

NASN Elections 2013

Candidate Data and Statement of View

President-Elect

Beth Matthey, MSN, RN, NCSN



Current NASN Affiliate:

Delaware School Nurse Association

Major Clinical, Teaching, or Practice Area:

Educator, School Nurse, Secondary

Education:

Master of Science in Nursing, Nursing of Children, University of Delaware, 1994; Bachelor of Science, Nursing, University of Delaware, 1977.

Awards, Achievements, and Honors:

Co-author of *NASN School Nurse* article receiving the 2010 SAGE Most Downloaded Article Citation, 2010; Delaware Excellence in School Nursing, Community-Based, Delaware Nurses Association, 2009; ASHA Outstanding School Nurse Achievement Award, 2009; Delaware Advisor of the Year, Kick Butts Generation, 2006; Delaware School Nurse of the Year, 1996; Sigma Theta Tau, 1994.

Employment:

School Nurse, Brandywine School District, 2000–present; School nurse in an urban/suburban high school of approximately 1,000 students in grades 9–12. Approximately 32% of our students come from low income families, and minority students make up 50% of our student body. Our population also includes students with severe mental and physical handicaps.

Other Significant Positions Held:

Instructor, University of Delaware, 2007–present; Summer School Nurse for students with special needs, Brandywine School District, 1996–2012; School Nurse, Mt. Pleasant Elementary School (Grades K–3), 1987–2000.

Present NASN Offices/Appointments:

None

Past NASN Offices/Appointments:

Task Force Leader: School Nurse of the Year Awards, 2008–2009; Co-chair Strategic Committee: Programs, Services, & Experiences, 2005–2008; *NASN School Nurse* Editorial Board,

2005–2008; Conference Committee Task Force, 2005–2008; NASN Board of Directors, 2004–2008; Various Task Force Work Groups, 2004–2008; Task Force Leader: Medicaid, 2006.

Present NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:

Delaware School Nurse List Serv Creator and Moderator, 2002–present; Delaware School Nurse Association Member, 1987–present.

Past NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:

DSNA Executive Committee and NASN Director, 2004–2008; DSNA Conference Committee, 2002–2005; DSNA President-Elect, President, Past-President, 1996–2002; Delaware Health Care Commission Task Force, 1999.

Present Offices/Appointments in Other Associations:

Brandywine School District Health Advisory Committee, Chair, 2010–present; Delaware Epilepsy Foundation, Professional Advisory Board, 2007–present.

Past Offices/Appointments in Other Associations:

Delaware Nurses Association Nurse Excellence Award Committee, 2010; Delaware Nurses Association Research Committee Member, 1995–1998.

Publications Significant to School Nursing:

Matthey, E. (2012). Growth and development: Pre-school through adolescence. In J. Selekmán (Ed.), *School nursing: A comprehensive text* (2nd ed., pp. 335–382). Philadelphia: F. A. Davis.

Diliberto, G. E., & Matthey, B. (2009). Sexting: Just how much of a danger is it and what can school nurses do about it? *NASN School Nurse*, 24(6), 262–267.

Matthey, E. (2003). Knights against tobacco: Teens lead the charge to prevent tobacco use among adolescents. *Pediatric Nursing*, 29(5), 390–396.

2002 NASN Issue Brief: State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Presentations Significant to School Nursing:

What They Can't See, CAN Hurt Them: Vision Screening for Delaware School Nurses, Co-presenter, DSNA Winter Conference, Rehoboth Beach, DE, 2012.

Cyberbullying and Protecting Your Online Persona, Breakout session presenter, L.I.F.E. Conference, Dover, DE, 2011.

Bullying, Cyberbullying and Sexting, Co-presenter, DNA Fall Conference, Dover, DE, 2010.

A Nurse's Approach to Handling Sexting and Cyberbullying, Co-presenter, General Session, NASN Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2010.

Seizure Disorders in the School Setting, Co-presenter, School Nurse Update, New Castle, DE, 2010.

Research Significant to School Nursing:

None

Statement of View:

The light from the NASN lantern remains a symbol of progress and illuminates a path to the future. New light often shows us new routes, like those brought about by new technology on a bright electronic screen or through a brilliant explosion of new ideas. As President-Elect and President, I want to see the bright lights that NASN has to offer lead us as we address the changing landscape of children's health care.

School nurses are NASN's greatest resource. A recent survey published in *NASN School Nurse* noted that 63% of nurses surveyed were over age 51. Our changing demographics will impact how

NASN delivers services and new school nurses must be welcomed, supported, and embraced. NASN must remain responsive to members by assuring fiscal responsibility, balancing income streams, and managing financial resources to carry us well into the future.

