

NJSNA/IFN CEO Report for NJ Nurse December

CEO-Judy-Schmidt



Political Updates:

Although co-sponsors continue to be added to the following bills, there has been no movement of the bills as of 6-30-24.

Legislation Watch:

- Removal of APN/Physician Collaborating Agreement (A944/S1983)
 - Referred to Assembly Health Committee
 - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
- Nurse Staffing Committees (A966)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
- Nurse Title Protection (A4202)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
- BSN in 10 (A1017/S1050)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
 - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
- Establishes initiatives related to nurses (A1659/S1949)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
 - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
- Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs (A2805/S1761)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
 - Referred to Senate Commerce Committee
- Nurse Ratio bill- Sets mandated nurse to patient ratios (A9/S1941).
Referred to Assembly Health Committee
Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

Meetings held with NJ Legislators and/or their staff regarding Nursing focused bills:

- Asm. John Azzariti District 39 Chief of Staff (COS) (Westwood)
- Senator Paul Moriarty District 4 COS (Turnersville)
- Jack Ciattarelli, Republican Gubernatorial Candidate
- Asw. Margie Donlon, MD, District 6 (Ocean Twps. Monmouth County)
- Asm. Sterley Stanley District 18 COS (East Brunswick). Chair of Regulated Professions

Collaboration with the New Jersey Board of Nursing:

- All NJ Board of Nursing positions have been filled except one LPN and two public members.
- Continuing to facilitate resolution to problems that NJSNA members and non-members are experiencing. The NJSNA Executive Board met with leadership in the Division of Consumer Affairs last year to discuss issues that our members were having when contacting the board of nursing. This dialogue will remain open until resolutions are obtained.
- NJSNA continues to assist its members with any issues regarding licensure.
- NJBON subcommittee reviewing a proposed rule to add procedures to the APN joint protocols. Nursing Organizations including NJSNA have sent letters opposing this proposal. NJBON sent proposed rule to the Attorney General's (AG) office for legal opinion. Still waiting for a response from AG's office.

Collaboration with the American Nurses Association (ANA):

- Attended ANA Open Board Meeting and Pres/ED meetings (virtual)
- Attended meeting regarding ANA Enterprise Rebranding

- Attended meeting regarding ANCC and C/SNA relationships.
- Met with Pennsylvania and Delaware ED's regarding collaborative relationship.
- Attended ANA-PAC Leadership Society Meeting
- Attended ANA Hill Day
- Attended ANA Membership Assembly

Collaboration with other organizations:

NJSNA continues to network with and provide valuable input into the following:

- NJ Business and Industry Health Care Policy Committee
- Clinicians for Climate Health.
- Jersey Renews
- ANCC Taskforce Subcommittee
- Consortium of New Jersey Nurse Educators
- ONL NJ Legislation and Advocacy Committee
- Rutgers University School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Kean University School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Felician University School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Thomas Edison State University Advisory Committee
- Nurture New Jersey- looking at Maternal-child mortality and morbidity.
- New Jersey Collaborating Center
- New Jersey Nursing and Emotional Well-Being Institute (NJ-NEW)
- New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- New Jersey State School Nurses
- New Jersey Nursing Students
- Nurses Service Organization (NSO) Insurance Company
- Health Professionals and Allied Employees regarding nursing workplace issues
- Attended PNA NJ Annual Picnic
- Attended PNA NJ Annual Scholarships and Awards Gala

NJSNA received their President's Award
 Attended the AAIN-NJ2 Gala Night
 Attended Nurses Service organization (NSO) Annual Conference
 Presented to Caldwell Nursing Students Political Advocacy
 Presented to Rutgers Newark Nursing Students Political Advocacy
 Lorna Breen Foundation -Caring for Caregivers

Meetings attended:
 NJSNA/IFN Annual Professional Summit

NJSNA President-Elect and Chair, Institute for Nursing

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IFN Mission is to preserve the heritage, principles, values, and practices of our healing profession through the support of scholarship, education, and research.

IFN Vision is to engender the spirit of giving to nurture the soul of nursing now and for future generations.

Celebrating the IFN's Achievements and Impact: A Heartfelt Thank You

At the end of 2024, I leave the position of Chair of the Institute for Nursing. I am pleased and proud to recognize the accomplishments of the Board of Trustees, the Scholarship Committee, the Awards Selection Committee and the Fundraising Committee. These are only a few of their achievements.

- The institutefor nursing.org website was reviewed and revised to reflect correct content and current information.
- The IFN Bylaws were reviewed and revised and approved by the Board on 1/9/24. Revisions include: 1) The position of Trustee Emeritus (granted at the discretion of the Chair and with the approval of the Board after completion of their term or following retirement) was created for those who made significant contributions to the IFN and 2) In the event of dissolution, after paying all liabilities, all assets will be distributed to

the NJSNA.

- Edward Allison, Public Trustee, resigned from the Board. The Board approved and welcomed a new Public Trustee, Maria Iacona Dietrich.
- At the end of 2024, Vice Chair Dely Go will have completed her term on the IFN Board. We thank Dely for her years of service and her many significant contributions to the Institute.
- There is currently one open Public Trustee position and at the end of the year there will be one NJSNA Trustee position open on the IFN Board. A call for these positions will be sent to the NJSNA membership in November.
- The previously combined NJSNA/IFN Policy and Procedure Manual was separated into policies and procedures that were applicable to each entity. The IFN Board approved several revisions to the policies and procedures. The complete approved IFN Policy and Procedure Manual (5/21/24) was posted on Nursing Network.
- Donations from June 2023-May 2024 totaled \$21,150.
- The IFN had a favorable budgetary outcome. The IFN exceeded expectations, surpassing the budgeted figure substantially.

- A total of \$12,000 was designated for scholarships in the 2024-2025 RAMP budget. Scholarships assist participants to remain in and successfully complete the program.
- The general scholarship application was revised. Thirteen scholarships totaling \$22,500 were awarded to 17 recipients.
- At the Diva and Don Gala in April, the IFN honored 20 accomplished leaders.
- Successful fundraisers were held throughout the year to support the IFN mission.

The IFN wouldn't be where it is today without the invaluable contributions of our Board of Trustees and their committees. I extend a sincere expression of gratitude to each member. Your time, dedication, and contributions have been instrumental in the success of the IFN.

Thank you, Donors!

We acknowledge our donors for their amazing dedication to the Institute for Nursing and, in some cases, honor the person they designate for recognition. Each contribution helps us to live our mission and achieve our goals. From June 2024 to present, IFN donations total over \$3000.