

ANA-NY
Governing Assembly Business Meeting
November 5, 2024

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Action/Resolution
Opening & Welcome	President Marilyn Dollinger provided the opening remarks and asked all active service members and veterans to stand and be recognized and lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Executive Director Santelli led the membership in the singing of our national anthem. The Central New York/Syracuse Nurses Honor Guard led the Nightingale Tribute ceremony and recognized our nurse colleagues who we have lost in the past year.	
Introductions	President Dollinger introduced the 2024 ANA-NY Board of Directors and the office team; Executive Director, Program Manager, Member Engagement Associate, Communications Coordinator, and Contract Lobbyists.	
Call to Order		President Dollinger called the Governing Assembly Business Meeting to order at 4:14 pm on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.
Procedural Matters	President Dollinger recognized Secretary Kimberly Velez to go over procedural matters, including the availability of the Annual Meeting Book of Reports on the Members Only section of the ANA-NY website and in the Governing Assembly section of the conference app, as well as the procedure for	

	addressing the membership including Point of Order/Question and Motions or Discussions.	
Establishment of a Quorum	Secretary Velez read the requirements for the establishment of a quorum at the Governing Assembly, which includes at least five members of the Board, one of whom shall be the President or Vice-President, and at least 25 members present at the meeting.	
Declaration of Quorum	<u>Board of Directors</u> Present: Marilyn Dollinger (President); Tanya Drake (Vice President); Phyllis Yezzo (Treasurer); Kimberly Velez (Secretary); James Connolly (Director); Giselle Gerardi (Director); Theodora Levine (Director); Seon Lewis-Holman (Director) Absent: Sarah Miner (Director) <u>Membership</u> Signed attendance indicated more than 100 members were present.	President Dollinger declared a quorum present.
Acceptance of Business Meeting Agenda	President Dollinger stated that the Governing Assembly Business Meeting agenda was provided in the Governing Assembly section of the conference app, as well as, on the Members Only section of the ANA-NY website prior to the meeting.	Motion was made and seconded to accept the Governing Assembly Business Meeting agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.
Acceptance of Standing Rules	President Dollinger stated that the Standing Rules of Conduct were provided in the Governing Assembly section of the conference app, as well as, on the Members Only section of the ANA-NY website prior to the meeting.	Motion was made and seconded to accept the Standing Rules of Conduct as written. Motion carried unanimously.
Special Guests		
Foundation of NYS Nurses, Nurses House, and the NYS Action Coalition (NYSAC)	President Dollinger welcomed Executive Director, Deb Elliott, from the Center for Nursing at the Foundation of New York State Nurses (CFN) and Nurses House, and co-lead for NYSAC. Ms. Elliott	

	stated that the Center for Nursing recently held their annual Nightingale Gala where the Philippine Nurses Association – New York was awarded with the Nightingale Award and Sarah DiGregorio was awarded with the Driscoll Award for Excellence in Nursing History. They also provided scholarships to 2 students who are pursuing their BSN degrees. She stated that the Center for Nursing Research conducted a COVID-19 study and is ready to publish their article and that their 2024 Distinguished Nurse Researcher Awardee is Dr. Sally Norton, PhD, FNAP, FPCN, FAAN, and their 2024 Mary J. Finnin Grant for Nursing Innovation in Oncology recipient is Dr. Clare Whitney. Ms. Elliott informed the members that Nurses House is celebrating their 100-year anniversary this year and reminded everyone that there will be a walk tomorrow morning to help raise funds for nurses in need. She also gave a brief description about the New York State Action Coalition (NYSAC) and informed the members about the 13th Annual Future of Nursing Summit, which will be held on November 15th and will have Dr. Diana Mason as the keynote speaker.	
New York Organization for Nursing Leadership (NYONL)	President Dollinger welcomed President-Elect, Robert Church, from the New York Organization for Nursing Leadership (NYONL). Mr. Church informed the members that NYONL's membership has increased since their name changed 2 years ago and that their strategic plan will now coincide with their President's 2-year term; they have increased their dues but do provide discounts for full and retired	

	members who opt into auto-renewal; had a record attendance at their Annual Conference this year for which they received 60 poster abstracts; and are more engaged on social media, specifically Instagram and LinkedIn. He also talked about NYONL's Lobby Day, AONL's Advocacy Day and the New York Nursing Alliance (NYNA), which both NYONL and ANA-NY are a part of.	
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)	President Dollinger welcomed Past-President, Dr. Phil Martinez, from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Dr. Martinez stated that he is currently serving as the Chair of the CCNE Board of Commissioners and that AACN has over 2,200 accredited nursing programs in the U.S. and territories. He informed the members that they concluded a major revision process of the 2018 Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs and that the 2024 Standards will go into effect January 1, 2025. CCNE's YouTube channel features a growing list of education webinars and videos to help institutions and evaluators stay up to date on CCNE's accreditation standards and procedures, which are free to attend and will be archived for future viewing. He talked about AACN's core competencies and encouraged members to apply for a volunteer position at CCNE, as they will soon be putting out a call for CCNE evaluators.	
Nursing Student Association of New York State (NSANYS)	President Dollinger welcomed Vice President and nursing student at Stony Brook University, Dhia Binu, from the Nursing Student Association of New York State (NSANYS). Ms. Binu stated that they are finalizing the details for the 73 rd Annual Convention.	

