

2025 ANA-NY ANNUAL MEETING SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Since the October 2024 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 Perkins, was amazing with outreach this year with multiple visits this year.
- 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.
- Marketing Consultant, Brittany Lawton launched our ANA-NY 'app'
- Approved the 2025 Budget with new and revised policies proposed by relevant committees
- Reviewed the 2024-27 Strategic Plan
- Continued publication of the Journal of the American Nurses Association-NY (JANANY) and Amanda Brown, a current editor of JANANY has agreed to take on the role of Editor-in-Chief as Ed Pajarillo is stepping down.
- 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 four: 1) Young Professionals SIG, 2) Climate & Health, 3) Policy & Advocacy, 4) and Advances in Nursing Technology
- ANA-NY Health Equity Task Force (ANA-NY HET) established to realize a vision of achieving equitable access to healthcare, submitted an abstract and two members of the Task Force, to attend the 2025 Sigma Convention to present their abstract.
- Accepted new Organizational Affiliates.
- Reviewed applications for American Nurses Advocacy Institute (ANAI), and ANA-NY approved to sponsor a member for the 2025-2026 session.
- Donated to ANA, Nurses House, NSNA and other professional organizations
- Sponsored, donated, and participated in events held by professional nursing organizations and Nurses Students' Association of NY State (NSANYS)
- 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
- ANA-NY created a bill proposing that health care system governing boards have a RN as a voting member
- Flyers have been created for the ANA-NY events that can be printed out and posted in facilities
- 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