Greetings to all!

As we welcome in the New Year, I hope you are looking forward to all the possibilities of 2015! I am particularly excited about all of the possibilities for IntNSA that lay ahead of us for the coming year. When I was inducted as President this past October, I stated to those of you in the conference audience that our first Board of Directors meeting would focus on identifying how we can build on the many strengths of the organization already established. I remember one member asking how members can be more involved, and, as a Member Organization, I want to emphasis again here that we welcome members to share ideas and contribute to the work of IntNSA’s newly-formed Task Forces.

The Task Forces are focused on the work and goals needing to be accomplished to grow IntNSA and create opportunities for us to share the important work done within our organization.

The following is a list of the Task Forces along with the name of the Chair of each Task Force:

- **Health Policy Task Force**: Kathy Fornili, fornili@son.umaryland.edu
- **International Development Task Force**: Carmel Clancy, c.clancy@mdx.ac.uk
- **Membership Task Force**: Donna White, donna.white@state.ma.us
- **Position Paper Task Force**: Stephen Strobbe, strobbe@med.umich.edu
- **USA Chapter Development Task Force**: Dennis Hagarty, dhagarty@gmail.com

I’ve asked each Task Force Chair to send me a one page description of the plans and goals they will be working on within the individual Task Forces. I
urge any member who shares an interest and wants to be involved with a Task Force to contact the Chair of that Task Force. We are happy to share these goal documents with our members, as well.

I also want to report on the Nursing Alliance Organizations (NOA) Fall Summit meeting that Robert Ranieri, EX Director, and I attended in Tampa Bay, Florida in November. NOA is a coalition of nursing organizations united to create a strong voice for nursing. The purpose of the 2014 Fall Summit was to provide a forum for identification, education, and collaboration building on issues of common interest to advance the nursing profession. This was a very stimulating time to be with so many other nurses from their respective organizations. The Fall Summit afforded Robert and I the opportunity to have conversations about IntNSA with the new President of the American Society of Pain Management Nurses, CEO of the National Council of the State Boards of Nursing, CEO of the National League for Nursing, President and EX Director of the American Nurses Association, President-Elect and Executive Director of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, among many others. In each of my conversations with these nursing organization leaders, I talked with them about IntNSA and some of the work we are focusing on. I was very happy with all of the support I received from these nurses. Items of interest on the agenda at NOA Fall Summit focused on important concepts of nursing, to include a report from the Campaign for Action. The Campaign for Action was organized to promote implementation of the recommendations from Institute of Medicine (IOM) 2010 The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health. Another talk, Inspired Leadership by Rich Bluni, author of Inspired Nurse was very moving, and also very humorous. Another pertinent presentation was Multigenerational Diversity in Associations, a talk that focused on the generational challenges associations are facing with an explanation of how to recruit and retain the upcoming member population. Following the conference, Robert and I met and summarized our thoughts of how many things we had learned can be applied to IntNSA.
IntNSA Board of Directors are currently planning a ‘Strategic Planning Retreat’ to be held sometime in March in Philadelphia. I look forward to further discussion with IntNSA Board at this retreat on many of the ideas Robert and I were able to realize at the NOA Conference. And, I will look forward to giving you all that update, and more, in our next IntNSA News Wave.

Again, Happy New Year to all!

International Academy of Addictions Nursing

Al Rundio, PhD, DNP, RN, APRN, NEA-BC, CARN-AP, DPNAP, FIAAN

Presidents want to leave a legacy with IntNSA. I had the idea to create an International Academy of Addictions Nursing to recognize those nurses who contribute significantly to the field of Addictions Nursing. The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors unanimously approved the creation of the International Academy of Addictions Nursing.

The first induction ceremony of the International Academy of Addictions Nursing was held on October 16, 2014 following the awards ceremony at IntNSA’s annual conference held in Washington, DC.

In order to get the Academy implemented at the 2014 conference, all former active Presidents of the society were invited to join. Secondary to her significant contributions to IntNSA, Christine Vourakis, Editor of the Journal of Addictions Nursing was also invited to join the academy.

Going forward, applications will need to be submitted by those seeking membership who met eligibility criteria. An eligibility committee has been formed. Eligibility criteria will be reviewed and possibly revised in the upcoming year.

Those individuals in the Academy can append the letters FIAAN (Fellow International Academy of Addictions Nursing) as one of their last credentials.