Reports	President Dollinger recognized Vice President Tanya Drake.	Vice President Drake called on President Dollinger to provide her President's report.
President's Report	President Dollinger informed the members that her detailed report was available in the Book of Reports on the Members Only section of the website and in the conference app. She stated that she did several presentations and keynotes for professional organizations, organizational affiliates, and nursing education programs across the state on ANA-NY's behalf this past year, which included presentations on advocacy and legislative/regulatory updates for undergraduate and graduate/doctoral nursing students and presentations for the National Student Nurses Association, New York State Emergency Nurses Association, Finger Lakes Organization of Nurse Leaders, Greater New York City Black Nurses Association, Coalition of Rochester Nursing Organizations, Genesee Valley Nurses Association, New York State Council of Deans, and the Professional Nurses Association of South Central New York. She also did outreach to multi-stakeholder groups, including health care advocacy for graduate social work students at Daemon College, consultations with HANYS, Leading Age leaders, and the NYSDOH Director for Healthcare Workforce Innovation on Workplace Violence and nursing workforce issues, participated in a virtual briefing for the New York State Legislature on the Nurse Licensure Compact, and facilitated a panel discussion with leaders on "Innovative Care Bridges: Nursing & Informatics Across the Patient Care Continuum" for the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). She talked	

	about ANA's Membership Assembly and Hill Day and ANA-NY's Health Equity Task Force, which received a \$8,000 grant from ANA to support advancing health equity in New York State.	Vice President Drake returned the chair to President Dollinger.
Secretary's Report	President Dollinger called on Secretary Kimberly Velez to provide her report. Secretary Velez thanked this year's conference sponsors: National Healthcare Associates, Nurses Service Organization, Bull Moose Club, New York Organization for Nursing Leadership, NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, Davin Healthcare, University at Buffalo School of Nursing, Western Governors University, Centegix, Indian Nurses Association of New York, Mercy University, University at Albany College of Integrated Health Sciences, and Westchester Medical Center Health Network. She informed the members that her detailed report is in the Annual Book of Reports in the conference app and on the website, and that the Board of Directors (BOD) met monthly to review the financials, receive updates on committee work, and conduct business of the association. She also mentioned that updates on Board activity are posted in the Board Buzz column of the quarterly newsletter and that the Board minutes are maintained on the website. She highlighted a few of the actions of the Board this year, which include the Special Interest Groups (SIGs), the creation of the ANA-NY Health Equity Task Force, and the sponsorship of one ANA-NY member for the American Nurses Advocacy Institute 2024-2025 session.	

Acceptance of 2023 Governing Assembly Minutes	Secretary Velez stated that the 2023 Governing Assembly minutes were posted on the Members Only section of the website prior to the meeting and in the conference app.	Motion was made and seconded to accept the 2023 Governing Assembly minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.
Treasurer's Report	President Dollinger called on Treasurer Phyllis Yezzo to provide her report. Treasurer Yezzo stated that the Treasurer's Report was posted in the Book of Reports on the Members Only section of the website prior to the meeting and in the conference app. She stated that her report represents the income and expenses from January - August 2024 and that both the income and expenses were consistent with those from 2023. Investment income reflects modest gains of .89% throughout 2023. She stated that the Board of Directors review the financials monthly and that the Association continues to move cash to moderately aggressive investments routinely throughout the year and that their investments with Merrill Lynch reflect market trends in a turbulent economy. She reported that the Finance Committee met virtually in 2024 to review the Profit and Loss statements and the Investment portfolio. Merrill Lynch presented current standings and recommendations to the Finance Committee and Board of Directors in the Fall of 2023, where the recommendation was to maintain our investments in a moderately aggressive diverse portfolio, which has been a fruitful recommendation.	The 2025 budget will be prepared in November and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval in December 2024.
Executive Director's Report	President Dollinger called on Executive Director, Jeanine Santelli to give her report. Executive Director Santelli stated that her detailed report is available in the Annual Book of Reports in the conference app and on the website. She highlighted some of the goals that we have already achieved based on the	

	2024-2027 Strategic Plan, which include increasing the visibility of ANA-NY (Individual membership is over 9,000 moving us to the fifth largest C/SNA and recognized as one of the prominent nursing voices in New York State), reviewing and identifying positions on 138 pieces of legislation, providing a variety of member benefits, developing the new ANA-NY app, moving to a new publisher for our quarterly newsletter/magazine that is offered in print as well as digital, approving three ANA-NY white papers, which are available on our website, and transitioning to a new Learning Management System where we can now offer CE for enduring offerings. She also mentioned that ANA-NY is an approved provider of the updated mandatory child abuse training that all NYS licensed professionals are required to take by April 2025, and that we welcomed 4 new Organizational Affiliates (OAs) in 2024, which include the Capital District Nursing Research Alliance, NYS Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses, Oncology Nursing Society NYC Chapter, and the Haitian American Nurses Association of Hudson Valley.	
Committee Reports	Full committee reports were posted in the Annual Book of Reports on the Members Only section of the website prior to the meeting and in the conference app. Standing Committees: • Audit • Bylaws • Finance • Legislation • Nominations & Elections	

