It was my great honor to attend the NASN Board of Directors meeting in Orlando, FL, June 24th, 25th, 2013. The board meeting and conference were held at the Swan and Dolphin Resort, which was a beautiful location for a summer conference.

- 2 new directors were installed as interim directors for their state (NE and AZ)
- I was reappointed for another year, to NASN’s Executive Committee, by NASN President Carolyn Duff. My Strategic Committee assignment is the Advocacy Committee, which is the committee I have chaired this past year as well.

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- **2013 Membership Survey** – This past spring NASN conducted a Membership Survey for members as well as non-members and final data will be sent out to all members in the upcoming months.
- **Online Educational Programs continue to be available and two new programs are:** Tick-borne Illness, and Behavioral Health
- **NASN has many “Print Resources”** that are available online to assist school nursing with their school nursing practice
- **Strategic Planning** – I attended a “Strategic Planning meeting on June 23rd, in Orlando, with the Executive Committee members, two board of director members and the President Elect designee, Beth Mattey. Over the next six months, NASN strategic committees will continue working on goals and strategies to complete the strategic planning process. The winter board meeting will be an opportunity to finalize the strategic plan, vote on it, and implement it’s strategies over the next 3 years.
- **New TEXTBOOKS** –
  - “School Nurse Administrators: Leadership and Management”
  - “Depression in Children and Adolescents: Guidelines for School Practice”
  - “School Nursing a Comprehensive Text”
- **Legislative** –
  - School nurse language has been added to the ESEA (Elementary/Secondary Education Act), legislation
  - California Supreme Court – Diabetes
  - National Mental Health Conversations
- **Advocacy** –
  - Student to School Nurse Ratio Improvement Act of 2013 (H.R. 1857)
  - Advocacy and Policy webpage: nasn.org/PolicyAdvocacy
  - Children’s Health Summit
  - Web-based communications – School Nurse Net
  - NASN Facebook
  - NASN Twitter
• **Member Programs**
  ◦ Childhood Obesity Prevention
  ◦ Mental Health
  ◦ Adolescent Health
  ◦ Diabetes
  ◦ Anaphylaxis
  ◦ Position Documents
  ◦ Online Programs – HPV and Tick-borne Illness

• **Research**
  ◦ School Nurse Survey
  ◦ Chronic Disease Management (Member only)
  ◦ Cultural Competency and Health Disparities

• **IOM – Future of Nursing** – NASN continues to recommend that state professional organizations collaborate with state coalitions and to continue to support efforts of allowing school nurses to practice at the full extent of their education and licensure.

• **ENDOWMENT** – A monumental event occurred at this summer’s conference, as the NASN Endowment reached their goal of 1,000,000.00. This is truly an amazing achievement, as well as a historical event! The Endowment funds will be used for research and continued fund raising will occur to now add to the principal of the funding stream.

✓ I conducted a preconference School Emergency Triage Training, on June 26th, and also co-presented with a Medical Reserve Corps Regional Director on the collaboration between MRC and the School Nurse, on Saturday, June 29th.

✓ It was also very exciting to collaborate with Cindy Galemore, NASN School Nurse editor, who had a booth during the Exhibit venue. She does such a great job, with the journal as well as with representing Kansas school nurses.

✓ On Monday, July 1st, I attended Kansas State Board of Nursing’s 100th Celebration as they celebrated 100 years of nursing regulation. A reception was held and a crowd of nursing professionals helped to celebrate the monumental event. Governor Brownback was also on hand to congratulate KSBN on the great work they have done!

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