

Nevada Nurses Association

Secretary's Report 2009

I joined the Board of Directors as Secretary in January of this year as a special appointment due to an unexpected vacancy in the position. The thing that became most evident to me immediately was the energy level and commitment of the other members of the Board. They welcomed me to the Board of Directors' Retreat with open arms and have supported me as I learned my new role. I appreciate their support and knowing that we are part of a larger organization of Nevada Nurses working together to improve the health and well-being of the nurses and citizens of our state.

During my 17 years as an RN, I have always been a member of various nursing organizations, but have not held an office until now. My duties as secretary involve attending the monthly Board meetings, taking the minutes and distributing them to the Board for approval. I believe it is important to belong to professional nursing organizations to be aware of issues that impact our careers and to support our fellow nurses. I would like to encourage all Nevada nurses to become members of Nevada Nurses Association to increase our influence in matters important to nursing. The more involved everyone becomes the more we are able to do as an organization. We are all busy with our jobs and our families and some of us are continuing our education, but the benefits of membership include networking with other professionals and emotional support from others who understand what you do. I'm looking forward to my continued work with this wonderful group of professionals on the Nevada Nurses Association Board of Directors.

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NNA Secretary