School nurses have witnessed the ever increasing health needs of students, and we will begin to see a shift in how health care is delivered. We are stakeholders in these changes and our voice must be heard. We must pursue school nursing leadership at the Department of Education and ensure that a school nurse position is created in a policy-making role. Health care leaders are now articulating the benefit of collaboration, including providing health care where clients live, work, and play. We must strengthen our "health safety net" and shed new light on the role that health plays in the academic success of our children, targeting areas where school nurse positions are threatened or, worse, absent. We need a full time school nurse for all children, appropriate compensation for school nurses, and continued excellence in school nurse education.

As President-Elect and President, I will contribute my energy and 25 years of school nursing experience to help fuel the many lights that guide NASN.

This President-Elect candidate completed the Nominating Committee process.

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Secretary/Treasurer

Carmen Teskey, MA, BSN, RN, LSN



Current NASN Affiliate:

School Nurse Organization of Minnesota

Major Clinical, Teaching, or Practice Area:

Administration/Management

Education:

Master of Arts, Education, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, 1997; Bachelor of Science, Nursing, St. Olaf College, 1980.

Awards, Achievements, and Honors:

Children's Dental Services Community Navigator Award, 2009; Finalist *NASN School Nurse Administrator of the Year*, 2003; School Nurse Organization of Minnesota School Nurse Administrator of the Year, 2002–2003.

Employment:

Nursing Services Manager, Minneapolis Public Schools, April 2003–present: Co-manager of health related services provided to approximately 34,000 public and 5,000 nonpublic students by over 100 health services staff within a diverse urban city setting. Assess nursing service needs of students in regular and special education programs and work with the district and schools to assure that student health and safety needs are met. Manage a department budget exceeding 2.5 million dollars for health services to public schools and nonpublic schools. Develop policies, procedures, and protocols for school nursing services based on professional standards of nursing practice. Collect and utilize data through our electronic student health record to maintain quality assurances of practice and provide education to district leadership regarding the health needs of our population and advocate for appropriate staffing. Provide leadership for/participate in public health initiatives with community partners that address health and safety needs of students such as dental care, vision screening, and influenza clinics. Provide orientation and on-going staff development for health services staff.

Other Significant Positions Held:

Health Services Coordinator, South St. Paul Special School District #6, 1989–2003; Licensed School Nurse, Intermediate

District #917, 1987–1989; Public Health Nurse, Eau Claire City/County Health Department, 1984–1987.

Present NASN Offices/Appointments:

Ex-Officio member Endowment Committee, 2012–present; NASN Million Dollar Team, 2012–present; NASN Secretary/Treasurer, 2011–present; Co-leader Strategic Finance Committee, 2011–present; Chair Investment Advisory Committee, 2011–present.

Past NASN Offices/Appointments:

Food Allergy Advisory Task Force, 2010–2011; Research Committee, 2009–2011; Audit Committee (Chair, 2009), 2007–2011; NASN Board of Directors, 2007–2011; Ad hoc Committee NASN International Expansion, 2010; Nominating Committee (Chair), 2008–2010; Immigrant and Refugee Mental Health Task Force, 2009; Marketing Task Force, 2008; Co-leader Survey Data Plan Task Force, 2007.

Present NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:

Manager of SNOM Discussion List, 2002–present; SNOM Board of Directors, 1999–present.

Past NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:

Information Technology Committee Chair, 2002–2012; Website Editor, 2002–2012; NASN Director, 2007–2011; Vice President, 2002–2004; Treasurer, 1999–2002.

Present Offices/Appointments in Other Associations:

None

Past Offices/Appointments in Other Associations:

President of Greater Metro School Nurse Coordinators, 1995–1996; Secretary/Treasurer of Greater Metro School Nurse Coordinators, 1994–1995.

Publications Significant to School Nursing:

Butler, S., Mendonca, L., Minchella, L., Selser, K., Soria, S., Teskey, C., & Wattigny, C. (2009). Immigrant and refugee youth: Challenges and opportunities for the school nurse. *NASN School Nurse*, 24(6), 250–252.

Apa-Hall, P., Bushmiaer, M., Mullen, M., Spalj, N., Teskey, C., & Smithey, M. (2007). Preparing schools for a pandemic flu outbreak. *NASN Newsletter*, 22(6), 21.

Presentations Significant to School Nursing:

This Worked in My School/Response to H1N1, Panel moderator and participant, Breakout Session, NASN Annual Conference, Boston, MA, 2009.

Are You Ready for the Electronic World? School Nurse Organization of Minnesota Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 2008.

The Role of the School Nurse in Special Education and 504 Planning, School Nurse Organization of Minnesota Annual School Nurse Orientation Workshop, St. Paul, MN, 2008.

Obtaining School Commitment to Reducing Student Tobacco Use, Dakota County Public Health, Third Annual Minnesota Institute for Tobacco and Youth Risk Behavior Prevention, Brainerd, MD, 2002.