Five fellows were inducted. The inductees are:

- Carolyn Baird, DNP, RN, CARN-AP, FIAAN
- William Lorman, PhD, RN, CARN-AP, FIAAN
- Al Rundio, PhD, DNP, RN, CARN-AP, FIAAN
- Diane Snow, PhD, RN, CARN, FIAAN
- Christine Vourakis, PhD, RN, FAAN, FIAAN
International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) International Academy of Addictions Nursing

Purpose

The purpose of the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) International Academy of Addictions Nursing is to foster excellence in nursing practice, administration, research and education in addictions nursing by recognizing and capitalizing on the wisdom of outstanding individuals in and outside the profession who have contributed addictions nursing in sustained and significant ways. Fellows are expected to provide visionary leadership in addictions nursing and in the Academy, and to support the vision of the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA).

Governance

The International Academy of Addictions Nursing is responsible and accountable to the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) Board of Directors, which awards all fellowships. Those individuals inducted into the Academy are designated as a Fellow of the International Academy of Addictions Nursing and entitled to use the credential FIAN. The induction of new fellows and a meeting of fellows in the International Academy of Addictions Nursing are held in conjunction with the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA's) annual Educational Conference.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants for fellowship in the International Academy of Addictions Nursing must be a current member of International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA). Although not required, it is preferred that the applicant for fellowship will also be currently certified as a CARN (Certified Addictions Registered Nurse) and/or a CARN-AP (Certified Addictions Registered Nurse-Advanced Practice).

- Teaching/Learning innovation in addictions nursing
- Faculty development in addictions nursing
- Primary Research in addictions nursing
- Translational Research in addictions nursing
- Leadership in addictions nursing
- Public policy related to addictions nursing at a local, state, and national level
- Collaborative education/practice/administration/research/community partnerships

Applicants for fellowship in the International Academy of Addictions Nursing must also provide evidence of how they will continue to provide visionary leadership in addictions nursing and in the Academy.
Applicants for fellowship in the International Academy of Addictions Nursing must be current members of the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) and they must provide evidence of how their contributions are congruent with the mission and goals of the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA).

Responsibilities of Fellows

All individuals accepted into fellowship in the International Academy of Addictions Nursing are required to fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Attend the Academy Induction Ceremony
- Maintain membership in the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA)
- Maintain certification as a CARN (Certified Addictions Registered Nurse) or CARN-AP (Certified Addictions Registered Nurse- Advanced Practice)
- Pay annual Academy membership dues ($350.00)
- Participate in the community of fellows as a means of transforming addictions nursing

2015 Conference Update

This year the 39th IntNSA Conference will be held in Charlotte, NC. The NC Chapter of IntNSA is working to host an exciting and thought provoking educational event. The Conference theme *Living, Teaching and Modeling Biopsychospiritual Health in Addictions Nursing* will offer the opportunity for nurses working with patients with Substance Use Disorders (SUD) to build on their skills. Care of ourselves is just as imperative as care of our patients. Watch your email for information about the featured keynote speakers in the coming months. We have several who are nationally known and written books which will be available at the conference.

Consider sharing your expertise and knowledge with others. The conference committee is looking for presenters. The call for abstracts is out. We are looking for presentations on current evidence-based treatments for SUD. We would like for nurses to consider submitting posters on work being done in your facility that is producing effective change. Self-Care or alternative treatments for dealing with SUD’s as well as related co-occurring diseases are welcome. Mark your calendar:
Call for abstracts closes March 30; Conference October 21 to October 24; Preconference October 20 in Charlotte NC. Looking forward to seeing you.

*Your 2015 IntNSA Conference Committee*

*Connie Mele & Dennis Hagarty Co-chairs*
Chapter Updates

Dennis E. Hagarty, MSN, RN, CARN-AP, LCAS, Secretary IntNSA 2013-2015

Chair Chapter Task Force

The Mission of IntNSA: To advance excellence in nursing care for the prevention and treatment of addictions for diverse populations across all practice setting through advocacy, collaboration, education, research and policy development.

Fulfillment of the IntNSA mission is accomplished in a variety of methods. Some of this is accomplished through the Annual Education Conference, participation in the PCSS-O webinar series, The Journal of Addictions Nursing, the CARN Study Guide, and the soon to be published CORE Curriculum. IntNSA’s real strength is its members. As IntNSA begins to expand across borders, opportunities for international development are becoming a reality. A growing international membership has yielded the first Board Member from the United Kingdom.

