

# CONVENTION 101

Presented by:  
Student Nurses Association of PA  
Board of Directors

# WHAT IS THE STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION OF PA (SNAP)?

- ◉ Student run organization that represents over 5,000 nursing students in PA
- ◉ Part of the National Student Nurses' Association
- ◉ One of the largest state constituents of NSNA
- ◉ Recipient of multiple NSNA's Winner's Way Membership Contest awards

# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- ◉ Leadership opportunities
- ◉ Exam preparation courses
- ◉ Scholarships
- ◉ Career information
- ◉ Publication discounts
- ◉ Legislative representation
- ◉ Quarterly association newsletter
- ◉ Annual convention

# WHAT IS CONVENTION?

- Convention provides:
  - Exceptional speakers to inform you of the latest trends, issues, and career opportunities in nursing
  - Learning opportunities about prominent nursing issues
  - Opportunities for leadership development
  - Participation in the House of Delegates
  - Networking with hundreds of nursing students from around the state
  - The chance to meet many prospective employers in the Exhibit Hall

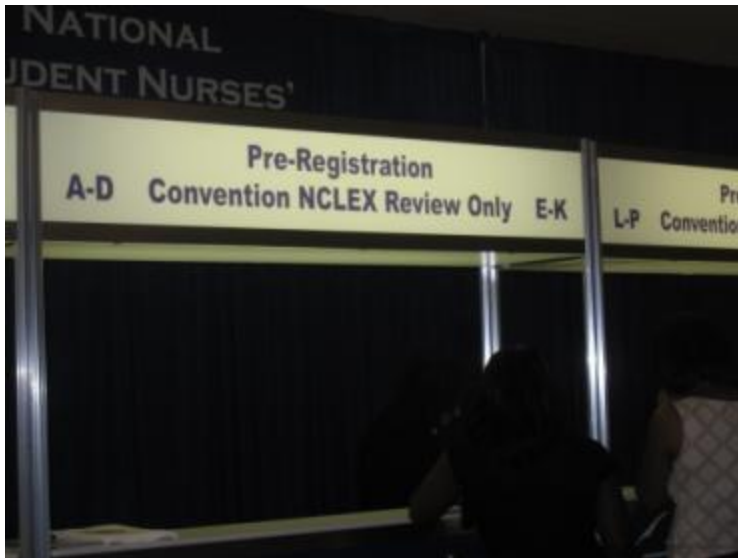
# WHAT WILL I SEE AT CONVENTION?

- ◉ Registration
- ◉ Nurse Challenge Bowl
- ◉ Business Meetings
- ◉ House of Delegates
- ◉ Resolutions
- ◉ Keynote Speaker
- ◉ Workshops
- ◉ Exhibit Hall
- ◉ Awards Banquet
- ◉ Running for State Office
  - Elections
  - Voting

# REGISTRATION

## ○ Pre-registration

- Done prior to arrival at convention
- Cost:
  - NSNA members: \$40
  - Non-NSNA members: \$60
- Upon check in, receive your name badge and a complementary tote



# REGISTRATION (CONT.)

- On-site Registration
  - Done upon arrival at convention
  - Must pay at time of check in
  - Costs:
    - NSNA members: \$50
    - Non-NSNA Members: \$70
  - Upon check in, receive a complementary tote (if available)



# NURSE CHALLENGE BOWL



- Quiz bowl sponsored by SCORE!
- Questions will cover all areas of the nursing curriculum
- 5 team members plus 1 alternate per school
- Winning team receives trophy
- Rules can be found on the SNAP website



# BUSINESS MEETINGS

- Conduct association business
  - Elections
  - Resolutions
  - Bylaws amendments
  - Other business pertinent to the Association
- Participation by House of Delegates
- Business attire required

# HOUSE OF DELEGATES



# WHAT IS THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES?

- A delegate is a representative from a nursing school in PA
  - The number of potential delegates are chosen based on the number of NSNA members at the school on October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Each school chooses who their respective delegates will be
- Voting on association business, elections, and resolutions occurs during the House of Delegates

# DELEGATE CREDENTIALING



- A delegate must proceed to the delegate credentialing table to register and receive a delegate ribbon
  - This delegate ribbon allows the individual to sit in the House of Delegates and vote

# RESOLUTIONS

- ◉ Written statement that, when adopted by the House of Delegates, is the basis for the policies and actions of SNAP
- ◉ Includes scholarly quotes taken from literature to describe the topic's importance
- ◉ Explains the stance and actions SNAP will take if passed

