NSNA
National Student Nurses' Association, Inc.

2015/2016 Handbook for State Associations and School Chapters

GETTING THE PIECES TO FIT

- Constituency Application - Required Annually
- NSNA Bylaws and Code of Ethics
- Information on Running a School Chapter and a State Association
- Tips on Governance, Membership Recruitment, Communications, and more!

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NSNA’s Mission:
Bring together and mentor students preparing for initial licensure as registered nurses, as well as those enrolled in baccalaureate completion programs; convey the standards and ethics of the nursing profession; promote development of the skills that students will need as responsible and accountable members of the nursing profession; advocate for high quality, evidence-based, affordable and accessible health care; advocate for and contribute to advances in nursing education; and develop student nurses who are prepared to lead the profession in the future.

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Welcome

Welcome to Getting the Pieces to Fit (“Pieces”), the handbook for state, school, and national NSNA leaders. Pieces can be used in the following ways:

- As a guideline for starting an NSNA chapter.
- To assist with management of school and state chapters.
- As a reference for NSNA Bylaws.
- To apply for NSNA constituency status.
- To find out if NSNA events take place.

One of the most important items in Pieces is the Official Application for NSNA Constituency Status, on pages 35-36. Constituency status entitles constituents to:

- Delegate representation in the annual House of Delegates with voting privileges.
- Submit resolutions to the NSNA House of Delegates.
- Enter NSNA’s many contests. (See NSNA’s Awards and Honors booklet under Publications, www.nsna.org.)
- Affiliation with the largest nursing student association in the United States and national recognition.
- Access to NSNA Programs and Activities.

The constituency application must be:

- Completed annually and brought to Delegate Credentialing at the Annual NSNA Convention, or mailed or faxed to NSNA headquarters postmarked no later than 10 days after the close of the Annual House of Delegates meeting. The 2016 House of Delegates ends on April 2, 2016. The application must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2016 signed by a school officer (for a school constituent) or signed by the state president (for a state constituent).
- If your school or state is not an official constituent, contact NSNA.

Summary of Membership Benefits

Discounts & Practical Savings on Products/Services

Ease Your Tuition Costs with the Scholarship Program

The NSNA Foundation offers scholarships annually to undergraduate nursing students. NSNA members receive bonus points on the application for participating in NSNA. Scholarship recipients are recognized during nursing students. NSNA members receive bonus points on the application for participating in NSNA. Scholarship recipients are recognized during

25% Discount - NCLEX-RN® Review

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Members of NSNA receive a 25% discount on the hugely popular NCLEX-RN® Review published by Cengage Learning. Based on the latest NCLEX-RN® Test Plan from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), to place your order, visit www.nsna.org and click on the Cengage Learning banner ad on the home page. Offered by NSNA Alliance Partner: Cengage Learning.

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This online test preparation and review course provides nearly 5,000 NCLEX-style questions that test all core areas covered on the licensure exam. This unique exam preparation tool provides content review, practice subject area tests and full-length mock exams that simulate Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT logic) used in the actual NCLEX-RN® examination. Track your progress and pinpoint areas for improvement using the detailed performance dashboard. Offered by NSNA Alliance Partner: Cengage Learning.

HealthStream Professional Portfolio™. Free for NSNA members.

A comprehensive professional portfolio is the standard by which today's nursing candidate is evaluated. Representing your professional healthcare experience goes far beyond a simple resume.

Get FREE access by visiting www.healthstream.com/NSNAPortfolio. (Look for the NSNA logo to ensure that you are viewing the correct page. You will not be prompted for payment if you access this page.) Login ID = 6-digit NSNA membership number. (Membership number located on the Imprint mailing label above your name. You may have to drop the zero in front.) Default password: “password” – enter a new password after logging in for the first time. Offered by NSNA Alliance Partner: HealthStream.

School and Office Supplies – Save Up to 80% Off with Office Depot

Office Depot® and OfficeMax® are now 1 company! NSNA has partnered with Office Depot® and OfficeMax® to bring you a FREE national discount program. Save up to 80% off preferred products! Shop online or in stores! FREE next day delivery on orders over $50 (excludes furniture orders!). To shop online or print off your savings card, visit www.nsna.me/nsna-officedepot. Offered by NSNA Alliance Partner: Office Depot.

