

The Pulse

ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL NEEDS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Welcome back to the school year!

Although many of our members continue working throughout the summer, the fall is an opportunity for a new start with our co-workers and patients. This monthly newsletter is filled with useful information and opportunities for growth in our field. Reach out and give us feedback on our new look! aecmn@aecmn.org

The AECMN Board met for three days this summer to plan for the year. During the retreat, the Board proposed changes to the AECMN Bylaws. Here is what you need to know about the Bylaw revision process:

- In three weeks, all active AECMN members will receive the proposed changes.
- Members will have 14 days to respond to proposed changes.
- Once revisions are decided upon to move forward for voting, members will have seven days to cast their ballot.
- All bylaw voting will be handled electronically.

ADVOCATE	<p>Have you recently read a journal article related to a chronic illness or hospital education? If so, please send the article or a link to the article to vicepresident@aecmn.org.</p> <p>The article will be added to our database of research currently being compiled by the Legislative Alliance for Students with Health Conditions (LASHC)</p> <p><i>LASHC Mission: To pursue change in legislation that advances educational outcomes for students with chronic health conditions.</i></p>
EDUCATE	<p>EdChat: Brain Station - An Innovative Educational Program <i>Thursday, October 19, 2017</i> 3:00-4:00 PM EST</p> <p>Dr. Carrie Sakaino will lead an interactive webinar discussion on Brain Station, a program that offers a “classroom atmosphere” at her hospital educational program in Hawaii. Brain Station provides a sense of normalcy/routine for student-patients as well as an environment that promotes a smooth transition from hospital-home-school. Activities/lessons are based around the pillars of Cognitive Rehabilitation (Concentration, Memory, Language & Executive Functions/Problem Solving) also integrating subject areas (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies). This discussion will include sample activities, calendar as well as tips on initiating the concepts of this program into your educational services/supports.</p> 

[Save your seat!](#)

COLLABORATE

Are you interested in collaborating with other AECMN members on **behavioral health issues** related to your student-patients? Join the AECMN Behavioral Health Collaborative.

[JOIN THE CONVERSATION!](#)

Gain insights, add your own, and get custom alerts when new answers are posted!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Spotlight: *Featuring a different AECMN member each month. This month our Board Treasurer tells us about his experience as a hospital educator and AECMN member.*

Brandon Sethi, Teacher

Cincinnati Children's
Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

Professional Experience

I am a teacher at Cincinnati Children's where I work in an adolescent psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Program. We see our patients for 5-7 days, and our areas of specialty include eating disorders and school refusal. I'm blessed to work on a multi-disciplinary team of MD's, SW's, and RN's. I love the collaborative nature of this role and being the school liaison for my team. I've been in my position for 5+ years and found the position on CareerBuilder. I truthfully had no idea what I was applying for but couldn't be happier to be where I am.



AECMN Membership

I've been a member of AECMN since 2013 and joined the Board the same year at our conference in Columbus, OH. I have devoted such extensive time to the organization as I believe in our mission as a group and as individuals. The ability to network with people in common positions is far and away the biggest benefit to me.

AECMN/APHOES Joint National Conference

I enjoy seeing the friends I've made over the last few years at the annual joint conferences in Columbus, Durham, Memphis and St. Petersburg. It also gives me an opportunity to get to know co-workers better, which is always fun.

Personal Life

My wife is Emily and our furry child is named Leonidas. I enjoy woodworking, CrossFit, and coaching high school football.

[Membership Benefits](#)

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NETWORKING

The best networking opportunity in our field is the AECMN/APHOES Joint National Conference. Dates were announced this week! Visit the [conference website](#) for information.

LET'S MOVE MOUNTAINS!

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AURORA, COLORADO

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