

BY-LAWS OF THE
WATTS SCHOOL OF NURSING ASSOCIATION OF NURSING STUDENTS

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ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization will be the Watts School of Nursing Association of Nursing Students, hereinafter referred to as Watts ANS, a constituent association of the North Carolina Association of Nursing Students (hereinafter referred to as NCANS) and the National Student Nurses Association (hereinafter referred to as NSNA).

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

The purposes of the Watts ANS are to:

- A. Assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education and influence the educational process.
- B. Provide programs representative of fundamental and current professional interest and concerns.
- C. Aid in the development of the whole person, his/her professional role, and his/her responsibility for the health care of people of all walks of life.

The functions of Watts ANS will include:

- A. The direct input into standards of nursing education and influence the education process.
- B. The influence of health care, nursing education and practice through legislative activities as appropriate.
- C. The promotion and encouragement of participation in community affairs and activities towards improved health care and the resolution of related social issues.

- D. The representation of nursing students to the consumer, to institutions and other organizations.
- E. The promotion and encouragement of students' participation in interdisciplinary activities.
- F. The promotion and encouragement of recruitment, efforts, participation in student activities, and educational opportunities regardless of a person's race, color, creed, sex, lifestyle, national origin, age, or economic status.
- G. The promotion and encouragement of collaborative relationships with nursing and related health organizations, including the North Carolina Nurses' Association.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS AND DUES

Section 1.

Members

A. Active Members

- a. Students currently enrolled in the Watts School of Nursing program.
- b. Students leaving the nursing program will be dropped from membership in the association.
- c. Active members will have all the privileges of membership.

B. Associative Members

- a. Students who have been sent letters of condition acceptance by the Watts School of Nursing program.
- b. Associate members will have all the privileges of membership except the right to hold office.

Section 2.

Dues

- A. The dues period will be one semester as determined by the Watts School of Nursing calendar.
- B. Should a student leave the nursing school there will be no refund of any dues monies.
- C. Dues will be in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) for each semester, made payable to Watts ANS and submitted to the association Treasurer.
- D. Payment of NSNA and NCANS dues is not a prerequisite for membership, however; it is greatly encouraged.
- E. Annual dues to NSNA and NCANS will be submitted by the individual members.
- F. Any member who fails to pay current dues will forfeit privileges of membership.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1.

Officers

Officers will be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian (optional). It is also encouraged that all officers be members of NSNA.

Section 2.

Executive Committee

The executive committee will consist of the officers and the faculty advisor(s).

Section 3.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors for the Watts ANS will consist of the officers, and the faculty advisor(s).

Section 4.

Eligibility

- A. Only members who will be nursing students for at least one full semester from the date of the election and have the privileges of active membership will be eligible for any office.
- B. No officer will hold more than one elected position at any time.

Section 5.

Vacancies

The candidates for a vacant office must meet all eligibility requirements.

Section 6.

Duties of Officers and Directors

- A. The President will:
 - a. Serve as the principle officer of the association and preside at all meetings of the association, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
 - b. Be responsible for the implementation of the actions of the board.
 - c. Appoint committees, committee chairpersons, consultants and make other assignments as necessary.
 - d. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - e. Have such powers and perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
 - f. Approve expenditures as submitted by the treasure and authorized by the Board of Directors.
 - g. Represent the association in matters relating to the association and perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

B. The Vice-President will:

- a. Assume the duties of the President in the case of vacancy in the office.
- b. Accede to the office of the President in the case of vacancy in the office.
- c. Serve as chair person of the By-Laws/Policies and Resolutions Committee.
- d. Perform other duties as delegated by the President.

C. The Secretary will:

- a. Prepare the minutes of all business meeting of the association and Board of Directors.
- b. Keep business records and conduct the general correspondence of the organization.
- c. Perform other duties as delegated by the President.

D. The Treasurer will:

- a. Act as custodian of the organization funds and sign all checks in conjunction with the President as authorized by the Board of Directors.
- b. Serve as chairperson of the finance committee should such a committee be established by the Board of Directors.
- c. Draft a budget of general funds.
- d. Submit all accounts to the board at mid-cycle and end of fiscal year for review.
- e. Submit a report of all transactions of the association at the monthly meeting and upon request by the Board of Directors or President.
- f. Perform any other duties as delegated by the President.

E. The Historian will:

- a. Keep a historical log of all activities of ANS.
- b. Start an ongoing scrapbook of ANS functions and meetings to be kept at the school.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTIONS

- A. The offices of President and Treasurer will be elected each year during the month of March and the offices of Vice-President and Secretary will be elected during the month of October each year.
- B. The election will be held by ballot. A plurality vote will elect. A tie will be decided by a revote exactly one week from the original election date.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS

Section 1.

Meeting Times

The meetings of the association will be held the first (1st) Wednesday of every month and can be changed upon digression of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Annual Convention Delegates

Delegates to the annual NCANS and NSNA meetings will be a member of the Watts ANS and NSNA, in good standing, selected by a majority vote of the association. In the event a majority vote cannot be reach by the association, then it will be decided by a majority vote by the Board of Directors. Any member who accepts the position of delegate will attend all required meetings and caucuses. To accept the position of delegate and not fulfill the duties of a delegate will result in suspension for this association.

Section 3.

Member Voting Privileges

The privilege of making motions and voting will be limited to the voting body. A voting member will have but one vote in any election and this vote must be exercised in person.

Section 4.

Non-Member Voting Privileges

Non-members may attend meetings but may not vote.

ARTICLE VII.

CONSULTANTS

The outgoing Board of Director members will serve as consultants to their successors for a period of at least one month.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMITTEES

Committees will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings will be conducted according to parliamentary rules set forth in Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised where rules apply and are not in conflict with the by-laws.

ARTICLE X.
AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

These by-laws may be amended at any monthly meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the quorum.

Section 2.

Proper amendments will be submitted in writing, carrying proponents' signatures, to the Board of Directors for review to last no longer than six (6) weeks. Proposed amendments may be submitted by any association member.

Section 3.

An amendment to these by-laws will become effective immediately upon approval unless the amendment specifies a time for it to go into effect.

ARTICLE XI.
DISSOLUTION

In the event that this organization should ever be dissolved, any excess funds, after all obligations are met, will be given to Watts School of Nursing to be used for a scholarship for a Watts School of Nursing student.