

Greetings to Tennessee School Nurses!

I am very excited about the next 2 years, and I am honored to be able to serve as President of this great organization. I know you have all been extremely busy since our fall conference in Murfreesboro. There's never a dull moment in the work we do.

I want to thank Marjorie Hogan and Barbara Duddy, Past-Presidents, and Lisa Nistler, Treasurer, for their support as I begin my responsibilities as TASN President. You have all been great role models to school nursing, and very helpful to me. I also want to thank Sarah Hanback, past-secretary, for serving TASN so faithfully. We also elected our new secretary, Connie Robles from Shelby County, and we all look forward to working with her.

Fall Conference: The dates are November 2, 3, 4 2011, and will be held again at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. We will be looking at moving the conference for 2012, as the Embassy Suites has no dates available to us in the fall of 2012. We are planning speakers for this fall based on your conference evaluations and current school nurse issues.

Please make your plans now to attend. We strive to provide school nurses with practical information, but the networking that occurs is priceless! We plan to host a nighttime reception to provide networking opportunities again this year.

Membership: We invite all Tennessee school nurses to attend our annual conference, but we also encourage you to become a member of TASN/NASN. Your membership entitles you to complete access to the NASN website, journals, E-communication; discussion lists, discounts to conferences, products, and services and continuing education programs. You can access lots of things on the website without membership so check it out---www.nasn.org. AND visit our Tennessee school nurses website at www.tnschoolnurses.com for updates and information throughout the year.

Election of TASN Officers: This fall we will be electing a new treasurer. Please consider taking on this responsibility. It is vital to our organization. If you are interested, please email me at chogg@tipton-county.com to be placed on the ballot and send a short bio. The duties of the treasurer can be found on our website.

Election of NASN Officers:

In January, NASN announced that the NASN election information had been published to the NASN Web site and that election would once again be managed online. We shared an advertisement with you that was published in our January *NASN School Nurse* and our February *Journal of School Nursing*. If you are a member of TASN/NASN, please take a minute to vote.

Coordinated School Health: Last year, the CSH office asked the TASN Executive Committee and other school nurses to look at the Data & Compliance Report, streamline it where possible, and collect strong data that will help school nurses with our message that all children deserve a school nurse, and to demonstrate that we are truly making a difference in the lives of our students. Your CSH coordinators and school superintendents have received a copy of this report. Much of the data requested is based on information that must be reported to our state legislature. There will be written instructions from the CSH office to aid in completion of the report. We would like to thank CSH for the opportunity to voice our opinion on this very important report.

In closing, I would like to encourage you in your work as a school nurse during this time in our history. As we are faced with complex medical issues and high stress levels, focus on the positive outcomes you have seen with your students, and those times when you made a difference in the life of one child or his family.

“When we accept tough jobs as a challenge and wade into them with joy and enthusiasm, miracles can happen.” ---Harry S. Truman

Respectfully Submitted,

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