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June 17, 1986

Margaret M. Hardie, R.N.
85 Manchester Lane
Stony Brook, NY 11790

Dear Ms. Hardie:

At its meeting of June 5-6, the Board of Directors reviewed your request for advice on the appropriate procedure to establish a new NYSHA district in Suffolk County. The Board considered applicable NYSHA bylaws, legal counsel's opinion, and NYSHA historical documents in reaching the following decisions:

1. It will be your (and/or the organizing committee's) responsibility to prepare and distribute an appropriate ballot or petition to NYSHA members residing in Suffolk County. Such a ballot should contain typed or printed names of members as well as the members' social security number, county of residence, and written signature. This information will be necessary in order to verify the membership of the applicants. It will also be necessary to establish the date on which the membership interest is determined since that date will provide the "cut off" point from which the membership base required for a majority will be set.

2. When you have obtained the appropriate documentation to demonstrate that a majority of NYSHA members residing in Suffolk County wish to form a new district, you may then request that the Board of Directors place the subject on the agenda of its next meeting. For your information, the Board of Directors will meet September 12-13, 1986. The agenda of the meeting of the Board on October 30, 1986, will pertain only to the NYSHA convention. The Board will set the dates for subsequent meetings at its post-convention meeting on November 3.

3. NYSHA will verify the membership and county of residence of the applicants petitioning for a new district and will confirm the achievement of a majority.

4. Representatives of District 16 and you (and/or other representatives of the organizing committee) will be invited to the meeting of the NYSHA Board to address your respective concerns.

5. The NYSHA Board will then vote on the recognition of the new district.

I will be pleased to address any questions you may have regarding this procedure.

Sincerely yours,

Martha L. Orr, RN, RN
Executive Director

cc: Ellen M. Burns, President
    Juanita K. Hunter, President-elect
June 17, 1986

Nettie Birnbach, President
Barbara J. Halon, Executive Director
District 14, NYSNA
One Hanson Pl., Room 1707
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Dr. Birnbach and Ms. Halon:

At its meeting of June 5-6, the Board of Directors reviewed the request of NYSNA member Margaret Hardie for advice on the appropriate procedure to establish a new NYSNA district in Suffolk County. The Board reviewed applicable NYSNA bylaws, legal counsel's opinion, and NYSNA historical documents in reaching the following decisions:

1. Ms. Hardie will be instructed to prepare individual ballots, or petitions which she (and/or the organizing committee) will distribute to NYSNA members residing in Suffolk County. Ms. Hardie has been given a set of mailing labels for this purpose.

2. It will be Ms. Hardie's responsibility to obtain documentation which will demonstrate that a majority of NYSNA members residing in Suffolk County wish to form a new district. The organizing committee may then petition the NYSNA Board of Directors to recognize the new district.

3. When a majority expression of interest is submitted to NYSNA, and NYSNA membership of the nurses is confirmed, the petition for recognition of the new district will be placed on the agenda of the next NYSNA Board of Directors meeting. Representatives of District 14 and of the organizing committee will be invited to that meeting to address their respective concerns on the matter.

4. The Board of Directors will then vote on recognition of the new district.

I will be pleased to address any questions you may have regarding this procedure.

Sincerely yours,

Nettie Birnbach, President
Barbara J. Halon, Executive Director
June 17, 1986

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cc: Ellen M. Burns, President
Juanita K. Hunter, President-elect
NEW YORK COUNTIES REGISTERED NURSES ASSOCIATION has the distinction of being the first local (district) nurses association in the New York State Nurses Association, the first state nurses association in the American Nurses Association, New York State and New York County were destined to be in the forefront of the movement to organize nurses. The first structured and later incorporated nurses association in the United States started in a nurses training school in New York City in 1889, eight years before the founding of the first national association of trained nurses. The alumnae association of the Training School for Nurses attached to Bellevue Hospital was organized in 1889 with the approval and the assistance of the Board of Womean Managers and Superintendents/Menon and was open only to their graduates. It became clear to nurses in the 1890's that they had to organize to gain control over their practice and welfare. Scores of untrained nurses were competing with trained nurses. No legal means existed to prevent lay people from practic- ing as nurses. Not only was there a national organization needed but state nurses association and local societies needed to be organized because the authority to establish laws governing the practice of any profes- sion was vested in the state government. It would be the responsibility of a state group, with the assistance of the local society, to assure nurses the maximum protection in the local society.