Local contact is essential to support the Mission of IntNSA. Development of individual members works much better if they can feel supported in their chosen area of nursing. While. Promoting growth at the local level enhances the fulfillment of the mission of IntNSA. This support is best meet through fellowship offered in local Chapters.

Since the last conference there has been an increased interest in formation Chapters. Currently there are two very active Chapters, MA & NC. Previously active chapters NY, NJ, PA, and Southern CA are in need of support and renewed interest in nurses willing to be leaders.

New Chapter development is underway in several areas. MD and CT are active in this process and will have organizational meetings shortly. The most exciting news comes from Ireland, where an organizational meeting will be held on Jan 8th in Dublin. This is exciting and has potential to be the first international chapter in recent memory. Nurses from OH, NE, and ID have expressed interest in wanting to start local chapters.

The Chapter Develop Task force Community is looking for members to help support Chapter growth and development. This is an important way to participate in the Mission of IntNSA. Interested parties should contact IntNSA and you will be connected with the Chairperson of this task Group.

The Task force would like to meet and develop strategies of how to facilitate and encourage Chapter Development. This is an exciting time to be working in SUD. Please consider volunteering to work on any of the IntNSA Task Forces, for yourself, your profession, and the patients suffering. Review the mission statement above and consider where you can serve.
With the change in management companies that occurred in May 2014, ANCB also experienced several changes. The first was a change in the testing company used for administering the CARN & CARN-AP exams. The new testing company, C-NET, has proven to be a perfect fit with ANCB. Dr. Peg Garbin, President and Andrew Karle, Chief Operating Officer, came on board with many years in exam certification testing. They are readily available and have guided ANCB through the transition with their finesse and expertise.

The next and most significant change ANCB experienced was obtaining autonomous status. This involved having a membership vote in order to remove ANCB from inclusion in the IntNSA bylaws to having their own, independent bylaws status. This was a crucial step in order for ANCB to meet Standard three (3) of the accreditation process. ANCB is now ideally positioned to apply to the Accreditation Board of Specialty Nursing Certification (ABNSC) for accreditation of the CARN & CARN-AP exams. Historically, ANCB operated as a committee under the IntNSA bylaws. On 08/12/2014, ANCB was granted a bylaws change in order to become an autonomous entity. ANCB is now a separate, autonomous arm of IntNSA, operating under its own separate bylaws, mission statements, and finances. ANCB and IntNSA have enjoyed a collaborative working relationship spanning over 25 years. While each organization have different purposes, roles and responsibilities, both organizations share a common goal in their respective commitments to providing high quality services for addictions nurses and addictions nursing.

Another change for ANCB was a change in board members. After serving the ANCB for many years as Secretary, Nancy Campbell-Heider, PhD, NP-C, FNP, CARN-AP, FAANP and Sara Azimi-Bolourian, MSN, MHA, MBA, as the Public Member, have moved on to serve IntNSA in other capacities. ANCB thanks them for their many years of dedicated service. ANCB welcomes new board members Cheryl Rush, MSN, RN ACNP-BC, CARN from Ohio; Maureen Doyle, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, NPP from New York, CARN, CNE; and Barbara Ranagan, JD from Maryland, as the new Public Member. ANCB welcomes back Carolyn Jewell, PMHNP, CARN-AP, APRN-BC from Virginia. Retaining board member status is: Chair, Rosemary Smentkowski, BSN, RN, CARN, Co-Chair; Suzan Blacher, MSN, RN, CARN; Secretary, Elizabeth Fildes, PhD, RN, CNE, CARN-AP, APHN-BC; Treasurer, Colleen Labelle, BSN, RN, CARN; Virginia Coletti, PhD, RN, NPP, CARN, CS; Anne Opuda, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP; and Judi Tomlinson RN, CARN.
ANCB has two (2) main goals for the upcoming year. The first and primary goal is to apply for accreditation of the CARN & CARN-AP exams. These exams have always been rigorous; however, ANCB wants to add another layer of rigor which attests to this end. Because addiction nursing certification means that the person who is CARN or CARN-AP certified meets the highest standards of knowledge, skills and expertise in addiction nursing, the exam that is administered to assess these attributes also needs to be of the highest merit. The CARN and the CARN-AP are the only certifications for nurses working in the field of addictions. The ABNSC was chosen because it is known for its high standards of test development and robust requirements for program administration. (The ABNSC is the organization that also accredits the American Nurses Certification Center (ANCC) examinations).

