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July 15, 1988

TO: NYSNA Delegates to the 1988 ANA House of Delegates

FROM: Juanita K. Hunter, President
       Martha L. Orr, Executive Director
       Wendy M. Burbank, Associate to the Executive Director

RE: Delegate Evaluation

Attached is the Delegate Evaluation for 1988 House of Delegates activities and procedures. We would appreciate your completing and returning it as soon as possible. A reply envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

The special meeting of delegates during the NYSNA Convention (October 16-19 at the Concord in Kamesha Lake) is scheduled for Sunday, October 15, from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM. We urge you to attend, and hope you will be able to do so. If you have any questions about convention or about the special meeting, please call Wendy Burbank.

Again, thank you for your unstinting hard work in Louisville. We realize the delegate's schedule is a grueling one. Your expertise, your professionalism and your seeming tirelessness were and will continue to be valued more than we can express.

DELEGATE EVALUATION

Please assist us in planning for our delegation to next year's House of Delegates by evaluating our 1988 activities and procedures.

1. Delegate Orientation
   A. Did the information sent to you prior to orientation provide you with sufficient information? Yes ___ No ___
      If no, what information did you need? ________________

   B. Did the orientation to delegates on June 1st meet your needs for information and assistance prior to the House of Delegates? Yes ___ No ___
      If no, what were the problem areas? ________________

   C. Have you any suggestions for improvement of the orientation session? Time and place ________________
      Other ________________

   D. Were you a first time delegate? Yes ___ No ___

   E. If so, did you participate in the special orientation for new delegates? Yes ___ No ___

   F. Did you find the special orientation session helpful? Yes ___ No ___

   G. Have you any suggestions for the improvement of new delegate orientation? ________________

   H. Were the facilities and food service of the hotel freezer acceptable? Yes ___ No ___
II. House of Delegates: NYSNA Caucuses

A. Do you feel the caucuses were helpful in presenting information on the issues? Yes ______ No ______

B. Do you feel the caucuses were helpful in providing the opportunity for developing consensus of our delegation on issues before the House? Yes ______ No ______

C. Have you any suggestions for improvement of the caucuses? Yes______ No ______
   If yes, can you give specific suggestions for improvement:
   ____________________________________________________________________________

D. Were you satisfied with the scheduling of the caucuses? Yes______ No ______
   If no, what were the problem areas? What changes would you recommend?
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

III. Have you any other comments or suggestions for planning next year's Delegation?
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

IV. Are you planning to attend both the NYSNA Convention October 16 - 19 and the special meeting of NYSNA delegates during the convention? Yes ______ No ______

MLDker
7/15/88
Delegate Orientation

NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

Memorandum

To: Jaunt
From: Wendy
4/18/00

There are 37

"New" delegates.

New as defined as not having served in 1987. A few served before that (not many).

New York City (includes Long Island)

Backer
Bailey
Ballard
Barry
Beck
Belle-Downes
Birnbach
Cadoes
Carey
Carter
Cohen
Collins
Countryman
Donovan
Gonzalez
Hegopeuschok
Grat
Hardie
Knights
Korn
Malon
Marshall
Mason
McDonnell
Naegle
Nelson
Pagel
Perrato
Plummer
Frezlios
Roone
Selle
Williams
Trotman-Jones

= 37

Downstate (could go to NYC or Albany)

Beaton
Daly
Frost
Gallagher
Grenier
Inskeep
Lund
Mazzie
O’Day
Ricci
Sweeney

= 5 + 1 = 6
Delegate Orientation

Delegate Evaluation

How I was greeted, offered coffee and a chance to meet others.

How model

Drinking durante

Leadership

Directions and support from leadership.

Delegate action, helpful in preparing location.
Delegate Orientation

[Handwritten notes on the page]
DELEGATE ORIENTATION: June 1, 1987

I. INTRODUCTION

It is helpful to the work of the delegation to know each other. Although we did introduce everyone at the last meeting, I suggest that we do this once more.

I would like to introduce the Association's parliamentarian, Dr. Eugene Bierbaum. Dr. Bierbaum will accompany the delegation to Kansas City in order to provide on-site assistance to the delegates. I understand that since there are two critical issues (future membership and dues increase) before us, Dr. Bierbaum's immediate assistance could be invaluable.