During the spring of 1899 a campaign was mounted in New York City to establish a County Nurses Association. This campaign was sustained for six years after the founding of the first national nursing association in the United States in 1899 (American Society for Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses). Although Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses and their graduates were forming alumnae associations so that they could join the newly organized national society for nurses, Nurses' Associated Alumnae of United States and Canada, they were concerned about the graduate nurses practicing in New York, but not a graduate of one of the City's training schools for nurses. These nurses considered auxiliary membership in the organized alumni association for three years before they decided to form their own society. Forty nurses met with Mary Thornton, Secretary of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of United States and Canada and a nurse on April 7, 1902 to discuss the advisability of organizing a local association on a similar basis to the New York State Association of Nurses. Miss Thornton was not a graduate of a New York City school. The meeting was addressed by Lavinia Dock and Mary Thornton. Miss Dock explained the objectives of the state nurses' association and strongly advised nurses not already belonging to a school alumni group in New York City to band together. Miss Thornton explained the lines the State Association was formed and also the local association relationship to the State Association. The Association of Graduate Nurses of Manhattan and Bronx was formed at that meeting. Finally these nurses had an association and could consider joining the state or national organization.

It was not until May 1903, that the alumnae associations considered forming a New York County Nurses Association. Preliminary meetings were held by delegates from nurses associations and alumnae associations. At these meetings, four in total, the organization's mission, objectives and structure were designed and officers were elected. The corporate name related was: "The New York County Nurses Association." It was decided that "Registered" was not to be used in the corporate name until all eligible members had applied for registration. The first meeting of the Association was convened at Presbyterian Hospital on Tuesday, March 8th, 1904.

The New York County Nurses Association was formed by individuals and alumnae associations although nurses associations, including the Association of Graduate Nurses of Manhattan and Bronx, played an important role in designing and structuring the organization. Many of the nurses societies such as Graduate Nurses of Manhattan and Bronx has joined the New York State Nurses Association and wanted to vote at the convention in April 1903. Many of their members wanted to join the County Association so they would become charter individual members of the New York County Nurses Association. The Association of Graduate Nurses of Manhattan and Bronx became a member of New York County Nurses Association on November 4, 1904.

Charter alumnae association members included: M. Sinalo, Roosevelt, New York City (now Metropolitan), Lebanon (now Bronx-Lebanon), Presbyterian, New York Hospital, St. Luke's, German, and New York Infirmary. Charter individual members included: Mary E. Thornton, Anna C. Maxwell, Mrs. McHenry, Anne Bennett, Elizabeth Burns, Nurse Daniels, Jean Kuchnich, Rose Saffier, Mrs. Dalein, Miss Powell. Officers elected included: President, Amanda Silvers, City Hospital, Evelyn Kilpatrick, Presbyterian Hospital; Gwendoly Smith, St. Luke's Hospital; Elizabeth Burns, Roosevelt Hospital; Jennie Greenhalsh, Mt. Sinai Hospital.

The Bellevue Alumnae Association was not a charter alumnae member although they later joined the County Nurses Association. Jane Delano, Superintendent of the Bellevue Training School for Nurses, was a charter member of the Association and represented Bellevue until they joined. The New York County Nurses Association became incorporated on April 11, 1904. The County Association was admitted into the New York State Nurses Association at the State Convention held April 19, 1904. In the same year was changed to New York County Registered Nurses Association. The name of the Association changed to New York Counties Registered Nurses Association, to include New York, Bronx, Richmond and Kings. And withdrew in 1942 and formed District 10, at which time the district was designated "New York State Nurses Association" was officially added.