NSNA Visa® Platinum Rewards Program

Card Partner from UMB

The new custom National Student Nurses Association Visa® Platinum Rewards card gives you so many ways to earn points and so many ways to redeem them, it will quickly become your favorite way to pay.

You’ll earn points not only for purchases, but also for balance transfers and interest payments. You’ll even earn extra bonus points at hundreds of merchants, you’ll be amazed at how quickly your points add up and how many choices you’ll have when you’re ready to redeem them, including cash, travel, and merchandise rewards*. Apply for your National Student Nurses Association card at www.cardpartner.com/pro/app/nsna.

Imprint – NSNA Professional Magazine for Student Nurses

The Only Magazine Published by Student Nurses for Student Nurses

All NSNA members receive a subscription to Imprint®, which is mailed four times during the school year: September/October, November/December, February/March, and April/May. A special edition, the Career Planning Guide, is published online in January. For details on submitting articles, including focus for each issue, visit www.nsna.me/imprintauthors or visit the Publications section at www.nsna.org. Imprint is a publication of NSNA!
Motel 6 Savings - 10% Discount
Motel 6 has partnered with NSNA to provide all NSNA members a 10% discount at any of the 1,100+ pet-friendly Motel 6 locations in the U.S. and Canada. Motel 6 offers a clean, comfortable room and great service for the lowest price of any national chain, and the discount will help you save even more. To book your reservation, call 1-800-4-Motel 6, and use discount code - CP576803 to receive the discount. You can also book online at www.nsna.me/NSNAMotel6. We'll leave the light on for you. Offered by NSNA Alliance Partner: Motel 6.

Red Roof Inn - 15% Discount
Red Roof Inn has over 350 hotels across 41 states in the U.S. Take advantage of accommodations like free Wi-Fi, HBO, ESPN, CNN, and pets stay free! You will find great rooms, comfy beds, budget-conscious rates, and nice people devoted to making your stay a great one. Make reservations 1 of 3 different ways to receive your discount: 1. Online through NSNA's Red Roof Inn website at www.nsna.me/nsna-redroof; 2. Call 800-733-7663 and use promo code: 616272; 3. Onsite at any Red Roof Inn location, by mentioning promo code: 616272. Offered by NSNA Alliance Partner: Red Roof Inn.

Wyndham Hotel Brands - 20% Discount
Whether you are looking for an upscale hotel, an all-inclusive resort or something more cost-effective, NSNA members can save on rooms at nearly 7,000 participating hotels worldwide. Wyndham Hotels are offering Members up to 20% off the “Best Available Rate” at participating locations every time you travel. Visit Wyndham Rewards at www.nsna.me/nsna-wyndham or call our special member benefits hotline 1-877-670-7088 (be sure to mention Corporate Code # 100007739) Offered by NSNA Alliance Partner: Wyndham Hotel Group.

AZIGO - Receive Cash Back From Your Favorite Brands!
Azigo is an online shopping mall where NSNA members can earn lots of cash back by shopping at your favorite stores. Receive cash back from stores such as Kohl's, Target, Nordstrom, Zappos, 1-800 Flowers, Sephora and more. You will always have the peace of mind that you aren’t missing out on a sale, because you have your own personal stream of offers. And to top it off, Azigo allows you to stay organized by creating your own collection of brands. There’s no need to weed through offers trying to find the brands you prefer! Go to www.azigo.com/aa-nsna to start, and happy shopping! Offered by NSNA Alliance Partner: AZIGO

Health Insurance Marketplace
The NSNA Health Insurance Marketplace provides multi-level health benefits solutions for members and their families in all 50 states. Our licensed benefit counselor provide each member with a live needs analysis to identify the perfect coverage based on needs and budget. In one phone call, you now have the ability to shop, compare and enroll in both government exchange and private health insurance plans! Call 1-855-440-4456 for a FREE one-on-one consultation or visit www.nsna.me/nsna-healthins to learn more today.

NSO Professional Liability Insurance
Nurses Service Organization (NSO) is the official NSNA-endorsed provider of professional liability insurance for nursing students. NSO offers students malpractice protection coverage up to $1 Million per occurrence up to $6 million annually, for premium of only $35 a year!* After you graduate and begin to take on full nursing duties, you'll be eligible for a 50% discount off the full-time nurse's premium as a First-year Graduate (good for 12 months following graduation date). www.nsna.me/nsna-visa for more information.

