

2021 ANA-NY ANNUAL MEETING SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Since the October 2020 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors has met monthly; eleven times on video conference calls and once in person at the ANA-NY office in Albany. Meetings continue to be productive in meeting the needs of the association and its membership and, despite the cancellation of quarterly in person meetings, the BOD has continued to function as a cohesive unit. Preparation for meetings and participation has been consistent and electronic communication effective. Committees continue to be supported by the ED, office team and BOD liaisons and member feedback has been positive.

Executive Director Jeanine Santelli posted her reports on SharePoint and participated in each of the meetings. Past Program Manager Jamilynne Myers and Communications Coordinator Shakira Hernandez participated as frequently as needed and posted written reports. The BOD was honored to meet with Dr. Ernest Grant, ANA President in April, and welcomed Phil Meher, as new Program Manager in August. Lobbyist Amy Kellog, 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. Additional guests attended and presented reports as requested by the Board. Among the guests were Mark Randall, VP Investments and Senior Investment Manager, from Bank of America Merrill Lynch, and Edmund Pajarillo, Editor, *Journal of the American Nurses Association-NY*.

President Dollinger proposed adopting a 'Consent Agenda' that allows 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 new rule of order was approved with three caveats: any BOD member could ask that 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. The new meeting format has streamlined the report process and made meetings more efficient and focused on emerging issues, continuing and new business.

On behalf of our members, among the actions the Board of Directors has taken over the past year were:

- Held the first ANA-NY Member Mixer in NYC with more mixers in other locales planned. Follow ANA-NY on social media to learn about and attend the mixer coming to your area!
- Kept the 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 *ANA-NEW YORK NURSE*.
- Inaugurated publication of the *Journal of the American Nurses Association-NY*.
- Thanked Jamilynne Meyers for her contributions to the growth of ANA-NY and wished her success in her new position.

- Congratulated Communications Coordinator Shakira Hernandez on the growth and success of ANA-NY on social media.
- Approved hiring a Member Engagement Associate to expand outreach and benefits to serve our 8400+ members and OAs.
- Approved two new Nurse Hero Award categories to recognize the extraordinary efforts of our colleagues during the Covid pandemic.
- Approved the 2021 Budget and new and revised policies proposed by relevant committees.
- 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.
- Established a Political Action Committee 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.
- Received a \$10,000 Project Firstline grant from ANA to collaborate with the CDC and multiple professional organizations to identify and disseminate education content to improve national infection prevention competence.
- Joined the Bassett Medical Center to establish a Nurse to Nurse Peer Support Network and train volunteers to provide confidential peer support in NYS.
- Interviewed candidates nominated for ANA office and participated with our elected representatives and alternates in the virtual ANA Membership Assembly.
- Sponsored and participated in events held by professional nursing organizations and NSANYS.
- Donated to ANA, Nurses House, NSNA and other professional organizations providing direct relief to nurses and populations affected by COVID 19 and natural disasters.
- Accepted new Organizational Affiliates.
- Created a Speakers Bureau.
- Revised the Strategic Plan to reassign responsibilities of the Membership Committee and reconfiguration of the Program Committee.