ANCB continues to evaluate the exam questions, write new items, and to make the examinations the definitive assessment of addiction nursing. Therefore, the second goal of ANCB is to have an item writing retreat for subject matter experts (SME’s) to write new test questions (items) for both exams. A call for SME’s from across the country will be placed to the membership of IntNSA. All item writers will be required to be CARN or CARN-AP certified. All CARN and CARN-AP nurses are invited to volunteer their expertise in keeping our test bank current with evidenced based questions. Watch your email for further information, regarding dates and application and selection process.

Stay tuned! CARN and CARN-AP pins will soon be for sale from the future ANCB online store.

A final note from YOUR ANCB – to ensure that your questions regarding certifications or re-certifications will be answered in a timely manner please contact C-NET, Andrew Karle, directly at http://www.cnetnurse.com OR: 1-800-463-0786.

NOTE** As part of our routine test development, the Addictions Nursing Certification Board and it’s testing agency, the Center for Nursing Education and Testing, Inc. (C-NET), regularly review the test questions and test analyses statistics to ensure validity and reliability in the CARN and CARN-AP certification examinations. To accommodate this important aspect of test development, the testing period for this spring only will be changed from May 2015 to June 2015. Please contact C-NET at 800-463-0786, or info@cnetnurse.com if you have questions or need additional information.

The next re-certifications time period has not changed and applications need to be submitted by June 30, 2015. Any applications received after the expiration date will need to include a $100 reactivation fee. Late applications will only be accepted up to two years after the expiration date exam period.

Suzan Blacher, MSN, RN, CARN
Vice Chair, Addiction Nursing Certification Board

IntNSA Task Force on Membership and Recruitment
Report of Task Force Initiatives:

Donna M. White

After careful review of previous minutes of NNSA from 1992 and subsequent meetings and conferences leading to the evolution of IntNSA, attendee minutes and Previous Power points on recruitment, the current Task Force offers the following proposals:

1. Network with collegial Nursing Organizations that have mutual or common interests addressing the issue of Addiction in the patients they care for and treat. In specific, the list below would be immediate to contact with more lateral organizations being contacted secondarily. *(I have spoken at almost every one of these associations below conferences since TX of Addiction is a priority for all nurses.)*
   - National Nursing Staff Development Organization (NNSDO)
   - Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC)
   - American Society of Pain Management Nurses (ASPMN)
   - American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA)
   - American Association of Anesthesia Nurses
   - Case Management Nurses Association
   - American Public Health Nurses Association
   - Emergency Nurses Association
   - American Association of Critical Care Nurses
   - Nurse Educators of Collegiate Programs

2. A letter stating mutual concern to joint organizations that we can offer a speakers bureau of Addiction Specialists from IntNSA to their conferences and promote collegiality.

3. Use Social Media and create a blog on the website and Facebook to promote & encourage others to join.

4. **Offer a reduced membership to IntNSA for these colleagues from other organizations.**

5. Buy membership lists from ANA/ANCC and state Nursing Organizations. Utilize mass mailings with a reduced rate for membership and conference participation.

6. Encourage local Colleges of Nursing to speak to classes on Psychiatry and Public/Community Health Nursing about Addictions. Offer student rate membership rate. *(I do this now and have had about 8 students over 3 semesters become actively interested in Addictions Nursing via the MA Chapter.)*

7. Encourage members to become vocal and active politically. *(I will be participating at the Massachusetts State House Discussion on Addictions and bringing resources with me. IntNSA brochure will be one of them.)*
Mandate/Objectives

In Oct of 2014, the Board of IntNSA agreed to establish a task force tasked with:

- Exploring IntNSA’s international position with respect to membership outside of North America; branding as it relates to a wider global audience; and perception of IntNSA’s role and offer to the wider global nursing community
- Positioning IntNSA to widen its membership and growth to include chapters that are outside of North America specifically and
- Supporting IntNSA to develop a long term and sustainable model/framework that supports objectives 1 & 2.

