

President's Column

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It's September—that means it is time to think about voting. I'm not just referring to that big vote in 2020 ... but I do have information about that later in this column.

First, I want to remind MNORN members that **OUR** organization's elections are coming up. Nominations need to be made by the end of September and ballots will come out in November. If you are interested in running for an MNORN office, please submit a Consent to Serve Forum ([Click here for Call for Candidates](#)) Then, for all members, please vote when you receive your ballot. MNORN voting numbers have been low in the past, so my challenge to all of you is to read the candidate profiles and let your voice be heard. Voting is important!

Now, regarding the upcoming 2020 national elections...

The 2019 ANA Membership Assembly representatives voted to end the long-established process (1984-5) for endorsing a candidate for President of the United States. Instead, they endorsed a new *Presidential Engagement Process*. In this new process, ANA will focus on engaging members to get involved in the campaign(s) of the candidates of their choice, rather than ANA, as an organization, endorsing a specific candidate.

This process will consist of two activities. Members will be encouraged to promote GOTV (Get Out The Vote) campaigns. Additionally, nurses will be encouraged to connect with individual candidates and their staff to educate them about nursing and nursing issues, promoting the role of ANA as a leader in healthcare, health, and professional advocacy.

ANA will provide members with accessible, fact-based information about all presidential candidates, regardless of political affiliation, including the candidate's positions and actions related to healthcare and nursing's policy priorities.

ANA will develop "Toolboxes" to aid the state nurses associations in this new process. Once the toolboxes have been developed, MNORN leadership will let you know how you can get involved.

In the meantime, consider running for an MNORN office and vote in OUR election in November!

Call for Candidates for the 2019 MNORN Elections

Put Your Leadership into Action - Serve in a MNORN Elected Position!

By deciding to run for a MNORN elected position, you make a choice to invest in your future and the future of nursing.

MNORN members have the capacity to influence public policy, professional nursing standards and the advancement of the association. In a leadership position, you will help MNORN and the nursing profession remain strong.

MNORN members will vote for the following positions in this Fall's election:

- ★ First Vice President
- ★ Treasurer
- ★ Director(s) - 2
- ★ Nominating Committee - 3
- ★ Representative to ANA Membership Assembly - 1 and 2 alternates

How to Become a Candidate:

To be eligible as a candidate for any of the elected positions, you must be a MNORN member and complete a Consent to Serve form and return it, with your photo, to MNORN by email - kkoehn@mnorn.org by September 30th, 2019.

The Candidate information for elected positions is available on the MNORN website and will be available by email upon request.

Voting instructions will be emailed to each MNORN member for online voting and the results of the elections will be announced to members online.

For more information, please contact MNORN ED, Kathi Koehn at kkoehn@mnorn.org or 651-271-5863. [Position Descriptions and Consent to Serve forms](#)



September MNORN Member Meeting

September 26th 6-9PM
Carondelet Center
1890 Randolph Avenue
Saint Paul MN 55105

What's in the Future for Health Care? How do we evaluate all the different plans?

With non-stop presidential campaigning, with health care as a focus, we are hearing the same words used to describe different options. "Universal Health Care", "Health Care for All", "Medicare For All"... what does it all mean?

Come listen to former Representative Erin Murphy and advocate-extraordinaire Mary Chesney as they help us unravel the options and look for solutions that nurses can support.



RSVP today via evite: <http://evite.me/7GGH9qw2xI>

MNORN Members Leading the Way: Climate Change and Health



MNORN members Teddie Potter and Oriana Beaudet, along with Beth Schenk (Montana) and Cara Cook from ANHE - speaking at the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City in August. Topic: “Climate Crisis or Opportunity? Nursing Actions for a Healthy Future”



Two New NEW ANA POSITION STATEMENTS¹

Ethical Considerations for Local and Global Volunteerism

Statement of ANA Position

The American Nurses Association (ANA) believes that short-term volunteer activities are an appropriate response to disparities and inequities in health care across the globe (Crigger, 2008). All nurse volunteer activities should be in accordance with the (2015) Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements and the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Code of Ethics for Nurses (2012).

Volunteer efforts should demonstrate social responsibility, be done with cultural humility, and involve careful planning in collaboration and partnership with the host community, so that the efforts are sustainable to the community and are mutually empowering (Foronda, Baptiste, Reinholdt, & Ousman, 2016; Tervalon & Murray-Garcia, 1998). Volunteer opportunities for nurses exist across boundaries and can include local, national, and international activities.

Purpose:

Nurses often express a desire to serve others as a volunteer. They volunteer within their communities and across borders in global settings. While nurses considering participation or serving as a volunteer express altruistic intention, their actions may result in unintended adverse consequences to the host community. The purpose of this position statement is to promote ethically responsible volunteer efforts classified as short-term (six months or less) practice experiences in local and global health care and public health (Wilson et al., 2016). This position statement includes volunteer activities by nurses and nursing students sponsored by academic institutions, religious and secular nongovernmental organizations, and for-profit businesses (Lasker et al., 2018). Additional terms encompassing global volunteering include service learning and health care missions (Dalmida et al., 2016).