The association of Graduate Nurses of Manhattan and Bronx, Inc. dissolved on November 10, 1942, when an individual section of District 13 was established. As the time the group has had over hundred and eighty members. Two-thirds of the membership voted for discontinuance of the organization. All members considered forming a New York County Nurses Association were transferred to the New York County Nurses Association.
syndrome. Reye's Syndrome is not a disease of the 1980's. It was described in 1963 in Lancet, a British medical journal, by Douglas R. Reye, M.D. Shortly thereafter, in the North Carolina Journal of Medicine, an article by George M. Johnson, M.D. appeared which also described Reye-Johnson Syndrome. Reye's Syndrome is an acute disease which principally affects the liver and brain. The kidneys and heart are also frequently involved. It occurs equally in boys and girls, and Caucasians over the age of one are more often affected than blacks. This syndrome was originally associated with the age group from infancy to 12 years of age, but we are now aware that the adolescent populations can be victims of this disease. There have been a few reported cases in the adult population. We are more than aware of this threatening disease but it is still shrouded in mystery. We do not know its cause and we do not have a cure but we do know that the key to a more positive prognosis is the recognition of the symptoms and immediate treatment.

Reye's Syndrome almost always follows a viral infection such as chicken pox, influenza or influenza-like illnesses. Within one to three days of the recovery period of the original illness the following are the main clues to the possible development of Reye's Syndrome:

1. Persistent intractable vomiting
2. Behavioral changes: confusion, restlessness, irritability
3. Respiratory changes: rapid, shallow breathing
4. Seizures: facial twitches, dilated pupils
5. Coma

There is no specific pattern of symptoms and not all of the above may occur.Medication may mask the symptoms and there has been established a definite association between aspirin and Reye's Syndrome. The U.S. Surgeon General, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Center for Disease Control recommend that aspirin not be administered to children under the age of 19 who have viral infections.

DO NOT GIVE ASPIRIN WHEN THERE IS EVEN A SUSPICION OF A VIRAL INFECTION!
TO:  EMB, JKH  
FROM:  MLO  
RE:  Procedure Re Request for New DNA in Suffolk County

The following procedure has been reviewed by legal counsel and is suggested for use at the July 10 meeting:

1. An executive session of the Board will be held preceding presentation of District 14 and Suffolk County representatives. During this session, the President will advise Board members Nettie Birnbach and Maggie Jacobs that their roles as representatives of District 14 Board of Directors and as elected members of the NYSNA Board are in conflict on the matter to be presented to the NYSNA Board. Therefore, Dr. Birnbach and Ms. Jacobs must be excused from the NYSNA Board’s deliberation and decision on this matter, except in their role as the District 14 representatives who will present their District’s perspective on the issue.

2. The President will ask whether there are other NYSNA Board members present who believe they also are in conflict of interest according to the Board’s policy. (Policy will be distributed to Board.) If so, these Board members will also be excused from the Board’s discussion and decision.

3. The President will review the following procedure for discussion of this matter in open session of the Board and will amend as necessary.
   a) Introduction of representatives of Suffolk County nurses and District 14 representatives.
   b) Explanation of procedure to invited representatives:
      i. Each side will be given opportunity for presentation. Representatives of the side which is not presenting will be excused.
      ii. Board members will be given opportunity to discuss issues/questions with representatives.

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iii. Representatives of Suffolk County and District 14 will be excused for discussion of Board. In the event Board members need further clarification or discussion, representatives will be recalled.

c) Executive Director asked to review data re compliance with Bylaw provision regarding majority indication of interest. Board confirms that Bylaws requirements have been met.

d) Representatives of Suffolk County invited to make their presentation. (District 14 representatives excused.) Discussion/questions of Board.

e) Representatives of District 14 invited to make their presentation. (Suffolk County representatives excused.) Discussion/questions of Board.

f) Discussion and decision of Board. (All representatives excused.)

g) Representatives recalled for Board to give decision and/or recommendations.

