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Dear Directors,

Hot summer greetings! I have appreciated hearing from several of you about your adventures – some far and some near. Thank you for staying in touch. No matter whither you have wandered, I hope you are having a wonderful summer and have had some time for yourself.

Our Executive Committee will meet in Oklahoma City September 14 to 16. I will need strategic committee reports from Co-Leaders by August 26 to include in the EC packet. Please be sure to send any motions you would like considered by EC by that date, also.

Please remember the Environmental Scanning schedule! The articles you choose to share can be on any topic. The idea is that what happens in one sector may impact the health and safety of students and ultimately what we do as school nurses. These connections may help us with forward thinking and NASN policy decision-making.

I can assure you that no grass has grown under the feet of your NASN officers and staff since the San Francisco conference. I want to tell you some of the activities that your NASN officers and staff have been busy doing on your behalf. I was honored to present on *Access, Advocacy, Achievement* at the Kansas Association of School Nurses Conference the third week of July. What a dynamic conference – great workshops, inspiring keynotes, and over 350 friendly, caring Kansas school nurses! On August 1, I also participated with the National Assembly on School Based Health Centers (NASBHC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) on a webinar titled *Building Effective Partnerships to Improve School Health Services: How Schools, Health Departments, and Physicians Can Work Together*. The webinar was part of a larger AAP project with Arkansas and Massachusetts schools.

In mid-July, Donna Mazyck met with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), and among other questions, asked for clarification on medication administration for students on school trips that occur in states outside of their home states. NCSBN's response was that *the school nurse will need to contact the boards of nursing in the states where the field trips occur in order to determine the practice allowances for the licensed nurse related to delegation of nursing functions*. While the answer is not a surprise, since each state's nurse practice act is unique to its state, I hope that the clarity of the response will be helpful to members in your affiliate.

Your NASN President-elect, Carolyn Duff, has been very busy doing clean-up on the Board Standing Rules (BSR) and will have several motions on the BSRs at our winter board meeting. Many thanks to Carolyn for the hours and hours she has put into this task.

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On July 25, Donna Mazyck and Angela Shubert, Assistant Director of NASN Government Affairs, participated with representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Trust for America's Health in a webinar titled *New Opportunities for School Nurse Leaders to Engage in Health, Prevention, and Wellness*. The webinar had over 200 attendees. For those of you not on the webinar, it focused on the critical role school nurses can play in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act by helping to ensure American families and children have greater access to preventative services and wellness offerings. The webinar highlighted key initiatives including the National Prevention Strategy, Prevention and Public Health Fund, and Community Transformation Grants aimed at improving health and wellness in all life's venues.

As you are planning this year's calendar, if you would like an officer to come to your affiliate's conference, please let Donna or I know. Being able to connect with our members at the affiliate level is an important and delightful duty.

As always, please feel free to contact me or any Executive Committee member, if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Davis-Alldritt".

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NASN President

As leaders in nursing, we must mentor our students and new nurses. Only through our role modeling and mentoring will they decide to stay in nursing and find satisfaction in the multiple roles nursing has to offer.

~ Pamela R. Cangelosi, RNc, PhD
Reflections on Nursing Leadership