

The KANS Connection

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The KANS Board at Nationals

by Joy Baker, Newsletter Editor/Historian

NSNA's annual convention was April 8th through the 12th in Phoenix, AZ. This year featured a variety of speakers, events, NSNA's elections, and voting on resolutions. There were also a variety of breakout sessions, a fair with vendors from a variety of locations, and even an NCLEX prep course. There were nursing students there from all over the country. It was great to be able to meet other nursing students.

NSNA's Annual Convention is also a time when the new NSNA board of directors is elected. Throughout the convention, there were opportunities to hear and meet the candidates. There was a campaign headquarters where the delegates and convention attendees got to

personally meet the candidates and find out why they should vote for them. They made their final speeches on Thursday and voting for the candidates happened on Friday. The president of KANS, Adam Tebben, ran for the Director North position and was elected by the House of Delegates! Way to go Adam!

The House of Delegates also got to vote on resolutions written and presented by nursing students from all over the country and even Guam. Our Legislative Chair, Bridget Camien decided to present her resolution at convention. There was one session where all the resolutions were read and presented and another session where they were voted on. Bridget wrote her

resolution, which is published later in this addition, on using high fidelity simulators for continuing education and patient safety. People from the House of Delegates were able to go up and say whether they were for or against the resolution or "pro" or "con." For Bridget's resolution, there were definitely more pros than cons and her resolution was passed! This was the first time since 2002 that a resolution written by KANS has been passed! This is a great achievement for Bridget and for KANS!

Emporia State University, in Emporia, KS was also granted the Stellar School award which was a lot of hard work and a great accomplishment for them.

Our board was also able to sell our shirts designed by our board led by our projects chair, Kelsie

Smith. Our t-shirts will also be available for purchase at our convention in Wichita in October.

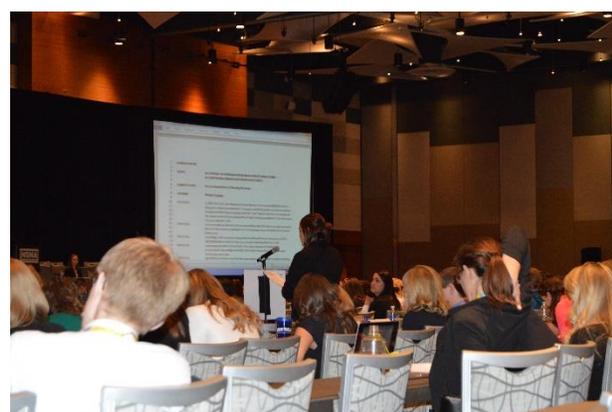
Overall, NSNA's Annual convention was a great opportunity for our board. We all were able to attend this year and we all had a great experience and learned more about our nursing careers.



Bridget Camien, Legislative Chair and Allison Roberts, Membership Chair.



Adam Tebben, President before a speech for some of the delegates



Bridget Camien, Legislative Chair presenting her resolution to the House of Delegates.

In Support of Using High Fidelity Simulators for Continuing Education for Patient Safety, Resolution 19

By: Bridget Camien, Legislative Chair

My name is Bridget Camien and I am with the Kansas Association of Nursing Students and our resolution is in support of integration of high-fidelity simulators in continuing education for patient safety.

As you can see in the second whereas statement, the number of patient deaths related to medical error is alarming.

This number has nearly doubled over the last five years and must be addressed.

According to the American Nurses Association code of ethics...

"The nurse is to promote, advocate for and strive to protect the health, safety and rights of the patient."

With that being said I feel that it is our duty to take action in the reduction of these numbers through continuing education with the use of high fidelity simulation.

These simulators allow student to immerse themselves in reality based patient focused scenarios.

Through these scenarios students are able to practice their skills and apply their knowledge without the fear of harming patients.

With the stress of patient safety reduced students are able to learn from their mistakes and gain the confidence necessary to demonstrate superior patient care.

With superior patient care comes decreased medical error thus, decreasing the number of preventable pt. deaths and increasing overall patient safety.