4. If the Board concurs that a new DNA should be formed, the following instructions will be given to the Suffolk County representatives:

a) Call a meeting of interested nurses;

b) Elect interim officers and appoint Bylaws Committee;

c) Prepare Bylaws for proposed District 19; submit these Bylaws to NYSNA for review in accordance with NYSNA Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3(b);

d) The NYSNA Bylaws Committee will report its findings to the NYSNA Board that the proposed DNA Bylaws are (or are not) "in harmony with the Bylaws of this Association;"

e) The Board of Directors will then vote on formal recognition of the proposed new district nurses association;

f) The proposed DNA may wish to consider incorporation as an association and collection of dues to support its work. NYSNA will not collect District dues until such time as constituent status is conferred;

g) NYSNA staff will work with the representatives of the proposed new district to plan and coordinate dues collection process;

h) The interim President of the district will be invited to attend meetings of the Advisory Council as a non-voting participant until such time as constituent status is conferred; and,

i) The interim President of the district (or other designated individual) will be placed on the mailing list for districts.
July 8, 1987

TO: NYSNA Board of Directors
FROM: Martha L. Orr, Executive Director
RE: Request for Formation of New DNA in Suffolk County

The membership database utilized for the purpose of determining compliance with NYSNA Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 2(b), was that of May 26, 1987.

As of that date, there were 1,787 NYSNA members whose listed addresses were determined to be in Suffolk County.

Of this number, signed statements of individuals desiring a new district nurses association in Suffolk County were 943.

Statements indicating that the members were opposed to the formation of a new district nurses association in Suffolk County were 64.

No response was received from the remaining 780 NYSNA members residing in Suffolk County.

A majority of the 1,787 members is 894. Therefore, a majority of NYSNA members residing in Suffolk County has indicated preference for forming a new DNA.

As of June 25, 1987, there are 417 NYSNA members residing in Suffolk County who are also members of District 14.

MLO/Im

NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION
2113 Western Avenue, Guilderland, N.Y. 12084, (518) 456-5371
Ellen Burns, RN, President
New York State Nurses Association
2113 Western Avenue
Guilderland, NY 12084

Dear Ellen:

After nearly a year of continuous effort, I have confirmation from Martha Orr that we have achieved our goal of collecting the signatures of a majority of NYSNA members residing in Suffolk County as in favor of a Suffolk County District Nurses Association.

While this effort has been our focus for a long while, we recognize that this is only the first step in establishing a new NYSNA district. We respectfully request that this item be addressed at the July 10 meeting of the NYSNA Board of Directors. The Suffolk nurses have worked very diligently to get this far and are eager for the approval of the Board to continue in the process toward establishing our own local district.

I hope to bring several nurses with me to the Board meeting to give the Board members our perspective on the need for a new district in our area. I will let you know the exact number as soon as it can be confirmed.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Margaret Hardie RN
EXTRACTS FROM ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Incorporated April 22, 1926
Amended June 18, 1969

We, the undersigned, being of full age and desirous of associating ourselves together for professional and educational purposes as herein-after more particularly described, pursuant to and in conformity with the Acts of Legislature of the State of New York relating to Membership Corporations, do hereby certify and declare . . .

First: That the particular objects for which said corporation is formed are as follows, viz: To establish and maintain ethical standards among nurses, to support and defend the law with relation to nurses; to promote the education and social standing of the nursing profession of this state and to acquire, conduct and maintain a club house for nurses.

Second: That the corporate name by which said Corporation hereby to be formed shall be known and distinguished is and shall be THE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTIES OF LONG ISLAND, Inc.

Third: That the territory in which the operations of said corporation are to be conducted are the Counties of Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk of the State of New York.

Fourth: That the principal office of said corporation shall be located in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York.

Seventh: That the annual meeting of said corporation shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in May in each and every year.

Signed and certified by: Ethel G. Prince, Mary E. Robinson, Elizabeth E. Lauterbach, Florence Bryant, Helen I. Clark, Christine Arnold, Mathilda Gravdahl, Lucy Treadway, Jean Stevens, Lillian Thom, Edith Cock.

