

Greetings!

Welcome to a new school year! It has been a busy start for everyone, especially as many school districts have had to function with fewer school nurses this year. FASN has had changes as well. Our web developer resigned (for a good reason!) and we needed to find a new person. He is on board now and you will begin to see updates and new information.

The national conference in Albuquerque was an excellent learning experience. Five scholarships were awarded to cover conference registration. Those scholarship winners have written articles about a session they attended. You will be reading them in our fall newsletter. At the President's Luncheon, the presidents of each state were asked to bring copies of their state newsletter to show others. Every copy of the newsletter and the copies of the "More FASNating News" addendum that is on this web site that I brought were taken. Our newsletter is a hit! And we have some pictures for our photo gallery, of course!

FASN is becoming recognized within the state as well. An "Open Comments" presentation was made to the Governor's Children and Youth Cabinet. We learned that this was the first presentation by a school nurse. I have been invited back to do a formal presentation when they meet in Tallahassee. The photo gallery will have some pictures from that day as well.

FASN is one of the organizations developing the strategic plan for the School Health and Education Consortium at their meeting in October. We are also on the bimonthly conference calls discussing Response to Intervention. There are counties where the school nurse is an active, contributing member of this process. This group, under Diane Mennitt's leadership, is working on ways for this to happen in every county.

We are also active within FASN. Over the summer, a new Regional Representative and several new County Liaisons have accepted their positions. And, we aren't done yet! The Conference Committee has begun its work for the February State Conference. The Awards Committee has sent our School Nurse of the Year packet to national to compete for the national award. And the Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for the two open positions this year: Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary. We need your input as well.

Finally, our membership is growing. Several Lions Clubs throughout the state are deciding to form a partnership with FASN. They are sponsoring memberships to FASN and those nurses are applying for the VSP Sight for Students certificates that help needy students receive a vision exam and glasses, if needed.

It certainly appears our quiet summer wasn't quiet at all! Welcome back!

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