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**DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY**

*The secretary will be eligible for two (2) consecutive two-year terms. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the meetings of the board of directors and the annual business meeting and shall provide the minutes of the last official annual business meeting for approval of the membership. The secretary shall preserve records, documents and correspondence as directed by the board of directors and assure that they are properly archived, shall cause notice to be given of all meetings of the board of directors and shall perform all other duties incident of the office of secretary as assigned by the board of directors.*

**AL RUNDIO JR, PHD, DNP, RN, APRN, NEA-BC, CARN-AP**

Associate Professor of Nursing  
Felician College  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ

**Candidate Bio/Statement**

Al currently holds faculty appointments at Felician College, Lodi, New Jersey and Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Al practices part-time as a nurse practitioner in a chemical dependency treatment center in southern New Jersey. He is also a consultant and national presenter for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and serves as the research consultant at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Camden, NJ. Al is certified in several nursing specialties and holds licenses in New Jersey as an Advanced Practice Nurse, a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, and a Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor. An experienced clinician, administrator, and educator, Al is the former vice president of nursing at Shore Memorial Hospital, Somers Point, New Jersey. In his role as VP of nursing, Al oversaw the addictions treatment program in an acute care hospital setting and implemented an outpatient Methadone maintenance program. Al also has experience as a nurse practitioner with detoxification of inmates in a county correctional facility as well as providing Methadone maintenance treatment to pregnant inmates. Al is the only nurse to serve on the editorial board of the Merck Manual and the *Merck Manual – Second & Third Home Editions*. He was the first nurse to author a chapter on health promotion in collaboration with a physician colleague in this book. Al was awarded the Governor's Nursing Merit Award for Advanced Practice Nursing in New Jersey in 1999 by Governor Christine Todd Whitman, former governor of New Jersey. He was also inducted into the National Academies of Practice in 1999. In May of 2009, Al along with a physician and a physician assistant colleague conducted a train-the-trainer session to develop faculty to teach the new Methadone Treatment Curriculum across the nation. The curriculum is designed to educate physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants on the best evidence for prescribing methadone in outpatient clinic settings.

*For the past two years I have been the board secretary for IntNSA. I have also been a member of the Finance Committee. I was also appointed the editor of IntNSA Today, the society's newsletter where I have changed the newsletter by adding additional articles such as Pharmacy Corner, where I author an article on medications utilized in addictions treatment. In December, 2008, I was appointed by IntNSA to serve as the liaison to CSAT (Centers for Substance Abuse Treatment). In this role I was the nurse practitioner selected by CSAT to review and revise a national curriculum for outpatient methadone treatment centers.*

## **DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**

*The treasurer will be eligible for two (2) consecutive two-year terms. The treasurer shall be chair of the finance committee. The treasurer shall be the custodian of the society's funds. This person shall ensure that all monies designated for IntNSA are appropriately deposited. In accordance with the budget adopted by the board of directors, this person shall approve distribution of the funds of the society. At least once a year the treasurer shall provide an accurate accounting of all transactions and the budget for the next fiscal year.*

## **NANCY CAMPBELL-HEIDER, PHD, FNP, NP-C, CARN-AP**

Chairperson Graduate Department, Director MS/DNP Programs  
University of Buffalo  
Fairport, NY

### **Candidate Bio/Statement**

Nancy has extensive clinical and academic experience. Her research area is focused on the children of substance abusing parents and in educational innovation for advanced practice nursing education. She has held an academic (21 years) and administrative role for the last ten years at the University of Buffalo and am currently the chairperson of the Graduate Department and director of the MS/DNP Program. In her academic roles, she has administered several million dollars plus grant budgets and currently supervises 35 people. She is also responsible for the Graduate Department budget at the school of nursing. In her professional service activities, she have served at all levels of governance for the New York State Nurse Association (NYSNA), District 2 including the president, Board of Directors, chairperson of the Legislative Committee, and as regional representative to the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. In addition, she has served as a member of the NYSNA Council on Research. She is a member of multiple other professional associations and serve on three journal review panels.

