

**September, 2009 Meeting
New Jersey Nursing Students, Inc.
1479 Pennington Road
Trenton, NJ 08618**

Date: September 12, 2009

Place: NJNS, Inc. Headquarters, 1479 Pennington Rd., Trenton, NJ 08618

Officers

President:	Regina Adams, RN
First Vice-President:	Marie Mupada, RN
Second Vice-President:	Jillalison Camp, RN
Secretary:	Sharon James, RN
Treasurer:	Janarra Crawford

Board Members

Community Health Director:	Adam Ramadan
Membership/Nominations Director:	Denise Abbruzzese, RN
Public Relations Director/ <i>Pulsebeat</i> Editor:	Danielle Lauda, RN
Legislation Education Director:	Amy Collazo
Resolutions Director:	Liz McFetridge
Breakthrough-to-Nursing Director:	Danielle Goodwin
Fundraising Director:	Nana Yeboah, RN
NJSNA Consultant:	Sandra Kearns, MSN, RN, CNE
NJLN Consultant:	Patrice Case, MSN, RN, BC
Parliamentarian:	Barbara Chamberlain, PhD, APRN
Presidential Advisor:	Melissa Campbell, MSN, RN
Presidential Advisor:	Regina Kukulski, RN, MSN, ACNS, BC
Staff Advisor/Admin Assistant:	Betsy Yannazzno, RN

Guests - None

Call to Order - Call to begin meeting by Regina at 10:10 am

Roll Call – Regina Adams, Marie Mupada, Jillalison Camp, Sharon James, Janarra Crawford, Adam Ramadan, Danielle Lauda, Amy Collazo, Liz McFetridge, Danielle Goodwin, Patrice Case, Barbara Chamberlain, Regina Kukulski, Betsy Yannazzno

Excused – Denise Abbruzzese, Nana Yeboah, Sandra Kearns, Melissa Campbell

Quorum Established

Meeting Minutes

Review of August meeting minutes:

Motion: To accept the August meeting minutes with corrections.

Motion made by: Marie

Motion seconded by: Jillalison

Discussion: None

Action: Carried

Treasurer's Report:

(Attached)

To avoid a service fee from the bank of \$30/month, our account balance needs to be maintained at \$25,000.

Regina suggested that Janarra speak with the bank regarding ways to reduce the monthly bank fees.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented

Motion made by: Sharon

Motion seconded by: Danielle G.

Discussion: None

Action: Carried

Presented 2009-2010 Proposed Budget

(Attached)

Each board member will review the proposed budget and it will be open for discussion at October's meeting.

Old Business:

MSA Security Company:

Regina wrote a second letter to MSA Security. She spoke with Evan Jahos (attorney for NJSNA). He suggested that Regina write one more letter to MSA Security, and if she doesn't receive a response, he will write a letter on behalf of NJNS. (Balance due to NJNS is approximately \$1,060.)

COSP update:

Sharon distributed copies of the agenda, questions and a list of the door prizes to the board. There are 120 minutes dedicated to the panel answering the questions. There are 12 questions and 4 panelists, so each panelist will have approximately 2.5 minutes to address each question, with a total of 10 minutes discussion on each question. She reminded the board to please wear appropriate business attire and arrive at 7:30am to set up.

Sharon will send a PDF version of the directions to NJSNA, COSP agenda and COSP panelist bios to Danielle L. to post on the website as soon as possible.

Approved mid-year board reports are due by September 28 to Betsy and Regina.

Regina will convert the board reports to PDF's and send to Danielle to post on the website.

After registering online, attendees will see a confirmation screen that will provide them with directions to NJSNA, COSP panelist bios and COSP agenda.

APPLE Awards – October 7, 2009: Board members who will attend include Regina, Danielle G. and Danielle L.

Mid-Year Convention: October 29-November 1: Board members who will attend include Danielle G, Amy and Jillalison. All attendees need to confirm attendance with Regina by Tuesday, September 15.

NJLN Autumn Gala – November 6, 2009: Board members who will attend include Regina, Sharon, Liz, Jillalison, Janarra, Adam, Marie, and Danielle G.

Regina will contact representatives at NJLN and NJSNA and place ads for both the APPLE & NJLN Autumn Gala brochures. (Budget includes funds for \$125/advertisement.)

New Business:

Convention sponsorships/ convention forms:

Regina distributed a complete packet of convention forms. It is each board member's responsibility to recruit sponsors, exhibitors and speakers for convention. Regina has contacted Drexel who has offered to sponsor the neck wallets for \$3,500, and they will provide the NCLEX Review, if we provide them with an exhibitor booth at our 2010 Convention at no charge.

Motion: To accept the offer of Drexel University to provide the NCLEX Review and sponsor the neck wallets for \$3,500 and NJNS will provide an exhibitor booth at NJNS Convention at no charge.

Motion made by: Jillalison

Motion seconded by: Marie

Discussion: None

Action: Carried

Advance Magazine has offered to write an article on the NJNS Convention in exchange for a free exhibitor booth at convention.

Motion: To deny the offer by Advance to write an article on the NJNS Convention in exchange for a free exhibitor booth at convention.

Motion made by: Marie

Motion seconded by: Jillalison

Discussion: None

Action: Carried

Possible first night party theme: "*Passport to Nursing*". Participants will wear scrubs. This concept will be discussed in more detail at the October meeting.

Motion: To wear scrubs for the First Night Party.

Motion made by: Marie

Motion seconded by: Danielle G.

Discussion: None

Action: Carried

The color of the scrubs that the board will wear will be discussed at the next meeting. One color suggestion that was discussed was Turquoise.

Jillalison will research pricing for scrubs for the board and present information at the next board meeting.

Convention schedule/ rooms to be used:

Regina spoke with Ford Phifer, the convention planner, at the Tropicana. We would like to keep the focus session rooms all in one area. Betsy, Sandra and Regina have a meeting with Ford on Thursday, September 17 regarding rooms for convention.

Suggestions for keynote/ endnote speakers: Dr. Kem Louie, Nelson Tuazon, Carol Houston
Jillalison will contact the suggested speakers.

Convention bags/ neck wallets:

Regina presented several different samples of neck wallets and tote bags. The board liked the neck wallets that cost \$1.31/piece. The board liked the tote bags that cost \$2.20/piece (from Asia Direct). Necessary quantity of each item: 2,400.

ByLaw Review:

Jillalison asked each board member to review their position responsibilities in the bylaws and email her regarding any necessary changes.

Website update:

All board members participated in a conference call with Mike at AfterCollege regarding the NJNS website.

Board Member Reports:

Adam: He will present a H1N1 Information & Breast Cancer Awareness table at COSP. He prepared and distributed community health packets to the board members that are also being sent out to all of the schools.

Marie: She is exploring potential convention exhibitors. She has emailed many different contacts. She has mailed Johnson & Johnson a request. Danielle L. will send a Johnson & Johnson contact list to Marie. She is going to attend the INPAC Breakfast.

Danielle G: She is putting together an information packet on reasons to join nursing as a career. She would like to work with daylight/twilight program in Mercer. She would like to speak with GED students and high school students to present information on the nursing career.

Announcements:

Barbara is retiring on October 2, 2009 from Kennedy Health System. The board all congratulated her.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Motion made by: Sharon

Motion seconded by: Jillalison

Discussion: None

Action: Carried

Meeting adjourned: 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon James, RN, Secretary

Regina Adams, RN, President