ARTICLE I
NAME, OBJECT AND FUNCTIONS
Sec. 1. The name of this association shall be Nurses Association of the Counties of Long Island, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the association.
Sec. 2. The object of the association is to accomplish the statement in the Articles of Incorporation.
Sec. 3. Functions shall include:
   a. promote nursing and health services of a nature commensurate with human needs.
   b. promote high standards of nursing education, practice, service and research.
   c. promote adherence to ethical standards as stated in the Code For Nurses of the American Nurses Association.
   d. conduct legislative activities that will insure and protect the public's health.
   e. provide and promote continuing education in nursing.
   f. act and speak for nurses and nursing.
   g. represent nurses and nursing to the public.
   h. do all things necessary, proper and conducive to the accomplishment of the object and functions in their broadest sense.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERS—DUES—DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Sec. 1. Qualifications
A member is one:
   a. who has been granted a license to practice as a registered nurse in at least one state, territory or possession of the United States and does not have a license under suspension or revocation in any state, or has completed a nursing education program qualifying the individual to take the state-recognized examination for registered nurse licensure as a first-time writer, and
   b. whose application for membership has been accepted in accordance with association policy, and
   c. who has paid the current dues.
Sec. 2. Dues
   b. Annual dues are established by the voting body.
   b. The annual dues provide membership for twelve consecutive months.
   c. Membership shall be terminated and all rights forfeited if dues are not paid as required by association policy.
Sec. 3. Disciplinary Action
   a. Members shall be subject to reprimand, censure, suspension or expulsion for violation of the Code For Nurses or for violation of these bylaws or for conduct detrimental or injurious to the association or its purposes, in accordance with established policy.
b. A member may apply for reinstatement in accordance with established policy.

ARTICLE III
OFFICERS
Sec. 1. The officers shall be a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and six directors. These officers shall perform the duties usually performed by such officers, those prescribed in these bylaws and those designated by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. The president, the second vice president and the treasurer shall be elected in the even numbered years for a two year term or until their successors are elected. The first vice president and the secretary shall be elected in the odd numbered years for a two year term or until their successors are elected. Two directors shall be elected each year for a three year term or until their successors are elected.

Sec. 3. The election shall be by ballot and the term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Sec. 4. No member may hold more than one office at a time and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office nor more than eight consecutive years in any office.

ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Sec. 1. The five officers and six directors shall constitute the Board of Directors and the president shall be the chairman.

Sec. 2. The Board of Directors is the elected body responsible for the corporate management and fiduciary affairs of the association. It is authorized, by provisions of applicable law, to do all things appropriate and necessary for the development and perpetuation of the association.

Sec. 3. Functions shall include:
   a. transact the business of the association
   b. establish major corporate policies
   c. adopt an annual budget and provide for the auditing of accounts by an independent C.P.A.
   d. appoint an executive director, define the responsibilities and provide for maintenance of association headquarters.
   e. appoint committees.
   f. fill vacancies in any office except that a vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the first vice president for the remainder of the term.
   g. determine the place and time of all meetings and programs and set registration fees when required.
   h. unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the third Wednesday each month except July and August.

Sec. 4. The five officers shall constitute an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and shall have all the powers of the Board of Directors to transact business of an emergency nature between regular meetings.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS
Sec. 1. Regular meetings of the association shall be held on the fourth Thursday in September, November, January and March, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. The annual meeting shall be held on the fourth Thursday in May, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The voting body at each regular and annual meeting shall be members holding current, valid membership cards who are present. Each member shall have one vote and there shall be no proxy voting.

Sec. 4. The quorum for a regular or annual meeting shall be fifty members including the president or a vice president and one other officer.

Sec. 5. Special meetings may be called by the president upon a two thirds vote of the Board of Directors and shall be called by the president upon written request of not less than 30 members.

ARTICLE VI
COMMITTEES
Sec. 1. Standing committees composed of at least five members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors after the annual meeting in even numbered years for a two year term or until their successors are appointed.

Sec. 2. Other standing or special committees may be appointed by the Board of Directors when necessary.

Sec. 3. The president shall be an officer of all committees except the nominating committee.

Sec. 4. The standing committees:
   a. the Bylaws Committee shall review and evaluate existing bylaws, consider changes suggested by members and prepare proposed amendments for approval by the Board of Directors for submission to the voting body. The committee shall review the rules of organizational units to insure that they are not in conflict with these bylaws.
   b. the Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget for the fiscal year which shall be the calendar year, review the financial status of the association and advise the Board of Directors regarding financial policies. The treasurer shall be the chairman.
   c. the Education Committee shall consider matters affecting nursing education, continuing education and recruitment into nursing programs, conduct surveys, disseminate information and make recommendations relating to nursing education.
   d. the Legislation Committee shall study and evaluate proposed legislation, advise the Board and membership as to actions necessary to promote desired legislative goals.
   e. the Membership Promotion Committee shall study, evaluate and devise plans relating to membership promotion, recruitment and retention.
   f. the Nominating Committee shall inform members of the offices to be filled, request suggestions from the members and prepare a ticket of at least two nominees for each to be filled.