*Currently, I am on the IntNSA Board of Directors, was senior author on the Knowledge Dissemination Grant, and am on the review panel for the Journal of Addictions Nursing. I am currently on one of the strategic planning teams and looking forward to moving that agenda forward per our new plan. I am committed to building the power base of IntNSA through grant acquisition and/or other fiscal entrepreneurial means such as the marketing of our publications, journal, and the like. Finally, I am committed to sound governance and fiscal accountability to the members and will support board actions to accomplish that goal. I would like to continue on the strategic group to which I am currently assigned and assume a larger role in the financial management of the organization. I am also very interested in fostering the visibility of the organization among non-addictions specialists to broaden the membership to those with generalists or primary care education and practice. Finally, I am committed and enthusiastic about building the Journal of Addictions Nursing's circulation and impact on the addictions nursing and general nursing communities.*

## **ELIZABETH M. PACE, MSM, RN, CEAP**

CEO  
Peer Assistance  
Denver, CO

### **Candidate Bio/Statement**

Elizabeth practiced medical surgical nursing for ten years in Massachusetts and Colorado, with an interest in addictions led to an undergrad practicum at a halfway house for alcoholic women. She co-founded a non-profit corporation "by nurses, for nurses" peer assistance program for colleagues with substance abuse/related problems. She is the chief executive for the agency, Peer Assistance Services, Inc., since 1984, providing statewide prevention, EAP and case management programs that include 18 federal and state contracts. She has participated in multiple alcohol/drug organizations with local and state efforts to advance prevention and early intervention and is active in Colorado Nurses Association, the Policy Steering Committee for SBIRT Colorado, and the ANA Task Force to revise the 1984 monograph. She has conducted national and international presentations on peer assistance and substance use disorders among nurses and contributor for the first and second editions IntNSA Core Curriculum. She has non-profit/association work and an understanding of budgets, financial statements and NPO reporting requirements. She has appreciation for member communications and history of successful grant and contract writing.

*I have been an IntNSA member since 1986, elected as a board member in 1987-1995 and then in 2000-2007. I have served on the Nominating, Bylaws, Finance and Executive Committees and elected office as treasurer. NNSA/IntNSA is unique in providing, leadership, mentors and heroes in addictions nursing. IntNSA has been a part of my professional career for 23 years. Providing a niche, found nowhere else in professional nursing, it is needed now more than ever throughout every aspect of nursing practice. My allegiance to IntNSA was the motivation to have my agency provide accounting services, an independent audit (on a fee for service basis) and pro bono staff during the challenging time in 06-07 when IntNSA was without a management company. It was my good fortune to have the support of staff and my own Board of Directors to serve IntNSA in this way. It would be an honor to serve on the IntNSA board as treasurer.*

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*There shall be a board of directors, composed of the officers of the society, president, president elect, secretary and treasurer and seven (7) at large directors. The editor of the official journal of the society (1) and the chair of the Addictions Nursing Certification Board (1) are appointed to the board by the president and approved by the board of directors. The journal editor, the chair of the Foundation and the ANCB chair positions are non-voting. The governing body of the society shall be the board of directors. The board of directors may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as should be deemed advisable and may, in the execution of powers granted, delegate certain of its authority and responsibility to the officers. The board shall provide administrative staff for the society. The staff, under the direction of the chief administrative officer, shall be responsible for the effective administration of all affairs of the society and shall be responsible for all activities as directed by the president and the board of directors. Three (3) directors shall be elected in odd years and four (4) elected in even years.*

### **SUZAN BLACHER, BSN, RN, CARN, TTS**

Nurse Clinician/Educator  
South Miami Hospital Addiction Treatment  
Miami, FL

### **Candidate Bio/Statement**

Suzan has been a nurse for 32 years in a variety of fields and positions including direct patient care as a staff nurse in med-surg, ICU, home health, and endoscopy; and as a nurse manager in ICU, nurse investigator in risk management, and a quality assurance/performance improvement coordinator, where she wrote the first Join Commission plan for the hospital. She currently works as the nurse clinician/educator where she is responsible for staff as well as patient education. As a Tobacco Treatment Specialist, she conducts smoking cessation groups for patients in the addiction treatment program.