To achieve these objectives the task force can be summarized as three phases:

This task complete the force will remit over the next 2 years with periodic updates being reported to the President via the Board. Within the first 12 months of operations the following deliverables will be achieved:

- Survey of current members on their expectations with respect to the ‘international elements of the organisation’ and how this sits with the history of an organization with ‘national’ (i.e. North America) origins. The purpose will be to ensure that the ‘best practice’ or core excellence that the organization provides is not lost.
- Explore with current international members (i.e. outside of North America) opportunities of setting up chapters and seek to establish a minimum of 3 new chapters in different countries
- Draft model(s) for developing the organisation internationally and what might need to change/be different if IntNSA is to launch itself ‘globally’

Invitation to Join Task Force Group

The Task Force is being lead by Dr Carmel Clancy and there is an open invitation from IntNSA members who are interested in joining this group’s work to email her c.clancy@mdx.ac.uk.
Treasurers Report

*Bill Lorman, PhD, JD, MSN, PMHNP-BC, CARNAP, FIAA*

The financial information reported here is through November 30, 2014.

We are seeing a slow but steady increase in the number of active members. From September 1st through December 1st, there has been an increase in membership by 92 members. Of this number, only 18 were renewals from last year and 74 were new members (or members who rejoined after at least one year’s lapse). Additionally, there is a steady growth in the number of regular members domiciled outside of the United States. We now have 24 members as compared to 5 members in 2009. This is good news!

Our cash reserves are very good. We have over $190,000 in the bank. We are carrying a profit from operations although we are somewhat under budget. Although our annual conference was highly successful from an educational perspective, we were not so successful financially with a loss of more than $14,000. Moving forward, we will need to better strategize the financial implications.

We continue to be successful in selling our products, specifically the CARN Study Guide and we look forward to the 3rd Edition of the Core Curriculum which is expected sometime in the new calendar year with anticipated significant sales potential.

Overall, we remain a stable organization with much growth potential.

Position Paper Task Force Report

*Stephen Strobbe, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, CARN-AP*

**Background**

IntNSA currently has three published position papers, which are also posted on the organization’s web site. Topics were identified based on interest, timeliness, importance to the specialty of addictions nursing, and opportunities to collaborate with other specialty nursing organizations. To date, these have included the American Society of Pain Management Nurses (ASPMN), and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). Joint statements of this type may carry greater influence and authority, in exchange for increased administrative complexities, lengthier approval processes, and extended timelines to publication and/or other forms of dissemination.


Recent Developments

During our most recent annual educational conference in Washington, DC (October 2014), interest was voiced, and significant support was expressed, for having the next position paper for the organization focus on the topic of medication-assisted treatment. Toward that end, the recently named president-elect of IntNSA (Strobbe) spoke with his counterpart from the American Society of Addictions Medicine (ASAM), Dr. Jeff Goldsmith, regarding the possibility of our respective organizations collaborating on one or more position papers. Dr. Goldsmith welcomed the prospect in principle, while simultaneously acknowledging the potential complexities of such an endeavor, which he attributed—at least in part—to internal processes within his own organization.

Proposal

In subsequent discussions, two entities have emerged as natural partners - whether together, or separately - to approach and assess in the context of this next endeavor. These are 1) ASAM, as noted above, and 2) the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA). With the assent (or approval) of the Executive Board and/or Board of Directors of IntNSA, the chair of the IntNSA Position Paper Task Force will make initial inquiries, and proceed as indicated, while keeping the leadership at IntNSA apprised of related processes and progress.

IntNSA Health Policy Task Force (HP Task Force or HPT)

Members: Katherine Fornili, Suzanne Fogger, Colleen Labelle, Bonnie Franckowiak

1. First priority of the HP Task Force: To advocate for amendment of Data 2000 to enable NP prescribing of buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid addiction.
2. Additional tasks to be determined.
3. HP Task Force will write thank you letters to all co-sponsors of Sen. Markey’s initial bill (S-2645) and urge them to reintroduce the bill in January 2015. Colleen has contacted Avenal Joseph, aide to Sen. Markey, who reports that the current bill will die in the Senate on 12/31/14.
4. Other recommended contacts to encourage support for S-2645
5. Representatives from Tennessee and Georgia
6. Also need to elicit support from Republican senators
7. Task force will formulate a letter for distribution to all IntNSA members, requesting they contact their legislators and encourage support of bill.