I'd also like to let you know that two alternates have been added to our delegation. Most recently, the injury of Juanita Majewski's daughter has made it impossible for Juanita to be a delegate. I thank Bernadette Grant, who learned only this morning that she was to serve as a delegate, for her willingness to rearrange her schedule at the last moment.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch is scheduled for 12:30.

Hotel sheet sign-in

III. SCHEDULE OF DELEGATE COMMITMENTS

Before we begin the review of our delegation procedures and the substantive reports and resolutions, I would like to ask that you review with me the schedule of events for our delegation.

We recognize that you are again going to have very long days; the caucus schedule seemed to be the only possible time to get us together...and you indicated last year that you preferred early morning meetings to late evening ones.

The tentative schedule was mailed to you in the last delegate mailing. Please note these additions to the schedule:

The New York Ball, honoring New York candidates for ANA offices will be Sunday, June 7, 12 noon to 2:00 P.M. Please add this to your calendar; you will hear more about this event this afternoon when we have time devoted to the candidate.

There is a special caucus of all staff nurses who are delegates, organized by the California Nurses Association. This meeting will be Friday, June 5, 8:30 - 10:30 A.M. It would be most helpful if those of you who are staff nurses would attend this meeting and report back to our caucus.
IV. DELEGATION PROCEDURES

Delegates last year were asked to complete an evaluation of the delegation's procedures. To the extent possible, we have implemented your suggestions. We will need to discuss some of the 'bugs' we encountered last year and make decisions concerning the best way to conduct our business.

I'd like to review a few of the comments and suggestions:

You suggested that it would be better to schedule delegate orientation after the NYSHA Board had met to form their recommendations to you. We have done this, and the Board's recommendations are available to you today.

You also asked that there be more that one meeting for orientation...which, as you know, has been done.

You asked for an organizational chart of ANA in order to assist you in understanding the structure of ANA. This was given to you.

You asked that New York candidates be given an opportunity to present their "Candidates' Night" speeches to you...and for their benefit and yours. Those candidates who wish to do so have been invited to speak to you later in the day.

We will discuss other recommendations regarding caucuses, voting procedures, etc., as we review these.

ASK WHO TO REVIEW THE PROCEDURES

Please refer to the handout titled "House of Delegates Procedures".

First: delegate credentials

Please remember that you must have your NYSHA membership card with you in order to receive your delegate badge. If you have misplaced it, please let Kendy Burbank know today. We will have new cards issued and will bring them with us to Boston City. (Kendy is accompanying us...you can arrange to get the cards from her Friday afternoon.)

If, for any reason, you have to leave the delegation early, please return your delegate credential card with me. Unfortunately, we do not expect to have any accredited alternate on site, so you'll simply have to fill in...so please do not leave early unless absolutely necessary.

Next: attendance

Our procedure for taking attendance at the House of Delegates was to circulate the entire roster of delegates for you to check off your names. This was awkward since the roster frequently "got lost" as it was being passed around.

One suggestion that you made was to use the seating chart to circulate the entire House of Delegates...then the row monitors could simply check the chart, note the vacant seats, and know who was missing. Just to remind you that there are two reasons to take attendance: to determine that all delegates fill their obligations as per the delegate reimbursement policy, and to attempt to assure that we have a full delegation for the business of the House. Could we have discussion on the assigned seat idea?

Note: seating chart is in the packet...very awkward arrangement of the New York delegation.

Next: sign-in/out during the sessions

Several of you commented that you did not like this procedure. However, it seemed to work fairly well, since the row monitors could attempt to locate absent delegates when a vote was about to be taken. Could we have some discussion on this aspect of our procedures?

Next: taking roll-call votes

Again, we found it unworkable to circulate a simple roster of delegates for taking roll-call votes. If you are agreeable to using the assigned seat method, we can prepare ballots for each row, which would then have to be passed down only one row. The row monitors could collect the ballots for the row, tally the results, and enable us to do the total delegations with tally more quickly. Discussion?

Next: voting indicators

Another procedure which was not unanimously favored was the method we used to assist the delegates who wanted to know the recommendation of the Board or the President regarding the vote. You may remember that the delegate captains held up colored papers on each vote: Green for you, blue for us, and yellow for "vote your conscience." We felt that this made it possible for our delegation to vote as a powerful block when you were several of you, however, said you were uncomfortable with this process. Could we have some discussion of that point, too, on this matter?
Next: handouts/reference committee reports.