*Rates may vary by state and are applicable only for those students who are not currently licensed healthcare professionals. Please see nso.com for further information on rates.

10% Off Uniform, Shoe and Accessory Needs Scrubs & Beyond and Life Uniform
Shop the top brands, most popular scrub styles and colors, plus stethoscopes and accessories for students. Receive a 10% discount off of in-store purchases at Scrubs & Beyond and Life Uniform stores or online at www.nsna.me/scrubsandbeyond. Use code NSNASB10 online and show your NSNA membership card in stores.

Uniform City
Shop famous brand scrubs at discount prices in popular scrub styles and colors, plus stethoscopes and accessories for students. Receive a 10% discount off of in-store purchases at Uniform City stores or online at www.nsna.me/uniform_city. Use code NSNAUC10 online and show your NSNA membership card in stores.

Reduced Membership Rates for Professional Specialty Nursing Organizations
NSNA Membership Program
NSNA members can join selected specialty nursing organizations at a reduced rate available only to NSNA members. Call or log on to the nursing organization to join.

- Academy of Neonatal Nursing (ANN)
  1-707-795-2168 • http://nsna.me/ANN_nsna
- American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN)
  1-215-243-5813 • http://nsna.me/AAMN_nsna
- American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA)
  1-800-278-2462 or www.ahna.org
- American Nurses Association
  1-800-274-4ANA • http://nsna.me/ANA_nsna
- American Nephrology Nurses’ Association (ANNA)
  1-856-256-2320 • http://nsna.me/ANNA_nsna
- American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)
  1-312-422-2800 • http://nsna.me/AONE_nsna
- Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN)
  1-800-755-2676 • http://nsna.me/AORN_nsna
- Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON)
  1-855-202-9760 • http://nsna.me/APHON_nsna
- The American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses (ASPSN)
  1-877-337-9315 • http://nsna.me/ASPSN_nsna
- The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS)
  1-202-777-1166 • http://nsna.me/CANS_nsna
- Dermatology Nurses Association (DNA)
  1-800-454-4362 • http://nsna.me/DNA_nsna
- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
  1-800-900-9659 • http://nsna.me/ENA_nsna
- International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN)
  1-41-626-7805 • http://nsna.me/IAFN_nsna
- National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN)
  1-800-451-3795 • http://nsna.me/NANN_nsna
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)
  1-866-257-4667 • http://nsna.me/ONS_nsna

Other Nursing Publications
20% Discount with Free Shipping – Fast Facts for Career Success in Nursing by Connie Vance
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20% Discount – 7 Summits: A Nurse’s Quest to Conquer Mountaineering and Life by Patrick Hickey
7 Summits: A Nurse's Quest to Conquer Mountaineering and Life tells the story of how hard work, persistence, a belief in oneself, and the support of family and friends can get one to the top of the world. This book explores the broader perspectives of goal setting, motivation, dedication, and the pursuit of challenge in the face of extreme adversity. This book is a captivating story and a must-have for every practicing or student nurse. (Kendall Hunt Publishing). A portion of proceeds supports the FNSNA "Nurses Can Do Anything" scholarship. A Nurse's Quest to Conquer Mountaineering and Life, please contact Kendall Hunt Customer Service at 1-800-228-0810. To receive the 20% discount, you must provide the customer service representative with the author and title of the book, and indicate that you are an NSNA member.
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- American Journal of Nursing - 12 issues per year, promo code WEY063ZC
- Nursing Made Incredibly Easy - 6 issues per year, promo code WEY063ZB

Opportunities for Involvement & Leadership Development

Academic Recognition for Participating in NSNA
NSNA Leadership University*
The NSNA Leadership U* recognizes the leadership and management skills that students learn by virtue of their participation in the NSNA. Through a partnership between students, faculty, and their schools, NSNA members who document their involvement in NSNA may receive academic credit for participating in NSNA leadership activities. They receive an NSNA Leadership U* certificate in their senior year. Visit NSNA Leadership U at www.nsnaleadershipu.org.

