

NASN Elections 2010

Candidate Data and Statement of View

Vice President

Tia B. Campbell, RN, MSN, NCSN

**Current NASN Affiliate:**

Virginia Association of School Nurses (VASN)

Major Clinical, Teaching, or Practice Area:

Consultant

Education:

Master of Science, 2008, Nursing Education, Walden University; Bachelor of Science, 1985, Nursing, Virginia Commonwealth

University/Medical College of Virginia; Diploma, Nursing, Richmond Memorial Hospital School of Nursing

Awards, Achievements, and Honors:

Governor's Career Achievement Award, Nominee, 2008; Support Employee of the Year, Pole Green Elementary School, 2001; Brown-Balfour Academic Achievement Award, Richmond Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, 1983; Honor, Spirit, and Achievement Award, Richmond Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, 1983; Valedictorian, New Kent High School, 1979

Employment:

Virginia Department of Education, School Health Specialist, August 2005–Present: I work for the state education agency and am primarily responsible for providing technical assistance to school nurses, other school personnel, parents, and health care providers on all aspects of the school health program. Annually, I plan and facilitate a three day school nurse conference for school health personnel, statewide. In addition, I meet with the school nurse coordinators from each school division three times per year and arrange educational opportunities to enhance their ability to provide leadership in their school divisions. I write, review, and revise manuals providing guidance

on school health issues, such as medication administration, pandemic influenza planning, and special health care procedures. I serve on a number of state coalitions, committees, and advisory boards regarding health care issues.

Other Significant Positions Held:

School Nurse, Hanover County Public Schools, 1996–2005; School Nurse, Richmond City Public Schools, 1990–1992

Present NASN Offices/Appointments:

Board of Directors, 2005–2009

Past NASN Offices/Appointments:

Executive Committee (Appointment), June 2008–June 2009; Task Force Leader–External Advisory Boards, Summer 2009; Task Force Leader–Advocacy Plan, Winter 2008; Task Force Leader–Membership Growth Plan, Winter 2007; Fellows Selection Committee (Appointment), 2007 and 2008; NASN Representative–Hereditary Hemorrhagic Teleangiectasia Foundation International Meeting, Spring 2008; Legal Assistance Committee (Appointment), 2008; Membership Data Program Ad hoc Committee (Appointment), 2007; Reviewer–Practice & Principles of Information Management in the School Setting: The School Nurse Role, 2007; Reviewer–Get Smart About Meningitis, 2006; Pertussis: Tools for Schools, 2006

Present NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:

NASN Director, October 2005–Present

Past NASN Affiliate Offices/Appointments:

Awards Committee Chair, 2005; Past-President, 2004; President, 2003; President-Elect, 2002; Region Director, 1996–2001

Present Offices/Appointments in Other Associations:

Founding Member, Walden University International Nursing Honor Society, 2008–Present

Past Offices/Appointments in Other Associations:

N/A

Publications Significant to School Nursing:

Role Socialization: Designing a Web-Based Program to Orient New School Nurses, *The Journal of School Nursing*, 2009; What's the Advantage of Precepting vs. Mentoring in School Nursing?, *NASN School Nurse*, 2009; School Wellness Policies, *NASN Newsletter*, 2006

Presentations Significant to School Nursing:

Today's School Nurse, 2009 Regional Educational Consortium Professional Development Sessions, Rappahannock Community College, VA, July 28, 2009; Navigating the Legislative Information System, School Health and Education Partnership Conference, Longwood University, VA, July 13, 2009; I'm a School Nurse: Now What?, School Health and Education Partnership Conference, Longwood University, VA, July 12, 2009; Who Cares for the Health Needs of Children with Special Needs in the School?, Tools for Success II, University of Virginia Children's Hospital, VA, March 14, 2009; Helping Your Child's School Understand HHT, Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) International Family Conference, Chicago, IL, September 27, 2008

Research Significant to School Nursing:

Chronic Health Conditions/Aggregate Data by School Division, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009; School Health Services/Health Personnel by School Division, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Statement of View

School nursing is my passion! I became a school nurse by chance. I have remained a school nurse by choice. It is a challenging and rewarding career!

In difficult economic times, school nursing is critical to the well being and academic success of our students. In a world of economic uncertainty, increased unemployment, and decreased access to health care, the school nurse provides primary assessment and referral, case management, direct care, and a multitude of resources for students and families. While our services are increasingly needed, the economy is threatening our very existence. As school divisions work to decrease budgets, school health is not seen as an educational priority, and school nursing positions are being deleted or reduced. Research in our specialty is vitally needed to provide evidence of our impact on student success.

I see apathy and a decreased sense of importance as another issue that NASN must confront. School nurses are often undervalued in the education system. I believe this may contribute to a sense of lethargy in our practice. Too often we say, "I'm just a school nurse." We are the health experts in our setting! Active involvement will help to energize and renew dedication to our profession. NASN and your local association provide many opportunities for involvement. Don't wait to be asked; volunteer today! NASN is 14,000+ members strong, but there are so many more school nurses that need to join our organization for professional development, support and networking.

Many of the tasks assigned to the Vice President support the school nurse as a leader, promote continuing education, and recognition of school nursing excellence. I would like the opportunity to serve the members of NASN in this capacity as the association moves forward to address today's issues and those on our horizon.

This Vice President candidate completed the Nominating Committee process.