

First Meeting of the North Dakota State Nurses' Association May 7, 1912
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Officers:

President:	Bertha Erdmann
1st Vice:	Maud Sides
2nd Vice:	Louise Hoerman
Secretary:	Emily Homes Orr
Corresp. Secretary:	Emily Scripture
Treasurer:	Ethel Stanford
Board:	Mildred Clark
	Iva Knox
	Eldora Poland
COMM. ON EDUCATION:	Bertha Erdmann
	Louise Hoerman
	Mildred Clark
	Maud Sides
	Blanche Pyne
	Iva Knox
	Elizabeth Bartle
	Minnie E. Traynor
	Muriel Stark

HISTORY

At the December, 1911, meeting of the Grand Forks County Graduate Nurses' association, a committee on State association was appointed consisting of the following members: L. Mae Mc Cullach, Minnie E. Traynor and Bertha Erdmann, Chairman.

This committee of three began work at once. The state was divided into districts, consisting of not less than four (4) or more than ten (10) counties. The city in each district in which the largest number of nurses were located was chosen as "headquarters." The committee communicated with the nurses and found all interested and responding most encouragingly. One was chosen from each district as chairman, and these together with the three members at Grand Forks, constituted the State Committee on Organization of a State Association for nurses.

DISTRICT #1 - Minot
Counties

Divide	Ward	Mountraille
Williams	Bottineau	Burke
Mc Kenzie	Mc Henry	Ronville

DISTRICT #2 - Devils Lake
Counties

Rollette	Ramsey	Cavalier
Pierce	Benson	Towner

DISTRICT #3 - Grand Forks
Counties

Grand Forks	Walsh
Pembina	Nelson

DISTRICT #4 - Dickinson
Counties

Billings	Durm	Adams
Stark	Hettinger	Bowman

DISTRICT #5 - Bismarck
Counties

Morton	Burleigh	Kidder	Mc Intosh
Oliver	Mc Lean	Emmonds	
Mercer	Sheridan	Logan	

DISTRICT #6 - Jamestown
Counties

Wells	Stutsman	Griggs	La Moure
Eddy	Foster	Barnes	Dickey

DISTRICT #7 - Fargo
Counties

Case	Traill	Ranson
Steele	Richland	Sargent

Each member of the committee was responsible for the locating of nurses in her territory. Again hearty response was met with, mass meetings were arranged for and organizations discussed. The first and fifth district organized as District organizations.

Early in April, 1912 the chairman of the State Committee on a trip through the state, visited each district headquarter, addressing groups of graduates and pupil nurses on the "Objects and Purposes of Organization of Nurses." All the members of the State Committee agreed that the time for organization had come, consequently arrangements were pushed and the dates May 6-7th, and place, Grand Forks decided upon.

May 6 the first session of this State Committee was held in the chairman's room, Davis Hall, University Campus. The proposed constitution and by-laws were discussed and suggestions of committees offered. Names for officers were also presented and the plans of the associations work generally dwelt upon.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "The North Dakota State Nurses' Association."

ARTICLE II - Object

The object of this organization shall be the raising of standards of nurses and nursing education; the furtherance of the efficient care of the sick, and the promotion of all interests of the nursing profession.

ARTICLE III - Officers

The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a 1st Vice-President, a 2nd Vice-President, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers together with three other members of the Association, who shall be elected as members of the committee at the time and in the same manner as the officers are elected.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - Management

ARTICLE II - Members

ARTICLE III - Officers

ARTICLE IV - Duties of Officers

ARTICLE V - Dues

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

ARTICLE VII - Order of Business

ARTICLE VIII - Quorum

ARTICLE IX - Nomination of Officers

ARTICLE X - Amendments

155 Chartered Members