Greetings to all!

We have a lot of exciting news to share with you about the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA), so let's get started!

A NEW LOOK: With an eye toward our stated vision, “To be a global leader in addictions nursing,” IntNSA now has a new logo, one that depicts the entire world, with all its regions. You can expect to see this attractive logo make its way into all of our publications, postings, and releases. In the spirit of consistent “branding,” IntNSA’s management company will be generating and providing official, updated logos to all of our chapters and regions.

RENEW OR JOIN IntNSA NOW: Sincere thanks to all of you who have already renewed your memberships! This society is for and about you, the field of addictions nursing, and the many who benefit from your commitment to prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use and addictions.

If you’ve been waiting—for whatever reason—then now’s a great time to dive in and enjoy the many benefits that our society has to offer:

- COMING VERY SOON! Enhanced connections to the world of addictions nursing, through our completely renovated IntNSA web site, with a full roll-out planned during our annual educational conference
- An annual subscription to our official, quarterly, peer-reviewed publication, the *Journal of Addictions Nursing* (JAN)
- Reduced rates for conference registration, as well as certification and renewal as a Certified Addictions Registered Nurse (CARN) or CARN-Advanced Practice (CARN-AP)

For your convenience, IntNSA now has new options for recurring memberships, with automatic annual renewal! In addition, our new Institutional Membership allows entire groups to join at reduced rates, with increased benefits.

ANCB MILESTONE: The Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB) recently celebrated an important milestone, with more than 1000 nurses now certified as a Certified Addictions Registered Nurse (CARN), or...
Certified Addictions Registered Nurse-Advanced Practice (CARN-AP). In addition, ANCB is rapidly closing in on its long-term goal to have these examinations accredited. Congratulations!

IntNSA’s 42nd ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE: Registration is now open for our 42nd Annual Educational Conference, in Denver, Colorado, October 3-6, with the theme, “Substance Use and Recovery-Oriented Care: 21st Century Challenges and Opportunities.”

Your conference committee has assembled a great program! You won’t want to miss the pre-conference workshops, international panel on cannabis use, awards banquet, a plenary session with Dr. Pam Cipriano (President of the American Nurses Association), the Foundation for Addictions Nursing (FAN) Silent Auction, the Addictions Nursing Certification Board (ANCB) “Purses for Nurses,” and the post-conference outing, a Colorado Foothills Tour, with lunch. Did I mention that members—old and new—receive a $200 conference registration discount, which makes your annual IntNSA membership essentially free! [http://www.intnsa.org/conference](http://www.intnsa.org/conference).

GLOBAL EVENTS: IntNSA has been or will be well-represented at two important, upcoming international events:

- 10th International Council of Nurses (ICN) Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurses (NP/APN) Conference, Rotterdam, Netherlands, August 27-29, with the launch of IntNSA Europe to occur the day before, on August 26, [http://www.npapn2018.com/parallel_sessions/](http://www.npapn2018.com/parallel_sessions/)

As I approach the end of my term as President, with a clear transition plan for the continued success of our society, I couldn’t be more proud of our accomplishments, secure in regard to our current status, and optimistic about our future. I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again: “There has never been a better or more important time to be an addictions nurse,” so join, attend, participate, and benefit!

Can’t wait to see you in Denver!

Stephen

Foundation for Addictions Nursing

The Foundation for Addictions Nursing (FAN) is a 501c3 non profit organization supporting the mission of IntNSA by raising money for scholarships to the IntNSA conference and research awards. Donations can be made to FAN at any time; conveniently during membership renewal and at the IntNSA conference and are tax deductible.

In 2017, scholarships to attend the IntNSA conference were awarded to nurses working in addictions (the Buffington Scholarship) and nursing students interested in learning more about addictions (Widley Scholarship). In addition, FAN awarded a $3000 research grant, and for the first time, awarded an international scholarship to provide travel funds to the IntNSA conference to a nurse from outside the US. In 2018, FAN received a donation of $5,000 from a family who wishes to support the education of nurses in caring for patients with substance use disorders. We will distribute the award over the next four years.

FAN welcomes two new trustees, Dr. Roxanne Vandermause, PhD, RN, and Dr. Bonnie Franckowiak, DNP, FNP, CARN-AP. We are looking for other interested IntNSA members who are available for a one-hour monthly phone meeting and who enjoy working with others at our conferences. Please contact any FAN trustee for details.
At the upcoming 2018 IntNSA conference in Denver, Colorado, FAN welcomes donated items from chapters and individuals for our silent auction. Items need to be easily transported via air travel! Jewelry, items of interest from your geographic region, and artwork are always good sellers! This is our primary fundraising activity for scholarships and the research award. We will also have IntNSA tote bags, key chains and other items for sale.