Nursing Delegation and Medically Fragile Students Within the School Setting, Minnesota Special Education Directors Conference, Brainerd, MD, 1995.

Research Significant to School Nursing:

None

Statement of View:

Health care reform is one of the top issues facing our nation today. As school nurses, we know that we need to be recognized and compensated for the vital role we play in delivering health care each day to the millions of children in our schools. For many of these children, we are their primary source of health care, and for others with chronic health conditions, we

act as case managers to help coordinate their care between the student, family, and health care providers. School nursing services are recognized in the National Institute of Medicine's 2010 report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health (Appendix G)*, as examples of nurses working to their full extent of education and training to deliver high quality and efficient health care in a community setting. I believe that NASN is an important partner in health care reform by advocating for school nurse-to-student ratios through legislation, promoting advanced education through scholarships, providing quality continuing education, and encouraging the collection and use of data and research. These are all essential to advancing our school nurse practice.

With the economic challenges of the past several years, it is critical that NASN continues to maintain a strict budget and watchful eye on its investments. With our endowment fund goal of 1 million dollars on track to become reality within a year or so, we must have short- and long-term goals/strategies in place to begin funding scholarship and research grants while continuing to grow the principle and interest. As your current NASN Secretary/Treasurer, I have been closely involved with the NASN staff, executive committee, and finance and investment committees as we work to keep NASN in a strong financial position where we can continue to provide the quality member services and resources that school nurses expect and rely on.

This Secretary/Treasurer candidate completed the Nominating Committee process.

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Nominating Committee

Marilyn Healy, RN, BSN, PNP, NCSN

**Current NASN Affiliate:**

Maryland Association of School Health Nurses

Major Clinical, Teaching, or Practice Area:

Administration/Management

Education:

Masters, Albert Einstein College of Medicine Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program, 1980; Bachelor of Science, Nursing, Niagara University, 1975.

Awards, Achievements, and Honors:

Maryland School Nurse of the Year, 2001; Award of Excellence in Education, 1997; Sigma Theta Tau-Rho Epsilon Chapter; Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce.

Employment:

Specialist, Office of Health Services, Baltimore County Public Schools, 2006–present: Assist the coordinator in providing leadership and management for school health services; select for employment in conjunction with HR; supervise and evaluate the clinical practice of school nurses and health assistants; develop school health services programs, policies, and procedures; BCPS School-Based Mental Health Committee, Chair; Baltimore County Child and Adolescent Mental Health Fair Committee; Maryland State Department of Education School Health Guidelines Committee; Responsible for BCPS New School Nurse Orientation Program; New Teacher Orientation Committee; work with other Student Support Services offices to provide prevention and intervention programs and services to schools, parents, and students to support academic success; collaborate with the Baltimore County Department of Health to promote and enhance comprehensive school health programs.

Other Significant Positions Held:

School Nurse, Baltimore County Public Schools, Mars Estates Elementary School, 1993–2006.

Present NASN Offices/Appointments:

None

Past NASN Offices/Appointments:

NASN Board of Directors, 2007–2012; NASN Nominating Committee, 2003–2005.

Present NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:

None

Past NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:

MASHN President, 2005–2007; MASHN Nominating Committee, 1999–2001.

Present Offices/Appointments in Other Associations:

None

Past Offices/Appointments in Other Associations:

Baltimore County School Nurses Association, 2001–2002.

Publications Significant to School Nursing:

Baltimore County Public Schools; M. Healy, Committee Member. (2007–2012). *Manual of school health nursing*. Towson, MD: Author.

Baltimore County Public Schools; M. Healy, Committee Co-Chair. (2000–2012). *ADHD identification and management guide*. Towson, MD: Author.

Presentations Significant to School Nursing:

Numerous presentations on varying topics, Baltimore County Public Schools, 2004–present.

Research Significant to School Nursing:

None

Statement of View:

School nurses face many challenges. I believe the biggest challenge is the increase in the number of students who are medically complex and fragile and ensuring that these students are afforded a safe learning environment. Chronic conditions such as diabetes and asthma among children have increased. Obesity is on the rise, and this will impact chronic health conditions. The health care that children receive in our schools is sometimes the only health care that is provided. Mental health visits to the health room have increased as well. Funding for school nurses is a challenge. These same challenges impact our association as school nurses turn to our NASN leaders for advice. We need to be sure that NASN continues to have leadership that is representative of school nurses from around the country to meet those challenges. If elected to the NASN Nominating Committee, I look forward to soliciting school nurse leaders and encouraging them to become candidates for NASN elected offices.

This Nominating Committee candidate completed the Nominating Committee process.

All candidate data and statement of views can be found on the NASN website at www.nasn.org.