

**ANA-NY  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 8, 2024  
9:00 – 12:00**

**PRESIDING: Dr. Marilyn Dollinger**

**PRESENT:**

**OFFICERS:** Tanya Drake (Vice-President), Kimberly Velez (Secretary)

**DIRECTORS:** James Connolly, Giselle Gerardi, Theodora Levine, Sarah Miner

**ABSENT:** Phyllis Yezzo (Treasurer) and Seon Lewis-Holman

**STAFF:** Jeanine Santelli (Executive Director), Deborah Spass (Program Manager) and Kennedee Blanchard (Membership Engagement Coordinator)

**GUESTS:** Amy Kellogg (Lobbyist)

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Call to order		Called to order at 9:10
Mission	The mission of ANA-NY is to foster high standards of nursing and promote the professional and educational advancement of nurses to improve health care for all.	James Connolly read the mission
Attendance	Secretary Kimberly Velez took attendance	Quorum has been established
Announcements a) Call for nominations deadline extended to encourage additional nominations b) Flyers are in Board folder for promoting our events.	Flyers have been created for the ANA-NY events that can be printed out and posted in your facilities.	Deadline has been extended until May 17. Board members should encourage qualified colleagues to submit nominations for posted positions.
Lobbyist Report: Amy Kellogg	Lobby Day was a success – very productive meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eleven registered participants did not attend—only 6 of these did communicate conflicts to Amy before the event.</li> <li>• Voter Voice is receiving good participation – currently 132 participants and 280 messages sent.</li> </ul>	Sarah will bring the feedback back to the Legislative Committee.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The expectation is that both Board members and Legislation Committee members attend Lobby Day. This will be added to the Board and committee expectations.</li> <li>• Members requested that Lobby Day not be done during Nurses week, if possible, because of the number of conflicts that keep members from being available to come to Albany.</li> <li>• There are many factors that influence the date selection: Leg Calendar, which is not available until late December; it will always be a Tuesday, but Amy will take that under advisement.</li> <li>• Virtual Prep worked well and will continue. Suggestion that some questions for participants after the prep can be given to help members focus on key aspects of the bills and have participants more prepared.</li> <li>• The Governor’s Office is currently working on the Proclamation for Nurses Week.</li> <li>• Session concludes June 6.</li> <li>• The Leg Committee will be working on the Leg priorities for the next two-year legislative session 2025-2026.</li> <li>• The new ANA-NY bill proposing that health care system governing boards have a RN as</li> </ul>	<p>S9187 (Webb) will be placed on the Bill Tracker and taken to the NY Nursing Alliance group to ask for their support.</p>

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	a voting member now has a Senate sponsor: Senator Webb.	Marilyn thanked Amy and her staff for doing a great job organizing and managing Lobby Day.
Consent Agenda a) Minutes of April 15, 2024 b) Committee reports a. Legislation c) Staff reports i. ED ii. Program Manager (1) Annual Conference discussion iii. Membership	There is no Treasurer’s report because the final numbers for April have not been closed out yet (earlier date than usual for the Board meeting).	Motion made by James Connolly and seconded by Tanya Drake to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was passed unanimously.
Annual Conference Discussion	Deb provided a handout of the PowerPoint prepared for discussion of either moving the Annual Conference to spring or having two conferences/events This prompted a robust discussion of both pros and cons. Consensus was to have the Fall annual business meeting and a spring event be focused on a theme with speakers and programs.  There will be further discussion at the next Board meeting. A spring June meeting could include an opportunity for members to meet those running for ANA-NY positions (nominations done by then).	The issue was tabled and will be put on the agenda for June.
President’s Report	April was a busy month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibited in Buffalo at PNA of WNY;</li> <li>facilitated the HIMSS panel in Rochester;</li> <li>Sarah Miner staffed the exhibit table in</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Rochester for the HIMSS Conference and Susan Chin was at the ANA-NY exhibit at the NYC site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to participate in the Regional Workforce Consortium calls representing the nursing perspective from ANA-NY;</li> <li>• Follow-up virtual meeting with Bea Grause HANYS President and Amy Nickson, State Gov't Affairs to discuss nursing and general health care workforce issues in detail;</li> <li>• Attended the NYS Emergency Nurses Association Conference in Saratoga as part of the ANA-NY/NYSENA/NYSACEP coalition panel on Workplace Violence Prevention;</li> <li>• Participated in the monthly NY Nursing Alliance call;</li> <li>• ANA-NY is co-sponsoring the annual GVNA/CORNO event in the Rochester region in October – Kenya Beard is presenting on Health Equity;</li> <li>• ANA News: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The search for a CEO continues. The Interim CEO for ANA Enterprise is Angela Beddoe focused on the processes within the Enterprise</li> <li>○ For Nurses Week, ANA sponsored 55+ sites across the country, the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">lighting of memorials &amp; buildings to honor nurses and messaged through social media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2024 ANA Membership Assembly is 6/28-29 and Capitol Hill Day is 6/27.</li> </ul>	
Unfinished Business	None	
<p>New Business</p> <p>a) Discuss support for A.5789A/S.6226</p> <p>b. Board Self-Assessment and discussion</p>	<p>During the NYSENA Conference, Assemblywoman Woerner asked the ED nurses to support the Assembly bill 5789A that extends the current regulation that allows O- blood transfusions to critical patients during emergency air transport to on-the-ground EMS transports. The Senate passed it already in 2023. There are specific protocols in place re: safe storage of blood and rotation of supply at designated sites across the state. This bill has significant patient safety and access implications for all New Yorkers. Marilyn brought this to the ANA-NY Leg Committee and the Board for consideration of support. The Leg Committee agreed to support it. If the Board approves, ANA-NY will add its support</p> <p>Board members completed a self-assessment of Board responsibilities.</p>	<p>The Board voted unanimously to have ANA-NY support this bill. M. Dollinger will follow up with the Assemblywoman’s staff to update them.</p> <p>This was a good reminder of the roles, responsibilities and relationship between Board members and the Executive Director.</p>

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Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.	Motion made by James Connolly and seconded by Gisselle Gerardi to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed unanimously.

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