We look forward to seeing you in Denver and thank you for your generous support of the Foundation for Addictions Nursing!

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IntNSA Celebrates New FIAAN Inductee

The International Academy of Addictions Nursing recognizes outstanding individuals, who have contributed significantly to the field of addictions nursing. In this issue of the News Wave we want to acknowledge and commend Dr. Julian Howe, who was inducted at the IntNSA annual conference held in Orlando, Florida in October of 2017.

DON HOWE, RN, PhD, ThD, CARN, LCDC, FAPA, FAAETS, FNCCM  
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Dr. Howe currently works at the North Texas VA Hospital in Dallas, Texas as a Registered Nurse on the SARRPT Chemical Dependency Unit working with veterans with addictions, dual diagnosis, and PTSD. He has over 49 years of experience in mental health and addictions, with 40 years as a RN. Dr. Howe has worked in state, county, federal, and private facilities.

Besides being a nurse, Dr. Howe wears many different hats. He is an ordained minister in the Southern Baptist Convention and current endorsed by the North American Mission Board as a Military Chaplain in the U.S.A.F. Auxiliary assigned to the Texas Wing. Dr Howe is also the Critical Incident Stress Officer (CISM) for the entire state of Texas. He is currently ranked as a Major.

He is also a Nurse Advocate for the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) for the last three years serving. TPAPN is an alternative program for RNs and LVNs whose nursing practice may have been impaired by psychiatric or substance use disorders.

His is CARN certified and is a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) in the state of Texas. Dr. Howe holds an ADN and BS in Psychology from Midwestern State University, BSN UTA, PhD in Biblical Counseling from Therapoun University, and ThD in Theology from Slidell Baptist Seminary.

He has served on the nominating committee and reviews articles for the Journal of Addictions Nursing, Dr Howe has been recognized as a Diplomate and Fellow by the American Psychotherapy Association, a Fellow by the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, and a Fellow by the National Center for Crisis Management.
Time to celebrate!

**There are now over 1000 certified nurses!**

**Accreditation**
ANCB has been hard at work taking the necessary steps in applying to the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABNSC) for accreditation of both certifications. This is a rigorous process which demonstrates the maintenance of a quality certification program in meeting demanding standards and earning this prestigious recognition. ANCB submitted the application for accreditation in July!

**Role Delineation Study (RDS) / Practice Analysis (PA)**
ANCB has contracted with our testing company, C-NET, to perform the Role Delineation Study/ Practice Analysis. This analysis is to validate the content of the existing Certified Addictions Registered Nurse (CARN) examination (generalist level), and the Certified Addictions Registered Nurse - Advanced Practice (CARN-AP) examination. Practice analysis is intended to provide an overall description of patterns of practice for a large group of individuals working in different settings who provide a wide range of services to a diverse population of clients. The RDS is performed to determine the differences in practice of nurses prepared for different subspecialties or different roles. This survey will compare the practice of generalist registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) in and is open to all nurses! This is required to be done every five years (C-NET). Check your email for the survey to be coming your way!

**New CARN & CARN-AP Certification & Recertification Handbooks**
Updated versions of applicant handbooks are now available! Go to the certification page of the website and click on exam information or re-certification information. For any questions about certifications or re-certifications, please contact our partner, C-NET: info@cnetnurse.com

**Retirement Policy**
If you are reaching this wonderful next chapter, please consider applying for a retired status for your credential. You worked hard to acquire and maintain your certification – Keep on using it!

To obtain Retired status: The applicant must have previously held an ANCB credential (CARN or CARN-AP) for at least two consecutive certification periods (8 uninterrupted years), and must not be actively practicing.

If approved, the applicant may use the Retired status to acknowledge a previously active credential, and the accomplishments thus signified, in correspondence, and in attendance at International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) membership events or at addictions continuing education activities.

If the applicant chooses to return to practice and wishes to again hold the active credential, he/she must meet current eligibility criteria and again certify by examination.
Conference
Join us in celebrating at the conference in Denver, Oct. 3-6. Be sure to stop by the ANCB table and meet your Board of Directors. Participate in our annual Purses for Nurses Raffle, purchase certification items – pins, stationary and more!

Social Media
Please like ANCB on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/AddictionsNursingCertificationBoard/

Respectfully Submitted,
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Daily Schedule
http://www.intnsa.org/2018/schedule

Pre-Conference Workshops
http://www.intnsa.org/2018/workshops

Registration
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Guest Room Reservations and Venue Information
http://www.intnsa.org/2018/venue
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To be a global leader in addictions nursing.

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

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