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## #64 Delegate Orientation



July 25, 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 Kiamesha Lake) is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM. We urge you to attend, and hope you will 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

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| II. Hous   | se of Delegates: NYSNA Caucuses  |
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| Α,   | Do you feel the caucuses were helpful in presenting information on the issues? Yes No  |
| В.   | Do you feel the caucuses were helpful in providing the opportunity for developing consensus of our delegation on issues before the House? Yes No |
| С.   | Have you any suggestions for improvement of the caucuses?  |
|  | YesNo  |
|  | If yes, can you give specific suggestions for improvement:   |
| ٥.   | Were you satisfied with the scheduling of the caucuses?  |
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|  | If no, what were the problem areas? What changes would you recommend?  |
| II. Have   | you any other comments or suggestions for planning next year's Delegation?   |
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| IV. Are y<br>and t   | you planning to attend both the NYSNA Convention October 16 - 19 the special meeting of NYSNA delegates during the convention?                   |
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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

DELEGATION TO 1987 ANA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Delegate Orientation Session 19 3

June 1, 1987 New York City

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I. Introductions

II. Announcements

III. Delegation Procedures

IV. Review of Proposed Amendments to Bylaws in the Act.

V. Review of Reports and Resolutions - Proceedings.

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DELEGATE ORIENTATION: June 1, 1987

### I. INTRODUCTIONS

It is helpful to the work of the delegation/to know each other. Although we did intorduce everyone at the interestion session, 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. The Board of Directors felt that since there are two critical issues (future membership and dues increase) before us. Dr. Bierbaum's immediate assistance could be valuable.

I'd also like to let you know that & 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 Irmatrude Grant, who learned only Friday 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 proferred 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 schedula:

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

There is a special caucus of all staff narsen who are delegates, organized by the California Nurses Accompation. This meeting will be Priday, June 5, 8:30 - 10:30 pm. It would be most helpful if those of you who are staff nurses would allend this meeting and report back to our caucua.

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### 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 NYSNA 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 crientation...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--poth for their benefit and yours. Those candidates who wish to do so have been invited to speak to you later in the agenda.

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

ASK MLO TO REVIEW THE PROCEDURES HOTEL SIGN

Please refer to the handout titled: house of Delegates Procedures.

First: delegate credentials

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

If for any reason you have to leave the delegation early. please remember to leave your delegate credential bard with me. Unfortunately, we do not expect to have any accredited alternate (other than myself) present to fill in...so please do not leave early unless absolutely necessary.

Next: attendance

Our procedure for taking attendance at the House of

DelegateSaessions 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 assign seats for 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 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?

There is a sheet circulation. Note: seating chart is in the packet ... very awkward represent 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 direulate a single 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 ballat for the row, total it, and enable us to do the total delegation vote 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 vate. You may remember that the delegate captains held up color soded papers on each vote: green for yea, blue for no, and yellow for "vote your conscience." We felt that this made it possible for our delegation to vote as a powerful blook much book street Several of you, however, said you were embaraged by this process. Could we have some discussion of your process on this matter?

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Next: handouts/reference committee reports

One row monitor will be assigned to pick up the entire delegation's copies of these documents and to 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 is 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: Caucuses

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.

EMB: your show now!

### V. REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

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 bylaws amendments are printed on blue paper, and will be discussed in Reference Hearing E.

Ellen: remember to note the error in the written report reterms 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. (Ellen: please note that the Board vecommendations may not be in the exact order in which they appear on the reference hearing schedule. We should use the pink (reference 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 615 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 1988.

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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-C: Legislative and Regulatory Initiatives for Fiscal Year 1988

BOD-G: Federal Commissions Regarding Health

BOD-H: American Red Cross

CNP-A: Specialization in Nursing Practice

CNP-C: Peer Review Guidelines

CE&GW-A: Aids and the Impact on Workplace Policies

Res.l: Improving the Image of Nursing in the Media

CNP-D: Communication Between Practice Councils

### REFERENCE HEARING G:

CNR-A: Ensuring Pederal Support for Nursing Research

CNPGCNR-A: Access to and Utilization of Nursing Information Resources

CNE&CNS-A: Nursing Recruitment and Retention

CNP-B: Establishment of a Coordinated System of Certification for Nutsing

Res. 2: Educational Requirements for ANA Certification

Res. 3: Access to Child Care

### REFERENCE HEARING H:

Res. 4: Emergency Shelter and Health Care for the Homeless

Res. 5: Youth Suicide Prevention

Res. 6: Discriminaroty Psychiatric Diagnoses

Res. 7: Family Violence

BOD-I: Long Term Care

CNS-A: Long-term Care

CNP-E: Role of the nurse in Organ and Tissue Donation

CHR-A: AIDS

CHR-B: Access to Health Care

That completes our review of reports and resolutions.

### VII. NYSNA Candidates

Remember that Nettie wants to explain the New York Deli.

Ask which candidates want to practice their speeches.

???Do we want to ask for comments on any other candidates.