

# NASN Elections 2010

## Candidate Data and Statement of View

### Vice President

#### Patricia Krin, APRN,FNP-BC,MS, NCSN



**Current NASN Affiliate:**  
Association of School Nurses  
of Connecticut (ASNC)

**Major Clinical, Teaching, or  
Practice Area:**  
Administration/Management

**Education:**  
Master of Science, Clinical  
Psychopharmacology,  
Massachusetts School of  
Professional Psychology;

Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner,  
University of Hartford; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, St.  
Joseph College

#### **Awards, Achievements, and Honors:**

St. Joseph College Florence Nightingale Award for Nursing  
Excellence; Member of Sigma Theta Tau; 2001 ASNC School  
Nurse Administrator of the Year; Connecticut AAP School  
Health Committee Distinguished Service Award

#### **Employment:**

Newington Board of Education, Senior Nurse Administrator,  
July 2007–Present: Supervision and evaluation of eight  
nurses, Development and Administration of Health  
Services Budget, Development of policies and procedures,  
collaboration with other administrators regarding health  
services, District 504 Coordinator, clinical responsibility as  
2nd nurse at high school

#### **Other Significant Positions Held:**

Head Nurse, Newington Public Schools, August 1999–  
July 2007; Health Services Coordinator, Thomaston Public  
Schools, September 1988–August 1999 Adjunct; Adjunct  
Professor, University of Hartford, 2003–2008

#### **Present NASN Offices/Appointments:**

High School and Administrator Discussion List Monitor, –  
Present

#### **Past NASN Offices/Appointments:**

Nominating Committee Chair, June 2008–May 2009 and  
2003–2004; Nominating Committee, June 2007–May 2009;  
Executive Committee, 2005–2006; Board of Directors,  
2002–2006

#### **Present NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:**

ASNC Webmaster and Discussion List Monitor, 1996–Present;  
ASNC Government Relations Committee, –Present

#### **Past NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:**

ASNC Program Chair, 2008–2009; ASNC President,  
1998–2000; ASNC President-Elect, 1996–1998; ASNC  
Membership Chair, 1990–1996

#### **Present Offices/Appointments in Other Associations:**

N/A

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Connecticut Nurses Association Government Relations  
Committee, 1996–2000

#### **Publications Significant to School Nursing:**

Safe Return to School for Students with Risky  
Behavior–This Worked in My School, *NASN  
School Nurse*, May 2009

#### **Presentations Significant to School Nursing:**

504 for the School Nurse, NASN National Conference,  
Boston, MA, June 2009; Dermatology for the School  
Nurse, NASN National Conference, Boston, MA, June  
2009; 504 and IDEA, Connecticut New School Nurse  
Orientation, Hartford, CT, May 2009; Delegation, North  
Carolina School Nurses, Greensboro, NC, September  
2008; Medication Administration, Connecticut New School  
Nurse Orientation, Hartford, CT, 2004–2009

**Research Significant to School Nursing:**

N/A

**Statement of View**

As a school nurse for more than 25 years I understand the challenges that face school nurses today. The National Association of School Nurses is currently positioned to help with many of those challenges. As vice president, I will work tirelessly to be of assistance with those challenges.

Our association's presence in the DC area, as well as the connections we have made with legislators will help to educate the necessary people to move forward legislation that will improve school nurse to student ratios and keep school nurses in the health care reform legislation. These current issues as well as others affecting school nurses which will surface in the future will need to be the focus of NASN's advocacy agenda.

In addition to partnering with legislators, NASN must continue to maintain and expand its partnerships with other organizations and businesses. The greater number of

partnerships we have, the more input we have into what shapes school health services. Other organizations and businesses that impact children's health are imperative allies and look to us to be at the table when decisions are being made.

In order for NASN to continue to flourish it will be important to continue to increase membership. The association has had a steady increase in members over the last few years, but we must also make sure that we retain the members we have. We need to look at the benefits we offer not only to attract new members, but what we need to do to retain current members. It is our job to help school nurses understand the importance of belonging to their professional organization, not only for what the organization can do for them, but what they can do for the organization. Organization members, with support from the organization, become organization leaders.

**This Vice President candidate completed the Nominating Committee process.**