

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

**Date:** November 14, 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 Yannazzino, RN

**Guests** – None

**Call to Order** - Call to begin meeting by Regina at 10:15am

**Roll Call** – Regina Adams, Jillalison Camp, Sharon James, Janarra Crawford, Amy Collazo, Danielle Goodwin, Nana Yeboah, Sandra Kearns, Barbara Chamberlain, Betsy Yannazzino

**Excused** – Marie Mupada, Adam Ramadan, Denise Abbruzzese, Danielle Lauda, Liz McFetridge, Patrice Case, Melissa Campbell, Regina Kukulski

**Quorum Established**

## Meeting Minutes

### Review of October meeting minutes:

**Motion:** To accept the October meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by:** Jillalison

**Motion seconded by:** Danielle G.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Carried

### Treasurer's Report:

(Attached)

**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

**Motion made by:** Sharon

**Motion seconded by:** Jillalison

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Carried

### Taxes

Several copies of the final tax submission were circulated to the board for review. The taxes were prepared by Don Cammus.

**Motion:** To accept the 2008-2009 taxes as prepared.

**Motion made by:** Jillalison

**Motion seconded by:** Nana

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Carried

### Old Business:

#### **Convention bags/neck wallets**

Regina spoke with Paul at Hurst to arrange delivery of the convention bags. Regina ordered the neck wallets from Asia Direct.

#### **Exhibitors**

To date, fifteen exhibitors have signed up to exhibit. Several board members suggested possible vendors including jewelry vendors, Dansko, and medical supply companies (Standris). Betsy mentioned that some jewelry vendors want to pay a percentage of sales instead of a set exhibitor fee for the booth. The board agreed that this would not be an acceptable form of payment. Each board member should continue to secure additional exhibitors.

#### **Keynote/Endnote/Dean's and Director's Luncheon Speaker**

Jillalison spoke with Carol Huston, immediate past President of Sigma Theta Tau International, regarding delivering our Key Note address. An anonymous donor has offered to pay this speaker's airfare and hotel room costs. Ms. Huston charges a \$500 speaker's fee, which NJNS will pay. Jillalison suggested that Ms. Huston also speak at the Dean's and Director's Luncheon. Ms. Huston indicated to Jillalison that she would be willing to speak in any capacity at our convention.

Barbara mentioned that Carol Huston is an advocate of global health nursing. The board agreed that it would be a good idea to have Ms. Huston focus on this topic for the Key Note Address, and at the Dean's & Director's Luncheon, speak about the importance of teaching global health nursing. Sandra will review current curriculum requirements on this topic.

Jillalison suggested that we give a Certificate of Appreciation to our speakers. The board agreed that this is a good idea. Jillalison will be responsible for printing the certificates.

**Motion:** To invite Carol Huston to be our Key Note speaker & Dean's & Director's Luncheon speaker.

**Motion made by:** Jillalison

**Motion seconded by:** Danielle G.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Carried

### **End Note Speakers:**

Jillalison confirmed that for our End Note Speaker, we will reconvene the cultural competence panel that spoke at our COSP event in October, 2009. The panel will include the following nursing leaders:

Lydia Albuquerque, Founding President of the American Association of Indian Nurses – New Jersey Chapter

Leo Jurado, President of the Philippine Nurses Association of America, Inc.

Ana Nogueira, President of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses – New Jersey Chapter

Deborah Walker-McCall, President of the Northern New Jersey Black Nurses Association

In addition, Sandra has contacted Tamar Traube, an ER nurse who has agreed to join the panel to discuss the Orthodox Jewish community. Nana will contact a fellow nurse who converted to the Muslim religion to invite her to join the panel to present her views on the Muslim community.

**Motion:** To accept the stated cultural panel as our end-note speakers, with the possible addition of the nurse from the Muslim community.

**Motion made by:** Jillalison

**Motion seconded by:** Amy

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Carried

### **1<sup>st</sup> Night Party**

#### Decorations

Jillalison stated that we will use the same globes that we used at our COSP event as centerpieces. In addition, we will provide passports that participants can get stamped by talking with fellow nursing students that meet certain criteria (e.g. have traveled outside of the U.S., were born outside of the U.S., etc.). Regina's husband will make the passports. Jillalison and her committee will prepare the criteria for passport stamps. Prizes will be given for the students with the most stamps in their passports.