Consideration shall be given to suggestions received and others, areas of practice, geographic location and qualifications for the office to be filled.

No nominee shall be included in the ticket without a written statement of qualifications and consent to serve if elected.

g. the Nursing Practice Committee shall promote understanding and adherence to ethical, professional and legal standards of nursing practice, assist in fostering improvement of practice and employment conditions, receive complaints or problems from nurses and the public and recommend appropriate action.

ARTICLE VII
ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS
Sec. 1. The Board of Directors may establish organization units in clinical and functional areas, upon demonstration of interest and need.

Sec. 2. The Board of Directors may dissolve an organizational unit when the need or interest no longer is demonstrated.

Sec. 3. Each organizational unit shall be limited to members employed in or directly concerned with the clinical or functional area, as defined by each unit.

Sec. 4. Each organizational unit shall have an executive committee composed of a chairman, vice chairman and secretary, which shall be responsible for the business of that unit.

Sec. 5. The rules, activities and policies of each unit shall be in accord with those of this association.

ARTICLE VIII
ELECTIONS
Sec. 1. Election of officers and directors shall be by ballot at the annual meeting by eligible members voting in person. There shall be no proxy voting.

Sec. 2. The president shall appoint tellers and determine the time during which the polls are open.

Sec. 3. Following presentation of the ballot by the Nominating Committee, the president shall call for nominations from the floor. A nomination from the floor must be accompanied by a written statement of qualifications and consent to serve if elected.

Sec. 4. A plurality vote shall constitute an election of an officer. The two nominees for director who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected.
In case of a tie vote, the election shall be decided by lot.

Sec. 5. Ballots and records of the election shall be preserved for one year.

ARTICLE IX
CONSTITUENT STATUS
Sec. 1. This association is a constituent of the New York State Nurses Association and is designated as District 14 of that association.

The New York State Nurses Association is a constituent member of the American Nurses Association.

Sec. 2. The relationship between and among these three levels of the professional nurses association is based on historical development, sharing of code of ethics and mutual adherence to fostering high standards of nursing. The bylaws of constituents must conform in regard to membership qualifications. In all other respects this association is independent.

Sec. 3. Individual nurses who are members of this association are members of the New York State Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association upon payment of annual dues of those associations.

ARTICLE X
OFFICIAL ORGAN
NURSING NEWS shall be the official organ of this association. Information carried therein shall constitute official notification to the membership at all times.

ARTICLE XI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS
Sec. 1. These bylaws may be amended at any annual, regular or special meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting provided previous notice of at least two weeks has been given of proposed amendments.

Sec. 2. These bylaws may be amended without previous notice at any meeting by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE XIII
DISSOLUTION
In case of dissolution of this association, all assets remaining after payment of authorized expenditures shall be distributed to an organization or organizations which qualify for tax exemption as provided for under the Internal Revenue laws of the U.S.A., no part to be distributed to any individual or member.
NURSES ASSOCIATION OF THE COUNTIES OF LONG ISLAND, INC.
DISTRICT 14, N.E.N.A.

AMENDMENTS TO THE NACLI, DISTRICT 14 BYLAWS

The following amendments to the Association Bylaws were approved by the Voting Body at the Annual Meeting on May 29, 1986. Please keep this sheet for reference.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 4. The standing committees:

f. Delete - effective at the close of the 1986-1987 membership year.
g. Reletter current item g to be item f.

g. The Committee for the Prevention of Chemically Impaired Nursing Practice shall promote understanding about chemically impaired practice, study, devise plans and make recommendations about matters relating to chemically impaired nursing practice.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall be elected annually and shall consist of four members representative of the four counties of the district. They shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. The Chairperson of this committee shall be the member receiving the greatest number of votes.