*I have been a member of IntNSA since 2004. Because I feel that certification is the way to validate one's clinical knowledge, I obtained the CARN in 2006. I have served as a board member since 2007. During my tenure on the board I brought new members to IntNSA and several have obtained their CARN. I have served on the marketing taskforce and want the name of IntNSA to be synonymous with addictions nursing. I have had the annual conference listed on several websites. I was also the originator of the first annual Addiction Nurses Week in 2008. I am committed to addictions nursing and to promoting it as a specialty. I am the first president of the South Florida Chapter of IntNSA. I believe that as a member of the board, I should represent the membership's needs and desires. I feel that all aspects of addictions nursing are vital – from the staff nurse, clinical practitioner, administrator, to the educator and researcher. I promote awareness of addictions nursing on a local level by being a guest lecturer to students and new nurses as well as to anyone who will listen! I have an ardent belief in the detrimental effects of tobacco dependence and would like to work to have IntNSA adopt a policy and/or position to support tobacco dependence treatment for persons in treatment for the disease of addiction. I have worked with the current board members under the philosophy of consensus and collaboration and would very much like to continue my tenure.*

**COLLEEN CORTE, PHD, RN**

Assistant Professor

University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing  
Chicago, IL

**Candidate Bio/Statement**

Colleen is an assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing. After finishing her PhD in nursing from the University of Michigan in 2002, she completed a two-year interdisciplinary postdoctoral fellowship in the Addiction Research Center in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan. Her program of research is focused on identity impairments as cognitive vulnerabilities for adolescent alcohol problems, eating disorders, and sexual risk taking behaviors.

*As an addictions researcher who is passionate about addictions nursing, I am very enthusiastic about running for the IntNSA Board of Directors. I am committed to nursing being at the forefront of care for persons with addictions. To this end, I have disseminated my research findings widely at both nursing and interdisciplinary addictions meetings as well as in nursing journals and interdisciplinary journals. As an active member of IntNSA with leadership experience, I am well-positioned to serve on the Board of Directors. In addition to leading addictions-related symposia at IntNSA and other meetings, I served as chair of the Addictions & Substance Abuse Research Section of the Midwest Nursing Research Society for five years, and I currently serve on the journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association editorial board. If I am elected as IntNSA Board of Directors, I hope to foster more collaborative relationships between addictions nursing researchers and addictions nursing practitioners. I believe that the most important clinical questions about addictions stem from addictions nursing practice, and that addictions nursing practice should be based on evidence from cutting edge addictions nursing research. Collaboration between researchers and practitioners is essential in order for IntNSA to achieve its vision to become a global leader in addictions nursing. I look forward with enthusiasm to the opportunity to advance addictions nursing by serving IntNSA on the Board of Directors.*

**TONI PRIMAS, RN, CARN**

Health Care Case Manager

UMDNJ

Voorhees, NJ

**Candidate Bio/Statement**

Toni has worked in the field of addictions with a specialty in Maternal Child Health since 1990. She has a background in program development and implementation, policy development, and education and has worked on several state and federal grant funded projects. One project was developing a Screening/Referral Tool for pregnant women at risk for substance use in New Jersey. This project involved education and training for professionals as well as the consumer. The project also involved data collection and interpretation. Most recently, while working at MatriArk@ Seabrook House, she was able to implement two clinic days per week provided by a Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHC) for the women/children in the long term residential treatment center. This linked a disadvantaged population with a stable medical home and introduced children to well-baby visits, immunizations, etc. Previously, she served on two other non-profit boards and still provides support as needed.

