APSNAs Legacy: Keeping The Legacy Alive

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Objectives

• Discuss the history of APSNA within the context of change.
• List several ways that APSNA has redefined itself as an organization past and present.
• Discuss the potential for future growth of APSNA.
“SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL, FAILURE IS NOT FATAL: IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS.”

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Notes on Legacy and Vision

“I sort of see us as a baseball analogy...as a farm system to prepare people for the major leagues.....in the early days of APSNA, we had to see APSNA as the farm system with other organizations publishing as the majors.”

“Now, we have appropriately raised the bar again by raising the standards to the ‘competition’ out there...other texts, journals, conferences, etc. And in the end, we’ll be the better for it.”

Nancy T. Browne

What does having a vision mean?
Path to the past, bridge to the future.

- Reflecting on our core values.
- Having an appreciation of our heritage.
- Ensuring that our founders intent is remembered correctly.
- Building pride with current leaders.
- Enhancing recruiting efforts.
- Refining our organizations identity and strengthening our branding efforts.
- Enriching our decision making.
- Keeping our members engaged.
APSNA’s Legacy

- Spans 24 years
- Started 31 Pediatric Surgical Nurses at an APSA Meeting in Orlando (1991)
- Breakfast session of Pediatric Surgery Nurses interested in the development of a collaborative association

APSNA

- First President and Founder, Diane Jacobowski, 1992
- First meeting: Half day session with over 50 nurses in attendance
- The beginnings of an infrastructure for our specialty practice organization

Period of Rapid Growth

1993
- First three editions of *Sutureline* distributed
- APNSA officially recognized by APSA 1994
- First Treasurer: Fiduciary responsibility
- Focus on Ethics in Pediatric Surgery: Ethics Task Force
1996
- Publications began to conceptualize the development of our Textbook
- Computer based Treasury and development of an audit process

1997
- First two day session
- Beginning relationship with industry
- Member directory (183 members)

1998
- Strategic Planning
- Publisher and editor named for textbook
- Beginnings of the Trauma SIG

1999
- Evolution of our website/first webmaster
- First Founders Award
- Earthquake (5.0)

2000
- Theme “Our Past and our Future”
- Focus on our history as an organization and as Pediatric Surgical Nursing

2001
- First textbook published
- 248 Members
2002
- Our first international attendee sharing our vision worldwide
- Expanded fund raising activities to benefit members
2003
- Over 300 members
- Research walk (focus on fundraising for education and research)

2004
- Increased electronic access to member services
- Major changes in bylaws
2005
- Beginnings of Member Networking (listserve)
- Group formed to revise textbook
- First ANCC accreditation

2006
- 2nd edition of textbook
2008
- Triad Membership (huge growth in membership)
- First APSNA representative at NIWI
2009
- APSNA begins its partnership with NOA
- APSNA President presents at APSA
- APSNA publishes first position statement
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2010
- Electronic program evaluation goes live
- Expansion of collaboration and outreach

2011
- First APSNA/PSA joint session
- First Champion Award
- Scope and Standards developed

2012
- Growth in SIGs
- Expansion of partnerships with specialty practice organizations
- 3rd edition of textbook
- First international outreach

2013
- Textbook is awarded an AJN book of the year award
- NAPNAP/APSNA first speaker exchange
- Partnership with the Sherwood Group
- Scope and Standards Pediatric Nursing (ANA, NAPNAP, RPS, and APSNA)

Developing an infrastructure for continued growth and change

2014
- Launch of our new website
- Increased partnering efforts
- First edition of the Journal of Pediatric Surgical Nursing with Lippincott Publishing
- Increased outsourcing with Sherwood Group
- Beginnings of Board restructuring
- Trauma SIG submits its second position statement
- NAPNAP/APSNA joint session
- NAPNAP/APSNA PNPWebsource
- Greater focus on Governance Practice Quality & Safety
- Increased focus on member engagement/services
The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health (IOM Report)

Key Messages

• Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education and training.
• Nurses should achieve high levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression.
• Nurses should be full partners with physicians and other health care professionals in redesigning health care.
• Effective workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved information infrastructure.

What does this mean for the professional nursing organization? Strategic Planning

• Defined Scope and Standards.
• Position Statement on competency based transition to practice.
• Quality educational resources.
• Achieve recognition as a resource for quality educational resources and best practice.
• Interdisciplinary and specialty practice partnerships that shape the way we care for patients.
• Leadership development, mentoring.
• Investing in enhanced information systems that provide us with retrievable data to help define who we are as a workforce and where we fit in.
• Establishing partnerships with mission similar organizations.
• Monitoring health care policy initiatives.
• Developing a strategic plan.

Conclusion

• There are some very exciting times ahead for APSNA and for Pediatric Surgical Nursing.
• Consider leadership as a part of your future.
• APSNA has gotten stronger and better every year because of people just like you.
• You wont regret it because you will have an opportunity to make a difference and be a part of something big.