RESOLUTION 19

**TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF INTEGRATION OF HIGH FIDELITY SIMULATORS
IN CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PATIENT SAFETY**

SUBMITTED BY: Kansas Association of Nursing Students

AUTHOR: Bridget Camien

WHEREAS, in 2007 and 2012, the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) House of Delegates adopted resolutions "In support of the integration of human patient simulator technology in nursing curricula" and "Seek to increase awareness of the clinical and educational benefits of high-fidelity simulations to pre-licensure nursing students"; and

WHEREAS, a recent evidence-based study estimated that 400,000 Americans die each year due to medical errors, making it the third leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the Inspector General for Health and Human Services, in 2010, 180,000 Medicare patients died as a result of bad hospital care; and

WHEREAS, continuing education is essential in the improvement of health care professionals' knowledge and skills, thus improving patient outcomes and minimizing error; and

WHEREAS, high fidelity simulators are life-like mannequins with realistic features (blinking eyes, lung sounds, palpable pulses, etc.) and procedural features that respond to student interventions; and

WHEREAS, high fidelity simulators immerse the learner in reality-based scenarios that provide feedback based on their specific interventions taken; and

WHEREAS, as part of continuing education, the use of simulators implements new tools and procedures while testing students' situation-based knowledge and encouraging teamwork; and

WHEREAS, the use of simulation allows students to apply the knowledge they have learned in class into practice while gaining new knowledge based on their experience; and

WHEREAS, with the use of high fidelity simulators and real patient scenarios, there are many elements of patient safety that can be addressed, such as preventing medication errors, use of effective communication and the significance of teamwork; therefore be it

- RESOLVED, that the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) support the integration of high fidelity simulators in continuing education for patient safety; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA promote awareness via *Imprint* and electronic sources (website/email) and elsewhere as seen fit, if feasible; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, the National Council for Continuing Education and Training, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, and all others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.

2015 KSNA Legislative Conference

Back in February, the KANS board got the opportunity to attend KSNA's Legislative Conference in Topeka, KS. There we were able to talk about our organization as well as network with nursing students from all over Kansas!

Amanda Loy, VP of Parliamentary also had the opportunity to discuss the bylaw changes that will be discussed and voted on at our state convention. The main bylaw change we discussed was voted in at last year's state convention (2014). This would make the term for a board of director 18 months instead of 12. We think that because this is such a long term, that it could discourage nursing students from running for those positions. We have proposed that we change the term back to 12 months and then for the next six months, allow any old board members the option to help the new board. We hope that if this change is voted in, it would encourage more nursing students to run for a



Nurses, Nursing Students and Nursing Faculty at the 2015 KSNA Legislative Conference position.

As a board, we had a great time talking with all the nursing students and faculty we met along with hearing about all the awesome things that are going on in nursing. The future of nursing is looking bright and with Kansas nurses and nursing students, it is looking brighter and brighter.

American Assembly for Men in Nursing

By: Allison Roberts-Edwards, Membership chair

The National Male Nurses Association was founded in 1971 by Steve Miller, a male nurse who recognized a need for an organization representing male nurses. The group grew quickly but fell apart when its founder changed careers. In 1980 the group was revitalized at its annual meeting in Chicago. The next year the organization renamed themselves the American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN) and adopted goals and a purpose of membership. The organization focuses on: the advocacy of nursing as a profession for men, encouraging professionalism for men in nursing, and participation of its members in the nursing profession.

AAMN functions much like NSNA or ANA. It is a national organization with local chapters recognized under its bylaws. Local chapters may have independent bylaws and dues separate from the national organization. AAMN allows student nurses and registered nurses to be members. Networking is always a benefit when joining a professional organization. AAMN offers scholarships and awards funded by its non-profit foundation. Emporia State University recently started a local chapter of AAMN, the first in the state of Kansas.

Despite its name, women are allowed to become members on AAMN. You can become a member online through their membership portal. It costs \$30 for a student membership, \$25 if you are an NSNA member. AAMN has an annual convention; this year's will be held September 15-17, 2015 at the University of Minnesota.

Belonging to a professional organization is beneficial to a student nurse; it is not just a "resume booster" but helps in the development of becoming a professional. Nursing is a demanding career that requires professionalism. A pre-professional or professional organization is something every nursing student should consider

**CONGRATULATIONS
BRIDGET CAMIEN AND
ADAM TEBBEN**



Adam Tebben was Elected NSNA's Director North and Bridget Camien's Resolution, published earlier in this issue, was passed by NSNA at NSNA's Annual Convention in April 2015.

**Way to represent
KANS!**

while attending school.

AAMN

American Assembly for Men in Nursing



Congratulations to Ashley Griswold, KANS Consultant and Kelsie Smith, Projects chair on graduating from their programs this past May! You two will make excellent nurses! Thank you for all that you two do for our board!



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SAVE THE DATE

BECAUSE the Kansas Association of
Nursing Students (KANS) are GOING.....



KANS STATE CONVENTION-2015
October 22-23, 2015

Keynote Speaker:

Shan Nanji Kiss Prep, President and CEO

Hyatt Regency

Wichita, Ks

Visit our website for
2015 convention updates

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