*The International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) has a long-standing history of providing a voice for nurses that work in the field of addictions. I have been a member of IntNSA since 2003 and am a Certified Addictions Registered Nurse (CARN). I've been involved with the Garden State Chapter since its inception. I served as vice president for three years and currently serve as president. As a member of the Board of Directors, I hope to compliment the current board members' vision and also increase membership. I would like to be involved in the PR/Marketing, Conference Planning and Membership Committees. I would love the opportunity to contribute my services to the board.*

**TARA L. HASKINS, RN, MSN, FPMHNP-BC**

Assistant Professor  
Grambling State University  
Ruston, LA

**Candidate Bio/Statement**

Tara graduated from Northwestern State University in 1987 with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She obtained a Master of Science in Nursing in the PMHNP program at the University of Texas at Arlington. During this program she completed an independent study in addictions at Sante Center for Healing in Argyle, Texas. She is board certified as a Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner through ANCC. Both during and following her master's program she functioned as crisis interventionist, assessing suicide and substance abuse in emergency room and hospital environments, and detox coordinator in an outpatient addiction practice developing protocols programs while providing medication/psychosocial counseling, Her experiences with patients on Suboxone © led to speaking nationally as a treatment advocate for Reckitt-Benckiser to improve managed care services for the treatment of opiate dependence. She has been an invited national and local speaker on the topic of addictions and is a published guest author in the *Journal of Addictions Nursing*. In addition to being an assistant professor at Grambling State University School of Nursing, Tara practices part-time as the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner for Region 8 DUI court clients in Monroe, Louisiana. She functions as a treatment team consultant and provider of psychiatric evaluation and medication management for DUI court clients. Tara volunteers for her local Domestic Violence shelter and Sexual Assault office in North Louisiana. She is also serving as a consultant on a committee for the development of rural community health centers in North Louisiana. Tara is a member of IntNSA, ANA, APNA, Louisiana Nurses Association, and Louisiana Nurse Practitioner Association. Her main interests are the neurobiological model for the treatment of addictions, the social context of addictions treatment within the court system, sexual assault, and domestic violence.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

*A nominating committee of three (3) society members will be elected annually by ballot, two of whom shall be elected in odd numbered years and one of whom shall be elected in even numbered years. The committee will be responsible for presenting the slate of candidates for the following year's election of officers and directors. The committee shall choose its own chairperson. The committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for each office whose term will expire at the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall prepare and submit to the membership at least one (1) nomination for each of the elected offices of IntNSA.*

**DOROTHEA SHOEMAKER, RN, CARN**

Retired  
Berwyn, PA

Prior to retirement Dorothea's (Dottie) professional service for thirty-five years was in various elements of hospital nursing. The later twenty years serving in addiction nursing, part of which was helping to establish the detoxification Unit in our hospital. She served on staff and also did marketing for their unit. Very soon after retirement (one day) she was invited to join the marketing staff at the Caron Foundation, for five years served and three years working in an advocacy study following graduates of the foundation offering further services in their recovery program. This model was offered to server other recovery center in the USA. She was invited to the Hazelton Institute during my addiction nursing word to enter in a residential nursing internship program and asked to address the nursing staff in promoting I.S.A. membership and interest.

*The highlight of the background, after attending many conferences of OANA & ISA, to become IntNSA - was my delight in founding the IntNSA Greater Delaware Valley Chapter here in PA, ten years old this year. I have been very happy to serve as liaison to the board for the chapter committee and my commitment to the Nominating Committee to help bring the very best nurse professionals to serve our organizations. I have loved my journey with IntNSA and all the fantastic people who have served have enhanced my knowledge and desire to continue to reach out to all who suffer this number one disease. I offer my name in nomination to serve on the Nomination Committee for the International Nurses Society on Additions.*