Section 2. Each year, the Nominating Committee shall inform members of the offices to be filled, request suggestions from the members and prepare a ticket of at least two nominees for each office to be filled.

Section 3. Consideration shall be given to nominations received. Other factors to be considered include areas of practice, geographic location and qualifications for the office to be filled.

Section 4. No nominee shall be included in the ticket without a written statement of qualifications and consent to serve if elected.

Renumber the following articles.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election of officers, directors and Nominating Committee shall be by secret mail ballot.

Section 2. The procedure for carrying out voting by secret mail ballot shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The results of the secret mail ballot shall be announced at the annual meeting.

Section 4. A plurality vote of those entitled to vote and voting shall constitute an election. The nominees who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 5. In case of any tie, the choice shall be decided by lot. (OVER PLEAAS)
Section 6. The terms of all officers, directors and the Nominating Committee shall commence at the adjournment of the annual membership meeting at which they were elected and shall continue for the term specified or until their successors are elected.

Section 7. All ballots, credentials and other records of the election shall be preserved for one year after the election.
May 4, 1987

Richard J. Silber, Esquire
Harder Silber and Gillam
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
279B Lark Street
Albany, NY 12210

Dear Dick:

This will confirm our discussion of the request of NYSNA members residing in Suffolk County for the formation of a new district nurses association.

Margaret Hardie, an NYSNA member residing in Suffolk County, has chaired a committee organized to determine the interest of Suffolk County NYSNA members in forming a new district nurses association. I provided Ms. Hardie with a list and mailing labels for all NYSNA members whose addresses indicate residence in Suffolk County as of 2/26/87. Ms. Hardie was advised that this listing would comprise the membership base from which a majority indication of interest in the proposed new district would be determined.

It is my understanding that Ms. Hardie’s committee mailed to each of those members a letter explaining the intent of the committee, and a postcard response card. Follow-up letter(s) were mailed to nonrespondents.

There were 1,787 members of NYSNA residing in Suffolk County on February 26, 1987. Response cards have been received from a total of 965 of these persons. Of this number, 904 members indicated their preference for the formation of a new district. Sixty-one (61) members indicated they did not wish to have a new district formed. There was no response from 922 members.

According to the bylaws of the Association, Article XVIII, Section 2, boundaries of constituent district nurses associations shall be clearly defined and recorded by the Board of Directors of that association. Boundaries may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors provided either:

a) such change has been approved by each constituent district nurses association involved; or

b) a majority of the members in the area to be changed have requested such change in writing.

Since the request for consideration of a new district nurses association constitutes a change in the definition and boundary of existing District 14, but there is no established Board of Directors for a proposed district in Suffolk County, the bylaw criterion relevant to the petition in Section 2(b), “A majority of the members in the area to be changed have requested such change in writing.”

Given the membership base of 1,787 NYSNA members residing in Suffolk County on 2/26/87, a majority of these members equals 895 (50% + 1). Since affirmative replies have been received from 904 members, it appears that the bylaw requirement has been met.

The procedure for recognition of a new district has been established as follows:

1) The committee will petition the Board of Directors of NYSNA to consider forming a new district nurses association.

2) Representatives of the committee and representatives of the existing District 14 will be invited to discuss the request at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

3) The Board of Directors will determine whether the bylaws requirements have been met and will consider the merits of the application.

4) If the Board concurs that there is sufficient indication of interest, the Board will advise the committee to prepare proposed bylaws. The bylaws of a proposed new district nurses association must be submitted to the NYSNA Bylaws Committee for review in accordance with NYSNA bylaws, Article VI, Section 3(b):

b) the committee shall:

3. review the bylaws of a nurses association wishing to become a constituent association of this association and report its findings to the Board of Directors.

5) The NYSNA Bylaws Committee shall report its findings that the proposed district nurses association’s bylaws are or are not “in harmony with the bylaws of this Association.”

6) The Board of Directors of NYSNA will then review the findings of the Bylaws Committee and will, at that time, vote on the recognition of the proposed new constituent district nurses association.
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Please advise me of your opinion on the adequacy of this procedure.

Sincerely yours,

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