One row monitor will be assigned to pick up the entire delegation's copies of these documents and place them at your seats. (Convention news also?)

Next: delegate captains and row monitors.

Several of you indicated that you were not really sure of the functions of these persons; so, a brief review in order.

Row monitors:
- take attendance during the House
- count the votes
- locate "missing persons" when a vote is near
- obtain and distribute handouts

Delegate captains:
- plan strategy with the President
- meet with other delegations if we are asked or if we wish to lobby others
- communicate suggested votes
- provide information and assistance to our own delegates, if needed

Any questions or discussion?

Next: Caucus

There were numerous conflicting recommendations regarding the caucus procedures. Some comments noted that more people could have been asked to attend reference hearings and report back; others commented that more dialogue should be encouraged, that experienced delegates were always the "speakers." Some asked for advance agendas for the caucuses.

Just a comment on the latter suggestion...I don't know how we could do this since we cannot know in advance exactly where we will be in the business of the House until the evening before any given caucus.

We recognize that the time available for caucus is extremely limited, and we have expressed our dissatisfaction with ANA's scheduling...but we couldn't find any other reasonable time to meet.

END: your show now

V. REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

You have been given the recommendations of the NYSNA Board of Directors regarding the bylaws. Let's go through these to clarify any of the recommendations, and discuss any problems.

Please refer to the handout: 1987 ANA House of Delegates, Reports/Resolutions/Proposed Bylaws Amendments...Recommendations of NYSNA Board of Directors.

The bylaw amendments are printed on blue paper, and will be discussed in Reference Hearing B.

Ellen: remember to note the error in the written report re
turn of office of cabinet members; (four years, not three)

At the end of the review--ask which delegates would like to be assigned to report on this reference hearing.

VI. Review of Reports and Resolutions

We will review these in the context of the reference hearing in which they appear. Again--please note that the board recommendations may not be in the exact order in which they appear on the report card/ schedule. We should use the program hearing schedule to put the discussion in some kind of order.

REFERENCE HEARING A:

Special Forum and hearing on membership options.

Ellen: Comment on the first delegate orientation session.

The position paper was sent to all 619 delegates. The recommendation is to vote to support the recommendation of the ANA board to defer action on this subject to 1988.

Ellen: Assign delegate captains and ask for volunteers of delegates to report on each hearing and special forum.

REFERENCE HEARING B:

Strategic Priorities for 1993.

FINANCE FORUM:

[Handout Request, Timelines]
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REFERENCE HEARING C:
Proposed Increase in Dues Conversion

REFERENCE HEARING D:
BOD-F: Activities Around Implementation of the Baccalaureate
BOD-D: Scope of Practice

REFERENCE HEARING E:
COB-A: Proposed Amendments to ANA By-laws

REFERENCE HEARING F:
BOD-G: Legislative and Regulatory Initiatives for Fiscal Year 1988
BOD-H: Federal Commissions Regarding Health
BOD-M: American Red Cross
CPN-A: Specialization in Nursing Practice
CPN-G: Peer Review Guidelines
CHC-G: AIDS and the Impact on Workplace Policies
Res. 1: Improving the Image of Nursing in the Media
Res. 2: Communication Between Practice Councils

REFERENCE HEARING G:
CHN-A: Ensuring Federal Support for Nursing Research
CHP-CHN-A: Access to and Utilization of Nursing Information Resources
CHP-G: Nursing Recruitment and Retention
CPH-G: Establishment of a Coordinated System of Certification for Nursing
Res. 1: Educational Requirements for ANA Certification
Res. 2: Access to Child Care

RESOLUTION HEARING H:
Res. 4: Emergency Shelter and Health Care for the Homeless
Res. 5: Youth Suicide Prevention
Res. 6: Discriminatory Psychiatric Diagnoses
Res. 7. Family Violence
BOD-G: Long Term Care
COS-A: Long-term Care
CPA-C: Role of the Nurse in Organ and Tissue Donation
CPR-A: AIDS
CHN-B: Access to Health Care

That completes our review of reports and resolutions.

VII. NYSSA Candidates
Remember that Nettie wants to explain the New York Bell.
Ask which candidates want to practice their speeches.
???Do we want to ask for comments on any other candidates.