Recommendation
The HP Task Force is asking the Executive Committee to immediately remove the Fact Sheet from website, due to inaccuracies. The HP Task Force will make revisions to the Buprenorphine Fact Sheet and will forward to the Board for approval. The HP Task Force will also review IntNSA’s Buprenorphine Position Paper for any potential updates if needed.

Upon board approval, the letter, the revised Fact Sheet and the Position Paper will be distributed to IntNSA members and to nursing organizations, state and national NP groups, and state opioid treatment authorities.

**FAN News**

*By Carolyn Baird*

The 2014 Annual IntNSA Conference in Washington, DC was a great success! Auction items from gift cards to gift baskets, original works of art, handcrafted items, and Coach and Vera Bradley purses were donated by individual members, IntNSA Chapters, agencies, and exhibitors. Much fun was had over the raffle of an original handmade quilt. A big THANK YOU goes out to all our generous donors for their continuing support of FAN and our Mission. Start thinking about what you might like to bring to Charlotte in 2015.

Due to the generous donations from our supporters the Foundation for Addictions Nursing (FAN) was able to bring five attendees to the conference through scholarships this year. The Lois Widley Student Scholarships for conference registration and a $500 stipend went to Elizabeth Sundit, Jacqueline Serritela, Keri Endres-Belcher, and Jacqueline Iannacone. Congratulations to the winners! The Cathy Buffington Scholarship for conference registration and a $500 stipend is awarded to a nurse currently employed as an addictions nurse. The 2014 recipient was Lisa Domenico.

The IntNSA Research Committee completes a peer review and makes the award decision. For 2014 FAN was able to fund this. award at $3,000. The successful candidate for the 2013 IntNSA Board of Directors Research Award is Roxanne Vandermause. FAN thanks the IntNSA Board of Directors for supporting this award.

In other exciting news, 2014 saw the addition of a new FAN Trustee. Connie Mele is well known to all for her active leadership of the Addiction Nurses Certification Board (ANCB). The FAN Board is very happy to have her and looking forward to working with her. Two current FAN Trustees, Diane Snow and Carolyn Baird, were inducted as Fellows of the IntNSA International Academy of Addiction Nursing (FIAAN).

Again, thank you to all whose generosity made it possible to support the educational endeavors of IntNSA through our competitive scholarships.

Each year the IntNSA Board of Directors supports funding of a research grant to stimulate research that supports addictions nursing. The IntNSA Research Committee completes a peer review and makes the
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Just a reminder. All donations to FAN are tax deductible. As 2014 comes to a close, please think about making a year-end donation to FAN (go to www.intnsa.org/FAN). Please plan on supporting our future fundraising activities. Set aside your donations for the 2015 Silent Auction now. If you missed this year’s conference, we will be selling new FAN merchandise on the www.intnsa.org/FAN website. Check out the website store for all the FAN merchandise or to make your year-end donation. It is still possible to donate while shopping through igive. Help FAN continue the support for the mission of IntNSA!!

IntNSA Chapter Task Group

Dennis Hagarty, MSN, RN, CARN-AP, LCAS

IntNSA’s strength is in its members. Individuals bring the knowledge of Substance Use Disorder Nursing directly in proportion with the knowledge each nurse has obtained. We are the experts. Support gives strength and confidence. This is also one of the hallmarks of sustained recovery. Gathering nurses together to exchange ideas and support one another strengthens the individual and the organization. The IntNSA Chapter Task Group’s primary objective is to support the Addictions Nurse in performance of their role caring for the patient with a Substance Use Disorder. Assisting with local growth of Chapters is paramount to developing the experts within the organization. Chapter development also serves to develop expertise at the organizational level. Development of effective Chapter leaders feeds and sustains the organization. The following tasks will be the starting point for Chapter growth & development.

- Revision of Chapter Handbook to assist new and struggling chapters
- Update and obtain accurate information of Active Chapters.
- Identify areas of greatest concentration of members to encourage chapter formation.
- Write up criteria for Grant request for funding from BOD
- Work with Treasure and Executive Board to create a line item in the budget for Chapter Growth & development.
- Identify differences between national and international Chapters (if any)
- Build a system of mentors to assist start up Chapters. Build a strong Committee for developing and sustaining chapters.
- Bimonthly Chapter presidents meeting.
- Develop a Website for each chapter hosted by IntNSA.
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