

SMN News

Newsletter of the Southern Minnesota Nurses

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SMN Membership

Probably one of the most challenging aspects of beginning the organization and sustaining it has been membership. When we have an opportunity to tell someone firsthand what Southern Minnesota Nurses is all about, many will join. It takes all of us to tell our coworkers, friends and others about membership. The website (www.southernminnesotanurses.org) includes lots of information and the membership application.



Collecting money on an annual basis is time-consuming (we have no office staff). Membership is on a calendar-year basis, regardless of when your initial membership dues are paid. In an effort to simplify the process this year, we are offering several options for current and new members:

CURRENT MEMBERS: If you prefer to pay once a year, the annual dues are \$20 due on January 1 (or whenever you join during the year). In an effort to simplify the process this year, we are offering current members a two-year option: **\$30 for two additional years** (that is, through the end of 2014) if paid by November 15, 2012.

NEW MEMBERS: If you join this fall, we will offer the opportunity to pay a reduced rate for the remainder of this year (\$10, normally \$20) AND next year's dues at the same time (\$20) for a total of \$30 now.

Upcoming Elections

Currently, Southern Minnesota Nurses has an interim board. Members will be provided a ballot this fall in which to elect our first official board. Terms will vary on this first ballot so that each year only a third of the board/officers will be elected. Any member who is interested is eligible to serve.

Please self-nominate by October 20. You can send your nomination either electronically or by U.S. mail, whichever you prefer.

The ballot will be sent to all members by U.S. Mail in November with a due date identified and where to return it. Membership will be verified by the person (who is not on the ballot) receiving it and then counted by two members.

The following positions are needed:

Treasurer – responsibility for the fiscal accounting of the organization. Writing checks for events, scholarships and any other disbursement of monies; reporting to the board and members the fiscal health of the organization at the board meetings and at the annual meeting of members. Working with the CPA each year to submit forms to the IRS.

Term: January 2013 – December 2014

Secretary – responsibility for taking minutes at meetings and contacting members for special events, elections, etc.

Term: January 2013 – December 2013

Board members – help make decisions about the running of the organization and disbursing monies for scholarships, events, etc.

2 members – Term: January 2013 – December 2013

2 members – Term: January 2013 – December 2014

2 members – Term: January 2013 – December 2015

Please tell Linda Rossow no later than October 20 which position you are interested in, either by email at rossowlj@hickorytech.net or by U.S. mail at 57201 238th Street, Mankato, MN 56001.

Member Involvement

We continue to have great member involvement in the meetings/CEs that are being offered. We also are interested in serving our communities by special collections or events for fundraising. In addition to coming to meetings and participating in special events, how else would you like to be involved?

Please indicate which committees or events you would like to participate on during the coming year (2013) – this is not a commitment, but someone will contact you to see if you are still interested and how you would like to help:

_____ Bowl-a-thon (Jan/Feb)

_____ Collection for Echo Food Shelf

_____ Nurses Expo (April)

_____ Meetings (help with registration, set up or clean up)

_____ Membership

_____ Planning CEs (part of committee)

_____ Breast Cancer walk

_____ Fundraising

_____ Chair a committee

_____ Newsletter

_____ Community event

_____ Contact person at facility (post info)

Event: _____

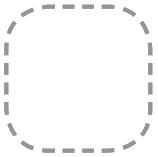
Facility: _____

_____ Website (work with committee to make suggestions for what should be on the website, bring recommendations to the board)

_____ Other: _____

Name: _____

Contact info: _____



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LOGO CONTEST



Southern Minnesota Nurses needs a logo! If you are interested in designing a logo, please submit your design by November 1. The winner will be awarded a \$50 Visa gift card.