NSNA Events
Convention and Conference Discounts
Annual Convention and MidYear Career Planning Conference fees are reduced for those who register in advance. NSNA members receive an additional discount. Registration fees are posted at www.nsn.org under Meetings as the date of the event approaches.

Summer Leadership Conference
The Conference is held each year so that attendees can gain a better understanding of NSNA's mission and programs. Attendees create stronger school and state chapters, and learn to problem solve and share ideas.

MidYear Career Planning Conference
The 33rd Annual MidYear Career Planning Conference takes place November 5-8, 2015, in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel. The MidYear Conference includes the Council of State Presidents, Leadership University Certificate Program for treasurers and consultants and advisors, and features an NCLEX® mini-review course. Representatives from several specialty nursing organizations help you explore the many career opportunities open to you. The keynote speaker is Sally Karioth, PhD, RN, nurse, teacher, writer, talk show hostess and nationally renowned grief therapist.

Annual Convention
“Nursing: Where Imaginations and Journeys Meet,” is the 2016 Annual NSNA Convention theme. The 64th Annual Convention takes place March 30 – April 3, 2016 in Orlando, Florida at the Coronado Springs Resort in Walt Disney World. Plenary and focus sessions, exhibits, social events, and association activity seminars are just some of the highlights. Delegates from hundreds of schools are represented in the House of Delegates. The keynote speaker is Matthew D. Jones, BA, MLS, inspirational speaker and author. A special NCLEX mini-review course and American Red Cross Disaster Certification are also offered.

Programs and Activities
A Voice in Washington
NSNA conducts an annual Voter Registration and Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign from September to November each year. The campaign provides opportunities for participation in political education activities. Through Legislative Education Resources (www.bitly.com/nsnaled) members can stay informed about legislative issues of importance to student nurses and the profession.

Community Health/Disaster Preparedness Activities
NSNA members partner with many groups on community health and disaster preparedness activities at the state association and school chapter levels. NSNA provides resources and awards for conducting effective projects in both of these important areas through collaborative efforts with the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) National Incident Management System (NIMS) Certification Courses, the American Red Cross Student Nurse Program. NSNA members and chapters are encouraging student nurses and faculty to collaborate to include education on disaster nursing within their curriculum and NSNA chapter activities to prepare them to participate in disaster preparedness, recovery and relief projects. For more information go to www.bitly.com/nsna-chdp.

Project In Touch – Member Recruitment Contest
Only NSNA members are eligible for Project In Touch. This membership incentive plan offers valuable prizes for recruiting members. Sponsored prizes are offered. Recruiters may download the NSNA recruitment video at www.bitly.com/nsnawave. The Grand Prize is a trip to the Annual Convention, and is sponsored by the American Journal of Nursing. (See p.17 for details)

Breakthrough to Nursing (BTN)
BTN focuses on increasing the number and diversity of students choosing nursing as a career. It involves students throughout the country who are working to recruit students into nursing. See www.nsna.me/nsnavtb.

Awards and Recognition
NSNA members who contribute to the leadership development and advancement of nursing students and NSNA are recognized during the NSNA Annual Convention. Be a part of this dynamic leadership team by participating in the many programs and competitions. Only NSNA members and NSNA school and state constituents are eligible to win NSNA contests for all the various Program Activities, including: Breakthrough to Nursing’ Project Awards; Community Health Project Awards; Disaster Preparedness Award; Dr. Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence Award; Image of Nursing Project Award; Isabel Hampton Robb Leadership Award (Open to state presidents and presidents-elect); Leader of Leaders Award (For faculty/advisors/consultants nominated by an NSNA member); Legislation/Education Award; By-laws and Policies Award; Empowering Resolutions Award; Global Initiatives in Nursing Award; Global Initiatives International Photo Contest; Newsletter Contest; Precious Metal Awards; Project In Touch; State Excellence Award; Website Award; Winners’ Way (Membership Award). Download the NSNA Awards and Honors Booklet at www.nsna.me/nsnaawards.

Section 1
Introduction to NSNA

Membership Requirements
There are four categories of NSNA membership: active, associate, sustaining, and honorary. Only active and associate members have privileges of membership and the right to vote in representation of NSNA’s House of Delegates.

Active members are students enrolled in state-approved programs preparing for registered nurse licensure or registered nurses in programs leading to a baccalaureate in nursing.