	Other Committees: • Awards • Program • Nursing Education	
Audit Committee Report	Chair Beverly Karas-Irwin reported that the committee selected an auditor to conduct the annual financial review, for which they received a clean review letter, and submitted the annual 990 tax form on time.	
Bylaws Committee Report	Chair Ann Tahaney reported that the committee did not receive any Bylaws amendments this year, therefore they did not meet.	
Legislation Committee Report	Chair Jessica Varghese reported that the committee met monthly and that Lobbyist, Amy Kellogg, already reviewed their legislative activities during her Albany 411 presentation, including the 2025-2025 Legislative Priorities which have been endorsed by the Legislation Committee and the Board of Directors. She made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Legislative Priorities.	Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2025-2026 Legislative Priorities as written. Motion carried unanimously.
Nominations & Elections Committee Report	Chair Daryl Sharp reported that elections were conducted through Association Voting again this year and was pleased to announce that 437 members voted, which was a 4.59% turnout. She announced the vote counts for each candidate and encouraged members to make sure their voices are heard at next year's elections. Vote Counts:	President Dollinger declared the report accurate and the election valid. She thanked everyone who volunteered to run for office and everyone who voted.

President and ANA Membership Assembly Representative:

Connie Perkins – 255
David Theobald – 143
Abstain – 7

Treasurer:

Elisa Mancuso – 394
Phyllis Yezzo (write-in) - 1
Abstain – 10

Director-at-Large:

Kerlene Richards – 268
Alison Simpson – 143
Patricia Lavin – 128
Veronica Valazza – 92
Suzanne Soltysik – 75
Nicole White - 37
Abstain – 2

Nominations & Elections Committee Member:

Marilyn Dollinger – 366
Tara Zacharzuk-Marciano – 346
Michael Rosario-McCabe – 343
Jennifer Powell (write-in) – 1
Nora Higgins (write-in) - 1
Abstain – 6

	Election Results: President and ANA Membership Assembly Representative: Connie Perkins Treasurer: Elisa Mancuso Directors-at-Large: Kerlene Richards and Alison Simpson. Nominations and Elections Committee Members: Marilyn Dollinger (chair-elect), Tara Zacharzuk-Marciano, and Michael Rosario-McCabe. Membership Assembly Representatives: Kerlene Richards, Jessica Varghese, Kimberly Velez, Verlia Brown, Giselle Gerardi, and Tanya Drake.	
New Business		
Motion	Karen Ballard made a motion that recommends to the ANA-NY Board of Directors that when considering new members to its Hall of Fame Award that the Board consider members of ANA-NY who have been inducted into ANA's Hall of Fame and/or identified as a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing from 2012 going forward in this century.	Motion was made and seconded that the ANA-NY Board of Directors consider new members of ANA-NY's Hall of Fame Award any member who has been inducted into ANA's Hall of Fame and/or identified as a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing from 2012 going forward. Motion carried unanimously.
Closing		
Outgoing President's Remarks, President's Awards, Recognition of Outgoing Board Members, and Recognition of Organizational Affiliates	Vice President Drake thanked and recognized outgoing Treasurer, Phyllis Yezzo, for her service to the organization over the past 4 years, outgoing directors, James Connolly and Sarah Miner, for their service to the organization over the past 4 and 2 years respectively, and outgoing President Marilyn	

	Dollinger for her service to the organization for the past 4 years and provided each of them with a certificate of appreciation. She also notified President Dollinger that ANA-NY made a \$500 donation in her honor to Doctors Without Borders. She recognized ANA-NY's Organizational Affiliates and presented each of them with a certificate. Organization affiliates include PNASC, Chi Gamma Chapter Sigma, PNAWNY, GVNA, PNASCNY, MVNA, NACLI, PNARC, NNYPNO, NYSANA, PNADP, NYSASN, PNANY, GNYCBNA, NYLN, CDNRA, NYS Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses, and the Oncology Nursing Society NYC Chapter. President Dollinger presented the 2024 ANA-NY President's Awards to the Inaugural PAC Board of Directors, Linda O'Brien, Mel Callan, and Beverly Karas-Irwin, and to Nancy Iafrati from GVNA and gave her outgoing President's remarks.	
Swearing in of New Officers	Vice President Drake administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers: Connie Perkins, Elisa Mancuso, Kerlene Richards, and Alison Simpson	
Incoming President's Remarks	President Connie Perkins provided her incoming remarks and thanked the members for electing her as their next President. She thanked the new and returning Board and Committee members for their service and thanked outgoing President Dr. Dollinger for her mentorship as she takes on this new role.	
Adjournment	President Perkins called for a motion to adjourn the 2024 Governing Assembly Business Meeting.	Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. President Perkins adjourned the meeting at 5:42 pm on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted by,
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