

ANA-NY
Board of Directors Microsoft Teams Conference Meeting
July 23, 2025

PRESIDING: Connie Perkins, President

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OFFICERS: Connie Perkins, President; Tanya Drake, Vice President; and Kimberly Velez, Secretary

DIRECTORS: Teddi Levine, Seon Lewis-Holman, Alison Simpson

EXCUSED: Elisa Mancuso, Treasurer; Giselle Gerardi, and Kerlene Richards

STAFF: Jeanine Santelli, Executive Director and Kennedee Blanchard, Member Engagement Associate

GUESTS: Amy Kellogg, Lobbyist

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CALL TO ORDER		President Perkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Alison Simpson read the ANA-NY mission statement.
ATTENDANCE	Quorum Present	Vice President Drake took attendance and declared a quorum was present.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>ANA-NY has hired a new full-time Marketing Strategy Associate from Lawton Social, Maria Dobkowski, who will be in the office 1 day/week. Our current Marketing Consultant, Brittany Lawton, works approximately 2 days/week and charges \$4500/month. Maria will be working 5 days/week for which ANA-NY will be charged \$5800/month. Maria's first day in the office will be August 4th and Brittany will be transitioning her from then through the 2025 Annual Conference.</p> <p>Amanda Brown, a current editor of JANANY has agreed to take on the role of Editor-in-Chief as Ed Pajarillo is stepping down.</p> <p>Nurses House is requesting sponsorship for their 4th Annual 9&Wine Golf Fundraiser, scheduled for</p>	

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	<p>September 25th at the Saratoga Lake Golf Club in Ballston Spa. Vice President Drake, who also serves on the Nurses House Board of Directors, stated that the event has been cancelled due to the loss of their major event sponsor.</p> <p>MOTION TO MAKE A \$500 DONATION TO NURSES HOUSE IN LIEU OF 9&WINE SPONSORSHIP – TEDDI LEVINE/TANYA DRAKE</p>	APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
LOBBYIST’S REPORT	<p>See attached End of Session Memo ANA-NY 2025 End of Session Memo.pdf</p> <p>At the beginning of July, the Federal Government passed the Congressional Budget Reconciliation Bill which included significant cuts to the NYS budget. As a result, 1.5 million New Yorkers will lose their healthcare from Medicaid and the Essential Plan. This will also result in a \$3 billion budget deficit for the state next year and will be a recurring year-over-year deficit.</p> <p>The Medical Aid in Dying Act passed both houses this year after first being introduced into legislation over a decade ago. While ANA-NY had not previously taken a position on this legislation, the Legislation Committee voted to support this legislation, and ANA-NY will be issuing a letter of</p>	

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	support to the Governor when the bill is sent to her for her consideration.	
CONSENT AGENDA	MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA – TANYA DRAKE/ALISON SIMPSON	APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
TREASURER’S REPORT	Executive Director Santelli gave the report on behalf of Treasurer Mancuso.	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<p>The Board discussed whether the goals and descriptions of each committee are accurate and if they are reflected accurately on the website. The goals of each standing committee (Audit, Bylaws, Finance, Legislation, and Nominations & Elections) are listed in the bylaws. The Nursing Education, Awards, and Engagement committees are considered other committees, and their descriptions are not in the bylaws.</p> <p>The Health Equity Task Force recently held Part 3 of their 4 Part training series, Strategies and Skills to Broaden Inclusive Communication in Healthcare. The final session will be held on August 5th. Although the Task Force’s grant from ANA has ended, the work doesn’t have to. President Perkins suggested shifting some of the work into the committees to make sure that it continues.</p> <p>Two members of the Task Force, Kimberly Velez and Teddi Levine proposed a funding request to attend the 2025 Sigma Convention to present their poster abstract. They are asking the Board for</p>	Alison Simpson is going to connect with Giselle Gerardi regarding the updated description for the Nursing Education Committee.

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	<p>reimbursement for their travel and one night stay at a hotel.</p> <p>MOTION TO REIMBURSE UP TO \$500 FOR EACH KIMBERLY VELEZ AND TEDDI LEVINE TO ATTEND THE SIGMA CONVENTION – ALISON SIMPSON/SEON LEWIS-HOLMAN</p>	APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
NEW BUSINESS	<p>President Perkins, Executive Director Santelli, Verlia Brown, Giselle Gerardi, Kerlene Richards, Jessica Varghese, Eliza Mancuso, and Kimberly Velez attended ANA’s Membership Assembly in June. This was President Perkins’ first time attending Membership Assembly where they discussed Bylaws proposals and amendments, allowing membership for LPN’s, apportionment (the formula to determine how many votes each state receives. It is currently based on how many members each state has, and they want to change it to how much money each state gets), and one member one vote, which was voted down. ANA is also starting the process of revising the ANA Scope and Standards of Practice.</p>	
UPCOMING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BOD, 8/27/25 (ANAI report from Sarah, approval of 2026 committee rosters) ▪ Exhibiting at NYONL, White Plains, 9/7-9 ▪ Exhibiting at NYSANA, Long Island, 9/19-21 ▪ BOD, 9/24/25 ▪ Exhibiting @ 5th Annual WNY/Finger Lakes Region Nursing Research Day, Buffalo, 9/29 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 13th Annual Conference Be Empowered Through Change, TWA Hotel @ JFK, Queens, NY, 10/9/25-10/11/25 https://www.twahotel.com/ ▪ Advocacy Day, 4/28/26 ▪ 14th Annual Conference, ESP (Effective, Social & Professional) Essential Skills of Nursing, Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY, 11/12/26-11/14/26 https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/albtygi-hilton-garden-inn-troy/ ▪ 15th Annual Conference, Woodcliff, Fairport, NY, 10/14/27-10/17/27 https://woodcliffhotelspa.com/ 	
ADJOURNMENT	No further business.	President Perkins adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kennedee Blanchard, Member Engagement Associate