Associate members. Pre-nursing students enrolled in college or university programs who are taking the prerequisite courses designed as preparation for entrance into a program leading to an associate degree, diploma or baccalaureate degree in nursing, are eligible for associate membership. Associate members have all the privileges of membership but they cannot hold the office of president or vice-president on the state and national levels.

Sustaining members are individuals and organizations not eligible for active or associate membership, interested in the development and growth of NSNA. They receive NSNA publications and a reduced registration fee at NSNA functions. Use of Club Quarters facilities at low rates is also available. For more information about Club Quarters, please visit https://clubquarters.com.

Honorary membership, NSNA's highest honor, is given upon recommendation of the NSNA Board of Directors by the House of Delegates to persons who have rendered distinguished services to NSNA (NSNA Bylaws). Individuals considered for Honorary Membership should have given at least five years of service to NSNA, or have performed in an extraordinary fashion. Honorary members and Sustaining members do not receive any benefits related to NSNA's governance.
functions under a committee structure. The president is an ex-officio member of all Board committees. Board members conduct roundtable workshops in their respective areas at the MidYear Conference and Association Activity Seminars at Annual Convention.

Nominating and Elections Committee
Members of the Nominating and Elections Committee are elected by the House of Delegates to seek out candidates for national office and to present a slate of nominees for all elected positions of the association. The committee also oversees the campaigning at the convention. The committee’s function is a vital one, and it is its sole responsibility. There are four members of the Nominating and Elections Committee, including the chairperson, who is elected from among the committee members by the House of Delegates. The chairperson directs the work of the committee so that it will properly fulfill its assignment. The Nominating and Elections Committee reports to the House of Delegates.

Resolutions Committee
The Resolutions Committee is appointed by the NSNA President with Board approval. This committee reviews all resolutions submitted in order to ensure workable implementation before resolutions are presented to the House of Delegates. Specifically, the committee edits, rewrites, or combines resolutions; consults with the makers of all resolutions; and rejects those resolutions that are considered unfeasible, submitted after the deadline, or duplicate existing NSNA policies.

All NSNA state and school constituents may submit one resolution to be considered by the 2016 NSNA House of Delegates during the Annual Convention. To meet the submission deadline, complete resolution applications must be received at NSNA Headquarters by 5:00 pm ET on February 3, 2016. State constituents with conventions after this date can receive a deadline extension.

All school constituents must meet the deadline. Resolutions should be submitted on matters of national importance affecting student nursing, nursing, and the health needs of the public. All resolutions must have a national (not a state or local) focus. Once passed by the House of Delegates, resolutions become official NSNA policy. Before writing a resolution, check the policies on www.nsna.org. The complete “Resolution Guidelines” are available on www.nsna.org under Resolutions.

NSNA Council of State Presidents Planning Committee
The NSNA Council of State Presidents Planning Committee plans and conducts the Council of State Presidents (COSP) meeting at the MidYear Conference and Annual Convention. The members of the planning committee are state presidents elected at COSP. The chair of the COSP Planning Committee serves as ex-officio member of the NSNA Board of Directors.

Committee Chairperson: Shawn Guerette, President, Student Nurses’ Association of South Carolina. Members: Katie Kemp, Minnesota Student Nurses’ Association; Thomas Ward, California Nursing Students Association; Sarah Trandel, Maryland Association of Nursing Students; Ryan Bannan, President, National Student Nurses’ Association.
2015-2016 NSNA Board of Directors
Front row (l to r): Megan Goodman, Director; Caroline Miller, Vice President; Ryan Bannan, President; Kelly Bell, Secretary/Treasurer
Back Row (l to r): Tanya Davis, Director; Sabrina Lior, Imprint Editor; Johanna Bridges, Director; Jae Kook Lim, Breakthrough to Nursing Director; Shawn Guerette, Ex-Officio; Adam Tebben, Director.

The Board of Directors, composed solely of student nurses, sets the policy for NSNA between meetings of the House of Delegates; has fiduciary responsibility for the association; and directs the activities of the association.

The Executive Director is appointed by the Board of Directors to implement the policies and decisions of the Board and the House; serves as administrative officer of the association; and reports to the Board of Directors through the president.

