

2024 ANA-NY ANNUAL MEETING SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Since the November 2023 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors (BOD) has met nine times on Microsoft Teams conference calls, and one time at the ANA-NY office in Albany. Board Meetings are productive with the focus of the needs of the membership and the association. The BOD met as a cohesive unit prepared with active consistent participation using verbal and electronic communication. Executive Director (ED) Jeanine Santelli, Program Manager Deborah Spass, and Membership Engagement Coordinator Kennedee Blanchard posted their reports on SharePoint and participated in the meetings. Lobbyist Amy Kellogg, Harter Seacrest & Emory LLP, presented frequent oral summaries of developments during the NYS Legislative sessions and her work on behalf of ANA-NY and posted relevant HSE memoranda. The BOD continued to utilize the 'Consent Agenda' that allowed routine reports and procedures to be combined in one motion for approval at the start of the meeting without discussion or motions on individual items. This rule of order has three caveats: any BOD member could ask an item be removed from the consent agenda. All items included in the consent agenda must be posted on SharePoint at least one week prior to the meeting, and all reports in the consent agenda must be appended to the approved minutes posted on the ANA-NY Members Only website. This meeting format has streamlined the report process and made meetings more efficient and focused. ANA-NY Committees continue to be supported by the ED, office team, and BOD liaisons and member feedback continue to be positive.

On behalf of our members, the actions of the Board of Directors has undergone over the past year:

- President Dollinger was amazing with outreach this year all around the state with multiple visits a month.
- Signed a new contract with HCM-Healthcom Media for our newsletters as of July 2024 after Healthy Careers (HeC) terminated the contract. Members will be mailed copies and available virtually to our OAs and Nurse Faculty chairs.
- Approved the appointment of Cathy Finlayson and Beverly Karas-Irwin for Political Action Committee (PAC) positions to work in conjunction with Lobbyist Amy Kellogg to represent and reflect ANA-NY's mission and goals in advocating for or against legislative and regulatory issues.
- ANA-NY created a bill proposing that health care system governing boards have a RN as a voting member
- Approved the 2024 Budget with new and revised policies proposed by relevant committees

- Membership updated on BOD activities by publishing approved minutes on the 'Members Only' section of the ANA-NY website and 'Board Buzz' a quarterly summary of BOD actions in each issue of the newsletter ANA-NEW YORK NURSE
- Continued publication of the Journal of the American Nurses Association-NY (JANANY) and started a search for replacement Editor-in-Chief as Edmund J. Y. Pajarillo, PhD, RN BC, CPHQ, NEA BC, ANEF, FAAN, will be leaving his position in December 2024
- Flyers have been created for the ANA-NY events that can be printed out and posted in facilities
- Received notification of ANA Awardees from ANA-NY:
 - Josephine Agyei, BSN, RN - Early Career Nurse Leader Award
 - William Rosa, PhD, MBE, AGPCNP-BC, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN - Luther Christman Award
- Collaborated with other professional organizations, endorsed letters and issued position statements or memos of support or opposition on issues, legislation and DOH regulations that reflect ANA-NY's mission and goals
- Created Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which are members-only communities within ANA-NY that are focused on a single topic or area of interest in an effort to advance a specific area of knowledge, learning, or technology and support members in collaboration to affect or to produce solutions within their fields. There are currently five: 1) ID/DD Population (intellectually and developmentally disabled population), 2) Climate & Health, 3) Policy & Advocacy, 4) Igniting Compassion For Nurses, and Advances in Nursing Technology
- Approved to support ANA-NY member Josephine Agyei for ANA Director at Large Staff Nurse
- Approved renewal of CINAHL (Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature) contract
- Approved the creation of the ANA-NY Health Equity Task Force (ANA-NY HET) established to realize a vision of achieving equitable access to healthcare, so everyone can attain their full potential and well-being. The ANA-NY HET applied and received an \$8,000 grant funding from ANA
- Participated with our elected representatives and alternates in the ANA Membership Assembly
- Sponsored, donated, and participated in events held by professional nursing organizations and Nurses Students' Association of NY State (NSANYS)
- Donated to ANA, Nurses House, NSNA and other professional organizations

- Accepted new Organizational Affiliates
- Revised the 2024 Strategic Plan
- Reviewed applications for American Nurses Advocacy Institute (ANAI), ANA-NY approved to sponsor three ANA-NY members for the 2024-2025 session
- Amy Kellogg provided a brief overview of the updated 2025-2026 Legislative Priorities which will now be updated every 2 years to remain consistent with the legislative cycle
- The ANA dues escalator was passed, there has not been a change in dues since 2015
- Dues will increase by \$9 for standard members and \$7 for premier members starting in January 2025. The increase for members will occur on the anniversary date of membership and will be split between ANA & ANA-NY