



GANS BLAST E-Newsletter August 2008 **Barry Jones, NEC South, EKG Co-Chair**

Convention Update, Layne Mankowski, 1st VP

Hello fellow nursing students! I hope you have all enjoyed your summer and are ready to start gearing back up for fall! Our 2008 GANS Convention is quickly approaching and is being fine tuned as we speak. The focus session list is full of a wide range of nursing topics. From "Test-taking skills" to the "Kaplan mini-NCLEX review", and "Life after NCLEX – perspectives from new grad RN's" to experts from several popular fields of nursing, the focus sessions and panel discussions have something to offer everyone! We will also be welcoming the Georgia Association of Nursing Deans and Directors Board as well as the Georgia Nurses Association board of directors. There will be a panel discussion with the GNA board in order to allow the opportunity to ask whatever questions you may have.

Please visit our website www.ganursingstudents.org for brochure about the convention, the activities, awards, and tentative agenda. Please note that the agenda is subject to change, so please check back for updates as we get closer to the Convention. Online registration and printable registration forms will be available on our website very soon!

Please watch for the next GANS BLAST for more information on your GANS 2008 Convention!

See you soon,

Layne Mankowski
1st VP

Legislative Update, Kristin Borgia, Legislative Director

Hello fellow nursing students! I hope everyone is having a great summer! I will be hosting a Resolution Writing Workshop on Saturday August 23, 2008 at Mercer University in the Nursing Building from 10 am – 1 pm. I hope to see many resolutions submitted by the deadline, which is September 8, 2008, for our GANS Convention in October!

There are still opportunities to get involved with HealthSTAT events. There are ongoing activities with HealthSTAT's Childhood Obesity Prevention Program. You can get more information about all HealthSTAT events at: <http://www.healthstatgeorgia.org>.

If you have any questions about events or resolution writing please feel free to contact the GANS Legislative Director, Kristin Borgia, at legislative@ganursingstudents.org.

GANS Executive Board Offers Fall Workshops

Executive Board members for GANS will be hosting various workshops to help benefit chapters running for various awards to be presented at state convention in October. Examples of the various workshops are resolution writing, running for office and website/newsletter design. All GANS members are welcomed to attend. Please see the attached flyer for additional details. Any GANS member interested in running for a state office is encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible so that we can begin pre-slating those applicants to the appropriate positions. For member convenience, a copy of the state executive board application is attached to the BLAST. Deadline for submission of State Board Applications, Resolutions and Award Applications is Monday, September 8, 2008. Please be sure to follow directions for submission so there is no loss of paperwork or a delay in processing. We encourage all schools to apply for awards and submit resolutions. We encourage each student interested in running for state executive board to apply! Our state's leaders come from students like you!

ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT NURSING?!

As future nurses, we are leaders and the future of healthcare. We stand up for what we believe in and get people to cooperate in order to work together as a unit for the benefit of the main goal. The Nominations and Elections Committee would like to encourage all nursing students to take advantage of their unique leadership skills and grasp the valuable experience that comes with running for a GANS executive board position. The NEC is looking for excited, enthusiastic and qualified nursing students to run for the following positions:

1. President
2. First Vice-President
3. Second Vice-President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Legislative Director
7. Public Relations Director
8. Breakthrough to Nursing Director
9. Community Service Director
10. Director of EKG
11. District Director (North, South, East, and West)
12. NEC (North, South, East, and West)

If you are interested in running for office please contact:

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229-444-4572

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Please visit www.ganursingstudents.org for an application.
Deadline for pre-slating is September 8th, 2008!!! All applications
must be post-dated by September 8th.

Georgia Association of Nursing Students Fall Workshops



Resolution Writing Workshop

Hosted By: Kristin Borgia, Legislative Director

Bring your resolution ideas and/or rough drafts!

Please RSVP to (770) 655-5858

Newsletter/Website Workshop

Hosted By: K. Niles Jarrett, EKG Director

Please bring copies of your school's newsletter.

Please RSVP to (770) 823-1601

Running for Office Workshop

**Hosted By: Rosalie Medina (NEC Chair/ East), Sabrina Thomas (NEC West),
Barry Jones (NEC South), and Nancy Jean (NEC North)**

Get information about running for office!

No RSVP required

When: Saturday August 23, 2008
Where: Georgia Baptist College of Nursing
Nursing Building, Rooms: 304 & 313
*3001 Mercer University Drive
Atlanta, GA 30341*
Time: 10 am – 1 pm

APPLICATION for Georgia Association of Nursing Students STATE OFFICE:

The application for state office consists of four (4) documents, an electronic photo, and a short biographical sketch.

1. The documents required are: (1) Certification of Good Academic Standing (2) a Statement of Experience and Intent for GANS Office, (3) a Candidate Information sheet, and (4) Dean/Advisor Recommendation Form.
2. Applicants must submit an electronic photo by email or on disc (CD-ROM).
3. Applicants must also submit a short biographical paragraph (200 words) outlining their experience, qualifications, and reasons they are running for office (platform) for inclusion in the Delegate Booklet. This must be submitted by email or on disc.