#### DJ

Regina will contact the same DJ that we used at last year's convention (Tom) to secure his services for this year's convention.

## Security

Regina will contact Larry Ross to provide security. The board determined that we will need security coverage from Wednesday at 4:00p through Friday at 9:00am.

## Board member scrubs

Jillalison has contacted Ace Screen Printing. The cost of the scrubs will be approximately \$25/pair. The board agreed that the color of the scrubs will be Caribbean Blue and that the scrubs will have grey embroidery on the upper left chest: NJNS and the board member's first name directly beneath.

**Motion:** To accept Cherokee Unisex Caribbean Blue scrubs for the board members to wear to the first night party.

**Motion made by:** Sharon

**Motion seconded by:** Danielle G.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Carried

**Motion:** To accept grey NJNS embroidered lettering on the upper left chest with the board member's first name directly beneath.

**Motion made by:** Amy

**Motion seconded by:** Jillalison

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Carried

## **Update on skills lab (attached)**

Update from Denise presented by Regina. Middlesex County College will not allow senior students to attend the NJNS convention because they are expected to ~~become members of the NJSNA~~. We need to have additional faculty to run the SIM Man simulations. Jillalison will speak with faculty members at Cumberland County College and Sharon will talk with Donna Cybulski (Skills Lab Coordinator) from Helene Fuld.

Addendum: in the paragraph above, the words "become members of the NJSNA" are hereby stricken from the minutes and replaced with the words "attend the NJSNA Nursing Convention in March". January 2, 2010.

Barbara suggested that we have two skills lab sessions. The first would be held from 9:00am-10:30am and the second would be held from 10:30am-12:00pm. The skills lab can have six stations with ten students per station. Students would receive colored cards with the number of the station where they will begin. Students will stay at each station for fifteen minutes and then rotate to the next station. Jillalison had some other thoughts on how to organize the skills lab, and will talk with her committee about it and present their suggestions at the next board meeting in December.

## New Business

### **Dean/Directors gifts**

Regina and Jillalison will research gifts and present information at the next board meeting in December.

### **Focus group speakers**

According to Jillalison, approximately 30 focus group speakers have been confirmed.

**Tentative Convention schedule - Thursday**

Exhibit Hall open: 8:00am-11:00am, 12:15pm-6:00pm

Exhibit Hall closed: 11:00am-12:15pm

Opening ceremony: 11:00am-12:15pm

1<sup>st</sup> focus session: 10:00am-10:50am (8 speakers)

Student Luncheon: 12:15pm-1:00pm

Dean's & Director's Luncheon: 12:30pm-2:00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> focus session: 2:00pm-2:50pm (8 speakers)

3<sup>rd</sup> focus session: 3:00pm-3:50pm (7 speakers)

4<sup>th</sup> focus session: 4:00pm-4:50pm (7 speakers)

5<sup>th</sup> focus session: 5:00pm-5:50pm (7 speakers)

**Bylaws:**

Regina asked Barbara and Sandra for clarification about which NJNS, Inc. board members are eligible to attend the Spring NSNA Convention. Sandra confirmed that according to our Bylaw amendment that was approved by last year's House of Delegates, the President and one alternate are approved to represent NJNS, Inc. at the Spring NSNA Convention. Barbara stated that we can vote to make a temporary change for 2010 due to present circumstances, if this becomes necessary.

**Registration help (Ladies in Blue)**

Monitors typically manage the registration booth. Depending on the number of registered monitors and other volunteers who are available to help with registration, we will need to revisit the need for additional staffing from the "Ladies in Blue" as the convention draws nearer.

**Monthly position updates:**

**Liz:** Jillalison distributed a copy of the resolution drafted by Liz on the topic: In Support of Improving Health Literacy. The board will review the resolution, bring suggestions, and vote to accept it at the December meeting. It is Liz's intention to present the resolution to the House of Delegates at the NJNS, Inc. convention in February, 2010 and to the House of Delegates at the NSNA convention in April, 2010. The board unanimously agreed that Liz did a fantastic job on the resolution.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 12:12pm

**Motion made by:** Sharon

**Motion seconded by:** Danielle G.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Carried

Meeting adjourned: 12:12pm

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Sharon M. James, RN, Secretary**

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**Regina Adams, RN, President**