The Nominating and Elections Committee (NEC) is also composed solely of student nurses, and is elected by the House to select a slate of candidates for elections the following year. The NEC is a separate body from the Board of Directors and reports directly to the House of Delegates.

NSNA Structure
Members are active and associate members as described above under Membership Requirements. These members make up the School Constituents and State Constituents, whose activities and responsibilities are described in Sections II and III of this handbook. Through school constituents and state constituents, the members have representation in the House of Delegates, the major decision-making body of NSNA, which meets each year during the Annual Convention. The House sets direction for the association, and elects the members of the Board of Directors and Nominating and Elections Committee.

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2015-2016 Nominating and Elections Committee
Left to Right: Amanda Nuckols, (Northern Election Area); Shayla Monroe, (Southern Election Area); Kaitlin Lovato (Chair), (Western Election Area); and Tori Graf, (Eastern Election Area).
NSNA Communications

NSNA communicates with members through its website, www.nsna.org, Imprint*, email, and mailings.

State presidents and state consultants receive the COSP Connection (eNewsletter) and have access to Community of State Presidents Facebook page.

NSNA communicates directly with deans and directors of schools of nursing through email, Imprint*, and Death's Notes. Faculty advisors receive broadcast emails.

Important broadcasts to the entire membership as well as faculty advisors include:

1. **Weekly email updates**: typically sent out each Friday and as needed.
2. **The Back-to-School Email**: includes information about developing and strengthening state and school chapters; web links to updated NSNA publications; and important NSNA activities.
3. **Convention Alert**: information about the Annual Convention, the House of Delegates, and membership updates.
4. **Delegate Notification**: information about preparation for House of Delegate participation. Let the NSNA office know if you are not receiving the broadcast emails. The problem can be corrected.

**Election Areas**

The country is divided into four election areas. These areas are not intended to be a formal structure, but rather allow for increased communication within NSNA.

Four directors and the Nominating and Elections Committee members are elected from these areas to ensure representation of students in all areas of the country.

The chart below describes election areas. Once elected, directors represent the entire country and not their election area.

**EASTERN ELECTION AREA**

- Connecticut
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Delaware
- New Jersey
- Maryland
- Virginia
- Louisiana
- North Carolina

**SOUTHERN ELECTION AREA**

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Tennessee
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Texas

**NORTHERN ELECTION AREA**

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Ohio
- South Dakota

**WESTERN ELECTION AREA**

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- Oregon
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

**The Foundation of the NSNA**

The FNSNA was created in 1969 to honor Frances Tompkins, the Association’s first Executive Director. Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, the Foundation awards scholarships and other programs for student nurses. Since 1974, the FNSNA has awarded over $3.8 million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate student nurses. Contributions to the FNSNA are tax-deductible. The Foundation is organized as a 501 (C) (3) charitable foundation.

**FNSNA Board of Trustees**

The governing body of the Foundation is elected by its membership and the NSNA Board of Directors. The Foundation shares offices with NSNA, but is a separate corporation.

President: **Jenna Meredith**, MSN, RN, Past NSNA President, Registered Nurse, Youth and Adolescent Inpatient Behavioral Health, Parkview Behavioral Health Hospital and Adjunct Faculty, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN; Vice President: **Kenya Haney**, MSN, RN, HSM, Director, Cardiology Service & Respiratory Care Services, BJc Healthcare - St. Louis, MO, President & CEO, K. Haney & Associates; **Patrick Hickey**, DrPH, RN, CNOR, Faculty Principal, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; Treasurer: **Lola M. Fehr**, RN, MS, CAE, RF, FAAN, Retired CEO, Trustees: **Carol Toussie Weingarten**, PhD, RN, ANEF, Associate Professor, Villanova University, Villanova, PA; **Robert Hess**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Executive Vice President, Education Content, Credentialing, Nurse.com Founder, Forum for Shared Governance; **Tina Filoromo**, RN, Vice President, Chief Human Resource Officer, System Officer HR Operations, Trinity Health, Livonia, MI; **Rosella Garcia**, Senior Director of Alumni Relations, Teachers’ College, Columbia University, DC; **David Mehok**, CEO, CLEAResult, Austin, TX; Ex-Officio: **Ryan Bannan**, President, NSNA, and **Diane Mancino**, EdD, RN, CAE, FAAN who serves as the FNSNA Executive Director.

