functions of membership recruitment and retention as well as giving support to existing & potential chapters seems best met through the Council of Chapter Representatives.</p>
II	<p>ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS Section 2. Composition</p> <p>A. The Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) elected officers and directors.</p> <p>2. There shall be five (5) directors elected by the House of Delegates: Convention Director; Legislative Director, Director of Breakthrough to Nursing, Communications Director and Community Health Director.</p>	<p>Section 2. Composition</p> <p>A. The Board of Directors shall consist of ten (10) eleven (11) elected officers and directors.</p> <p>2. There shall be six (6) directors elected by the House of Delegates: Convention Director; Legislative Director, Breakthrough to Nursing Director; <u>Image of Nursing Director</u>, Communications Director and Community Health Director.</p>	<p>(See rationale for item V below)</p>

<p>III</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 2. Duties</p> <p>B. The Vice President shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preside at association meetings in the absence of the President. 	<p>B. The Vice President shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preside at association meetings <u>and act on behalf of the president</u> in the absence of the President. 	<p>Current language is too limiting in that it only provides for the Vice President to preside at meetings when the president is not available. It is sometimes necessary for the Vice President to fill in for the president in other ways than just presiding at meetings.</p>
<p>IV</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 2. Duties</p> <p>F. The Breakthrough to Nursing Director shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote a positive image of nursing students. 	<p>F. The Breakthrough to Nursing Director shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote a positive image of nursing students. (renumber 2 – 9) 10. <u>Promote CNSA- ANA\C Bridge Program, encouraging membership in ANA\C following graduation.</u> (renumber 11-16) 	<p>Promoting a positive image of nursing has been defined as a specific responsibility of the Image of Nursing Director.</p> <p>As well as promoting diversity in nursing, the BTN Director should promote involvement in professional organizations (including ANA\C) after graduation.</p>
<p>V</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 2. Duties</p>	<p>G. The Image of Nursing Director shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Promote a positive image of nursing.</u> 2. <u>Keep the membership and the Board of Directors informed regarding the image of nursing</u> 	<p>These proposed changes relate to creating a new director position named “Image of Nursing Director”</p> <p>Incorporating a committee focused on educating nursing students,</p>

		<p>portrayed in the media, the diversity among students enrolled in nursing programs, and the public's view of nursing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <u>Coordinate CNSA responses to appropriate and/or inappropriate image of nursing issues in the media.</u> 4. <u>Serve as chairperson of the Image of Nursing Committee.</u> 5. <u>Serve as liaison between NSNA, CNSA, and the local school Image of Nursing chairpersons.</u> 6. <u>Promote diversity in nursing as well as the recruitment and retention of men, minorities and "non-traditional students" in nursing programs.</u> 7. <u>Coordinate activities with the NSNA Image of Nursing Project and Image of Nursing Committee.</u> 8. <u>Coordinate the annual chapter Image of Nursing awards.</u> 9. <u>Be responsible for keeping Image of Nursing Committee web pages current and up to date.</u> 10. <u>Provide articles related to Image of Nursing for each issue of <i>Range of Motion</i></u> 11. <u>Provide a report at each of the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings.</u> 12. <u>Report to the House of Delegates</u> 	<p>nurses and the public on the accurate image of the nursing profession is essential for the profession's continual growth. Improving nursing students' and the public's perception of nursing will strengthen the voice of nursing as well as attract more people to the profession.</p>
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VI	<p>ARTICLE X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section 2. Elections</p> <p>B. Members eligible to vote at the House of Delegates shall be eligible to cast votes for elections of titled officers, COCR Co-chairs (North and South), and the Directors of Convention, Legislation, Breakthrough to Nursing, Communication, and Community Health.</p>	<p>Section 2. Elections</p> <p>B. Members eligible to vote at the House of Delegates shall be eligible to cast votes for elections of titled officers, COCR Co-chairs (North and South), and the Directors of Convention, Legislation, Breakthrough to Nursing, <u>Image of Nursing</u>, Communication, and Community Health.</p>	(See rational item V)
VII	<p>ARTICLE XI. ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES Section 1. Definition</p> <p>The association committees of CNSA shall be Legislative/Resolution, and Break Through to Nursing, Bylaws, Convention, Communication, Community Health, and general Membership/Recruitment.</p>	<p>Section 1. Definition</p> <p>The association committees of CNSA shall be Legislative/Resolution, <u>Image of Nursing</u>, and Break Through to Nursing, Bylaws, Convention, Communication, and Community Health., and general Membership/Recruitment.</p>	(See rational item V)
VIII	<p>ARTICLE XI. ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES Section 1. Definition</p>	<p>Section 1. Definition</p> <p>The association committees of CNSA</p>	General membership and recruitment is currently a function performed by all board members.

	<p>The association committees of CNSA shall be Legislative/Resolution, and Break Through to Nursing, Bylaws, Convention, Communication, Community Health, and general Membership/Recruitment.</p> <p>Section 2. Appointment</p> <p>Committee members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors with consideration of recommendations made by the chairpersons of each committee.</p> <p>Appointments to committees are for a one year term but members may be re-appointed to the committee to serve consecutive terms.</p>	<p>shall be Legislative/Resolution, Break Through to Nursing, Bylaws, Convention, Communication, Community Health, and general Membership/Recruitment, <u>Image of Nursing</u>.</p> <p>Section 2. Appointment</p> <p><u>A. Association Committees are chaired as outlined within these bylaws.</u></p> <p><u>B. Committee chairs shall submit the names of CNSA members willing to serve on the committee to the president for appointment.</u></p> <p><u>C. Committee members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors with consideration of recommendations made by the chairpersons of each committee.</u></p> <p><u>D. Appointments to committees are for a one year term but members may be re-appointed to the committee to serve consecutive terms.</u></p> <p><u>Section 3. Functions</u></p> <p><u>Committees shall develop functions and procedures and submit them annually to the Board of Directors.</u></p>	<p>The membership/Recruitment committee has never formed and met. Most functions regarding recruitment and retention seem appropriate for the Council of Chapter Representatives.</p> <p>Clarifying that it is the responsibility of each committee chair to submit names of CNSA members interested and willing to serve on each committee.</p>
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