# RESOLUTIONS (CONT.)

- A great way to express something you are:
  - Concerned about
  - Passionate about
  - Feel is important to members of SNAP, the nursing profession, or the health needs of the public
- Anyone can write a resolution (only one resolution per chapter)
- For more information, please see the Resolution Handbook found on the SNAP website

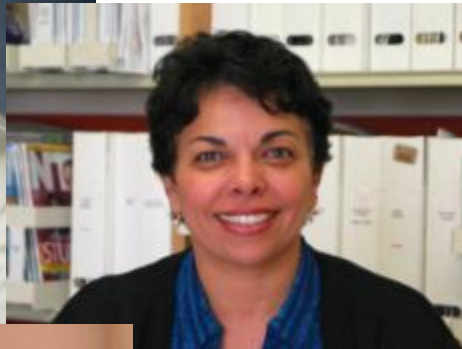
# PREVIOUS RESOLUTION TOPICS

- ◉ In support of policy development and increased funding for research on lateral violence in nursing
- ◉ In support of cleaning stethoscopes between patients
- ◉ In support of increased education on the hazard of extended call light wait times for clients at risk for falling
- ◉ In support of increased awareness of bone marrow donation and donor registration

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Patty Knecht  
Keynote 2008



Dr. Stephanie  
Ferguson  
Keynote 2009



Dr. Jenny Yost  
Keynote 2010

- An exceptional leader in the nursing profession who exemplifies the theme of convention
- This speaker actively engages and inspires the audience



# WORKSHOPS



- Informative speakers on the latest trends, issues, and career opportunities in nursing
- Provide opportunities to discover new medical applications, hone workplace and personal skills, and hear the latest projections about the future of the field

# PREVIOUS WORKSHOPS

- What Disney and Nursing Have in Common
- Cardiac Induced Hypothermia
- Animal Assisted Therapy
- Alternative Medicine in Nursing
- Nursing Volunteering Opportunities Abroad



# EXHIBIT HALL



- 50 to 75 vendors, hospitals, and nursing programs present a table on their program
- Offer free incentives, such as pens, highlighters, and stress balls
- Drawing occurs at the close of Exhibit Hall of prizes donated by exhibitors

# EXHIBIT HALL (CONT.)



# AWARDS BANQUET

- Recognizes scholarship and award recipients
- Ticket price:
  - Members: \$25
  - Available with pre-registration only



# AWARDS BANQUET (CONT.)

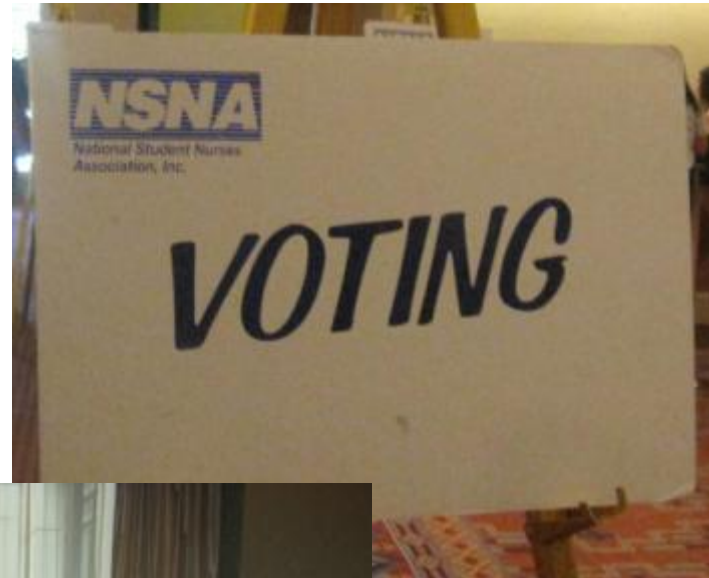


# RUNNING FOR OFFICE

- ◉ Complete a Consent to Serve Form
- ◉ Give a 2 minute speech
- ◉ Meet convention delegates and attendees at 'Meet the Candidates'
- ◉ For more information, please contact the Nominations and Elections Committee



# RUNNING FOR STATE OFFICE





# TOP 5 REASONS TO ATTEND SNAP CONVENTION

1. Become more involved with a professional student nurse association
2. Attend exciting social events
3. Explore opportunities for leadership development
4. Networking
5. Have fun!

QUESTIONS?

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