**Nursing Scholarships**

The FNSNA awards over $290,000 annually in both the General Scholarship and Promise of Nursing programs. Individual scholarships range from $1,000 to $7,500. Qualified applicants are U.S. citizens and students with an Alien Registration number currently enrolled in state-approved schools of nursing or pre-nursing in associate degree, baccalaureate, diploma, generic doctorate, and generic master’s programs. Accelerated BSN students are also eligible to apply. Funds are not available for graduate study unless it is for a first degree in nursing. RN to BSN/MSN and LPN/LVN to RN students are also eligible.

**Promise of Nursing Scholarships** are available in selected regions of the US. The zip code of the applicant’s school/college of nursing determines eligibility for this scholarship program, which is supported by fund-raising events sponsored by Johnson & Johnson. Funds for this scholarship program are supported by contributors in selected regions. Applications are submitted online (deadline January 29, 2016) at www.forevernursing.org.

Scholarships are awarded in the spring of 2016 for use in summer school 2016 and the 2016 – 2017 academic year.

**NSNA Responsibilities**

NSNA’s overall responsibilities to its constituents and members are:

**Communications**
- Provide communication vehicles for constituents
- Develop guidelines and evaluation tools
- Produce and distribute publications
- Publish magazine/email updates
- Serve as an information resource
- Public relations

**Education**
- Promote involvement in the NSNA Leadership University®
- Provide leadership education for shared-governance activities
- Liaise with appropriate state and national associations, state boards of nursing, and schools of nursing
- Develop guidelines to implement NSNA programs and activities
- Encourage participation in curriculum committees
- Provide consultation services and educational programs
- Provide services and tools to help students achieve RN licensure

**Finances**
- Serve as a resource to state treasurers
- Serve as a resource for scholarships, traineeships, and loan information
- Develop guidelines and certificate program for Treasurers
- Provide fundraising information
Student Rights, Grievance Information, and Ethics
• Disseminate the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities for Nursing Students
• Disseminate the NSNA Code of Ethics (Code of Academic and Clinical Conduct; Code of Professional Conduct)
• Core Values

Legislation
• Political education and voter registration campaign
• Liaise with legislators on specific legislation and with legislative organizations and government agencies
• Develop positions as needed and monitor legislation
• Develop guidelines and distribute information

Membership Services
• Process membership
• Provide membership recruitment tools (i.e., membership brochure and video)
• Distribute membership cards
• Gather statistics and keep records
• Provide benefits and services
• Assist in recruitment and retention of members

Relationships with Other Organizations
• Represent NSNA members’ views with national and international associations (e.g., ANA, NLN, Nursing Organization’s Alliance, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, American Organization of Nurse Executives, Organization of Associate Degree Nursing, and International Council of Nurses)
• Liaise with appropriate student health associations

Recruitment into Nursing and Career Counseling
• Promote Breakthrough to Nursing® goals
• Liaise with faculty, deans, and directors
• Liaise with health care recruiters
• Provide and promote career planning services
• Develop and distribute recruitment materials

2015-2016 Appointed NSNA Representatives
Resolutions Committee
Susan Hansen (Chairperson), University of North Colorado, Greeley, CO; Rachel Miller, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; Ola Glezen, Oakland Community College, Waterford, MI; Jaclyn Malone, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY; Brent Reel, National University, Los Angeles, CA; Bridget Camien, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS.

Note: due to the high volume of resolutions, the NSNA Board of Directors added a sixth committee member in June 2015.

Consultants
NSNA’s two consultants serve as resource persons to the Board of Directors, members and staff, and are responsible for exchanging information between the Board of Directors of NSNA, the American Nurses Association, and the National League for Nursing. NSNA’s consultants are: Rebecca Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR, FAAN, appointed by the American Nurses Association; and Cheryl Taylor, PhD, RN, FAAN appointed by the National League for Nursing.

Imprint®
The NSNA president, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoints all NSNA representatives to other organizations including the Imprint® Happenings and Up Close Reporters. The reporters work closely with the Imprint® editor and write the Happenings and Up Close columns for each issue of Imprint®.

The 2015-2016 Up Close reporter is Brian Duncan, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, PA. The Happenings reporter is Katelyn Finnegan, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY.