

## 2019 Presidents Annual Report

On January 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 I was installed as the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of NJSNA. It was one of my proudest moments. In February we had our board retreat to work on our 2019-2020 Strategic Plan, coming up with many great ideas and action plans to grow and engage our membership.

Membership continues to grow, and in 2019, we increased our members by 13% from this time last year. The Membership Committee is has initiated a welcome letter to be sent new members and contact information for their region. Each region is coming up with ways to connect with new members and re-engage those who continue to choose to be members of NJSNA. Thank you!

A big shout out to our Healthy Nurse Healthy New Jersey team, which was recognized by the ANA for their efforts in promoting healthy lifestyle for nurses. Join today by visiting [njsna.org](http://njsna.org) to find out how you can join the national challenge and learn how to be physically and mentally healthier.

At the state level, we have been working hard to be a voice, and happy to report that the Governor signed the multistate compact bill which will make it easier coming into NJ to obtain your nursing license when seeking employment. The Consumer Access Bill (Removal of the APN joint protocol) has been passed through the State Senate Health Committee this past June, and we continue to work hard to see it through the Assembly. We are gaining momentum and will be asking for your support when the time comes to push this bill over the finish line. We continue to meet with legislators, and work with other organizations to stay informed and continue advocating for our nurses in New Jersey.

On October 10, 2019, NJSNA and IFN is holding our annual Summit, at The Cranbury Inn, Cranbury, NJ with the theme: "It's your license: Do you know how to influence legislative decision makers". NJSNA is dedicated to advocating for you, however we need your voice and encourage you to learn how you can make a difference.

NJSNA has been re-accredited as a provider unit for Nursing CEU's through the ANCC. Congratulations for all the hard work!

The World Health Organization and the ANA have announced that 2020 is the Year of the Nurse... this is so exciting. In 2019, the NJ legislative has been moving in favor of our bills...so going into 2020 we need to keep pushing forward to have nurses recognize as a strong profession and an a united voice.

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