Applications will be accepted by mail only, with the exception of electronic pictures and the short personal bio, which can be emailed. In order to apply for pre-slating by the NEC, please submit this application in its entirety by **Monday, September 8, 2008** to:

Nominations and Elections Committee
c/o Rosalie Medina, NEC Chair
110 International Drive Apt. 166
Athens, GA 30605
Phone: (770) 539-3596
Email: neceast@ganursingstudents.org

If you do not submit your application for pre-slating, you may still be nominated for office from the floor of the House of Delegates during convention. However, you will still be required to complete and submit the entire application **prior** to nomination.

Your entire application will be available for review by all delegates at a designated location throughout the elections process at convention.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the members of the NEC, via e-mail or telephone. Prior to submitting an application for state office, please review the Chapter Resource Booklet section of Running for state office. In deciding which office to apply for, please review the Chapter Resource booklet section on the GANS Executive Board and NEC taking note of the description of duties of each office, as well as the suggested questions for candidates for office. You will then choose the top three positions that you feel best fits you. You will then rank them in order of priority on the application prior to submission to the NEC. If you do run for office, the questions listed on these pages are examples of the kinds of questions you may be asked by delegates during the Candidates' Forum at convention.



Application for State Office

Certification of Good Academic Standing

This is to certify that _____ is an eligible candidate for the Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) Executive Board of Directors. This candidate is currently enrolled and in good standing at _____ (School Name) and meets the qualifications to serve in a state office (not yet specified).

Signature of Candidate

Date

Signature of GANS Chapter President

Date

Signature of Dean/GANS Advisor

Date

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To be filled out by the NEC only:

Candidate is slated for _____

Date placed on slate _____



Candidate Statement of Experience and Intent for GANS Office

Name: _____

Intended Office: To slate the best candidates possible, the NEC is asking for your top **three** preferences for office. After careful review the NEC will slate according to qualifications of the applicants. Candidates must know description of duties for **three choices of office**.

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> PR Director	<input type="checkbox"/> East District Director
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> EKG Director	<input type="checkbox"/> West District Director
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> NEC North
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> BTN Director	<input type="checkbox"/> NEC South
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> North District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> NEC East
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Director	<input type="checkbox"/> South District Director	<input type="checkbox"/> NEC West

Answer the following questions on a separate page:

- Please give a short statement as to the reasons you are running for a state office.
- If elected, what goals would you strive to accomplish and how do you plan to implement them?
- List any other positions/activities/honors you have held/accomplished that would help you to better serve as a GANS officer.
- Specify what methods you will use to keep lines of communication open between yourself and other board members, chapters, and regions.

Application Checklist:

- Certificate of Good Academic Standing
- Statement of Experience and Intent with additional responses on a separate page
- Candidate Information Sheet
- Dean/Advisor Recommendation Form
- Photograph and Bio to be used in the Convention Delegate Booklet (CD-ROM or email).

To be considered for pre-slating, applications must be postmarked by September 8, 2008



Candidate Information Sheet

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone # _____

NSNA membership # _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

School of Nursing _____

School Address _____

Name of Dean/Advisor _____

If elected, I agree to serve GANS to the best of my ability and I am aware of the time and effort that is demanded by the responsibilities outlined in the bylaws for the office, which I am being nominated. In addition, I agree that if I voluntarily resign or become an ineligible officer according to the GANS bylaws, *I will reimburse the GANS for any monies paid on my behalf, i.e. travel to national conventions.* To the best of my knowledge, all statements made on this application are true. I have reviewed and agree to abide by the campaign guidelines as stated in the Chapter Resource Booklet. I also understand that any violations may lead to action by GANS. I will also as a candidate conduct my campaign with honesty, integrity, and in an ethical manner while being a professional at all times.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Campaign Manager: _____ Date: _____

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Dean/Advisor Recommendation for Student Candidacy for State Office

Dear Dean/Advisor:

This letter is to inform you that _____ has decided to run for a position, to be determined, on the Executive Board of the Georgia Association of Nursing Students. As you have a direct working relationship with this student, we would appreciate your valued opinion of the situation.

The GANS Executive Board would like to take this time to thank you for your kind cooperation. We recognize that without your leadership and promise to support students in GANS offices, we would not be able to experience the personal and professional growth that we enjoy with your dedication. Thanks for your time and commitment to our organization and our profession.

Do you feel that this student is capable of carrying out the responsibilities of the office without adversely affecting his/her clinical and academic performance?

Please list the reasons why you feel this student is qualified to serve this office.

It is the considered opinion of the faculty that this student's record of performance is satisfactory and the student will be able to devote the time and effort necessary to fulfill the duties of this office. If elected, the student's faculty and I will assist by supporting and encouraging her or him in the GANS office.

Printed name of Dean/Advisor _____

Signature of Dean/Advisor _____ Date _____

To be considered for pre-slating, this and all forms must be postmarked by Sept. 8, 2008.