



NJSNA/IFN CEO Report for March 2025 Board Meeting

Political Updates:

Although co-sponsors continue to be added to the following bills, there has only been movement of S1949 as of 3-12-25.

Legislation Watch:

- Removal of APN/Physician Collaborating Agreement (A944/S1983)
 - Referred to Assembly Health Committee
 - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
 - 38/80 Assemblypersons and 21/40 Senators are sponsoring bill
 - Asm. Conaway major obstacle to movement of bill now in Congress
 - Asw. Carol Murphy appointed Assembly Health Committee Chair
- Nurse Staffing Committees (A966)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
- Nurse Title Protection (A4202)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
- BSN in 10 (A1017/S1050)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
 - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
- Establishes initiatives related to nurses (A1659/S1949)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
 - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
 - Bill amended and broken into 4 parts. New bills introduced:
- S4266 moving CNA to NJBON
- S4267 Nurse Practitioner preceptor tax credits
- S4268 Nursing School Expansion Grant
 - Referred to Senate Commerce and

- Budget Committee
 - Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs (A2805/S1761)
 - Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
 - Referred to Senate Commerce Committee
- Nurse Ratio bill — Sets mandated nurse to patient ratios (A9/S1941).
 - Referred to Assembly Health Committee
 - Referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

Meetings held with NJ Legislators and/or their staff regarding Nursing focused bills:

- Asm. Christian Barranco (D-25) Lake Hopatcong
- Sen. Joseph Vitale (D-19) Woodbridge, Chair Senate Health Committee
- Sen. Kristin Corrado (R-40) Totowa
- Sen. Aura Dunn (R-25) Morristown
- Asw. Carol Murphy (D-7) Mt. Laurel, New Chair of Assembly Health Committee
- Asm. Balvir Singh (D-7) Delran
- Asw. Nancy Munoz (R-21) Summit

Collaboration with the New Jersey Board of Nursing:

- All NJ Board of Nursing positions have been filled except one LPN and two public members.
- Continuing to facilitate resolution to problems that NJSNA members and non-members are experiencing. The NJSNA Executive Board met with leadership in the Division of Consumer Affairs last year to discuss issues that our members were having when contacting the board of nursing. This dia-

logue will remain open until resolutions are obtained.

- NJSNA continues to assist its members with any issues regarding licensure.
- NJBON subcommittee reviewing a proposed rule to add procedures to the APN joint protocols. Nursing Organizations including NJSNA have sent letters opposing this proposal. NJBON sent proposed rule to the Attorney General's (AG) office for legal opinion. Still waiting for a response from AG's office.

Collaboration with the American Nurses Association (ANA):

- Attended Quarterly Open Business Meeting
- Attended Leadership Society of ANAPAC
- Attended Quarterly CEO session with ANA CEO

Collaboration with other organizations:

NJSNA continues to network with and provide valuable input into the following:

- NJ Business and Industry Health Care Policy Committee
- Clinicians for Climate Health.
- Jersey Renewals
- Consortium of New Jersey Nurse Educators
- ONL NJ Legislation and Advocacy Committee
- Rutgers University School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Kean University School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Felician University School of Nursing Advisory Committee
- Thomas Edison State University Advisory Committee
- New Jersey Collaborating Center
- New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- New Jersey State School Nurses
- New Jersey Nursing Students
- Nurses Service Organization (NSO) Insur-

ance Company

- Lorna Breen Caring for Caregivers NJ Executive Committee
- Nursing Coalition Group

Meetings attended:

- Met with Susan Reinhard regarding NJSNA/IFN Conference
- Met with Colleen Leners (AANP) regarding NJSNA/IFN Conference

Presentations:

- Rutgers University (Newark) Generic Nursing Students on Nursing Political Advocacy
- Rutgers University (Newark) Doctoral Nursing Students on Nursing Political Advocacy ■

Region 1 (Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren)

Karen Kinsley MSN RN OCN, Region 1 President 2024-2025

Happenings:

General Business meeting 1/18/2025 at the Romano Conference Center at Newton Medical Center.

Education and Business meeting

3/22/2025 the presentation of *Nursing Ethics: Bracing our Moral Agency* by Elizabeth Bertolini, RN, MMH, HEC-C, CHPN, Clinical Nurse Ethicist at the Romano Conference Center at Newton Medical Center.

Saturday April 12, 2025 Food Pantry Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Caring Kitchen, St. Mary's School, 159 Liberty Street, Hacktstown, NJ Saturdays, 8:30 am – 12 pm

Ongoing collections for Wardrobe of Hope-Women's Clothing Boutique; St. Jude Church in Warren County, the Food Pantry, & Homeless Shelter Birth Haven, Newton, NJ — nonprofit caring for homeless pregnant women.

May 26, 2025 157th Memorial Day Parade-American Legion Post 164 in Hacktstown, NJ | 9:30 am

Region 1 has the following Open Positions (Election dates – 11/1-11/30/2025)

Term of office: 1/1/2026-12/31/2027

- President-Elect
- Vice-President for Membership
- Vice-President for Fundraising
- Vice-President to the Congress on Policy
- Sussex County Coordinator
- Morris County Coordinator
- Nominations Committee (2)

Social Media Presence: Find us at NJSNARegion1 on Facebook, Instagram & X (Twitter)

Fundraising: Florence Nightingale card sale continues. Please contact lakrause@optonline.net for more information.



Region 2 (Bergen & Hudson)

Margaret Hopkins, BSN, RN, CCRN, HBN-BC, NJSNA Region 2 President

Our May meeting featured a presentation by Legal Nurse Consultant, Daniel Elmowitz, MS, BSN, RN, PCCN. Dan spoke to the group about how nurses can protect themselves while charting. This met our goal of exploring topics of interest to staff nurses and newer nurses. We will

use our July meeting to discuss potential changes to our bylaws.

Region 2 represented for the third time at Glen Rock's Pride Day event. If any members have local events where they would like nurse representation, please email Maggie Hopkins, Region 2 presi-

dent, at julejess@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Mary Jane Genuino for being selected to present a poster at the AACN's 2025 Access, Connection, and Engagement Symposium. Also congratulations to Serpouhi Vartivarian and Maggie Hopkins for their podium presentations at Hackensack University Medical Center's Research Day. We are always happy to celebrate accomplishments. ■