This position statement excludes nurse volunteer activities at the onset of a complex humanitarian emergency, in long-term assignments through the Peace Corps or other agencies, in global health policy development, in fundraising, or in conducting research. It also excludes non-health activities such as teaching English to speakers of other languages and building houses.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE POSITION STATEMENT: LOCAL AND GLOBAL VOLUNTEERISM](#)

¹ Adopted 2019

The Nurse's Role When a Patient Requests Medical Aid in Dying

Statement of ANA Position:

Nurses are ethically prohibited from administering medical aid in dying medication. Yet they must be comfortable supporting patients with end-of-life conversations, assessing the context of a medical aid in dying request (e.g., concern about treatable depression or coercion), advocating optimized palliative and hospice care services, and knowing about aid in dying laws and how those affect practice.

Nurses should reflect on personal values related to medical aid in dying and be aware of how those values inform one's ability to provide objective information in response to a patient's request. ANA recognizes that medical aid in dying is a controversial topic that encompasses a plurality of views. Arguments for medical aid in dying are based on respect for patients' self-determination, a desire to prevent unnecessary suffering, assurance that patients have access to the full range of care options at the end of life, and consideration that medical aid in dying is a last act of autonomy. Arguments against medical aid in dying include the sacredness of life, the potential conflict with professional core values, and fears of a "slippery slope," where the increased acceptability of medical aid in dying may impact perceptions of a "life worth living" (Olsen, Chan, & Lehto, 2017; Sulmasy et al., 2018).

Purpose:

The purpose of this position statement is to provide guidance on ethical decision-making in response to a patient's request for medical aid in dying. This statement offers assistance with understanding nurses' ethical obligations in the context of this end-of-life option, which is legal in an increasing number of U.S. jurisdictions. This position statement recognizes that there are a plurality of views on the issue, that there is a paucity of available research on medical aid in dying. The goal of this position statement is not to frame a stance for or against medical aid in dying but rather to frame the nurse's compassionate response within the scope of practice, based on the Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements. This statement is intended to reflect only the opinion of ANA as an organization regarding what it believes is an ideal and ethical response based on the Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements. Nothing in this statement is intended to advocate for the limitation of nurses' rights and protections under applicable laws and regulations or the violation of any laws or regulations that may conflict with or appear to conflict with this statement.

[CLICK HERE FOR ENTIRE POSITION STATEMENT: MEDICAL AID IN DYING](#)

The Committee on Honorary Awards is now accepting nominations for ANA's National Awards.

From: Tonisha Melvin, DNP, NP-C, CRRN, Chair, Committee on Honorary Awards:

I encourage you to take a moment to think about:

- Who inspires you with their exceptional leadership?
- Who has made a difference in your professional life through their deep commitment to the nursing profession?
- Who has advanced ANA's mission through their outstanding contributions to the Association?

Then, recognize these individuals by nominating them for an ANA National Award! By doing so, you'll ensure that the accomplishments of those who exemplify excellence in nursing are fully celebrated! You'll also increase the public's awareness of nursing's significant contributions to the delivery of health care.

ANA's eight new National Awards fall into the four following overarching categories:

- **Distinguished Practice in Nursing:** recognize excellence in the practice, science, and art of nursing and outstanding professional contributions of an ANA member in the areas of clinical care, direct patient care, or public health
 - Distinguished Direct Patient Care Award
 - Foundations of Nursing Practice Award
 - Public Health Service Award
- **Diversity in Nursing:** significant contributions by an individual nurse or a group of nurses to enhanced integration/inclusion within the nursing profession
 - Diversity Award
- **Nurse Exemplars:** promote and underscore ANAs continuing dedication to the principles of nursing ethics and the highest standards of nursing practice
 - ANA Hall of Fame
 - Leadership in Ethics Award
- **Nursing Champions:** recognize outstanding accomplishments in the area of advocacy for the profession of nursing and for ANA
 - Advocacy Award
 - Champion of Nursing Award

Please review the [ANA's National Awards Program Guide](#) for an overview of the nomination submission and review processes; a list of the questions posed for each award; tips for submitting a strong nomination; and a detailed timeline. The National Awards Program Guide includes the criteria for each of ANA's National Awards and a step-by-step tutorial to assist you in submitting an award nomination via the online form.

Nominations must be submitted by 4:00pm CT on Monday, October 7, 2019.

If you have any questions, please send an email to leader@ana.org.



The Seattle Town Hall of the Future of Nursing Recording is Now Available

Topics for the Seattle Town Hall included:

- Advancing Health Equity in the Digital Age
- Technology to Inform Practice and Advance Equity
- Nurse Well-being and Impact on Patients and Caregivers
- And invited comments from Susan Reinhard, Center to Champion Nursing in America; Karen Cox, American Academy of Nursing; Joyce Sensmeier, HIMSS; Christina Dempsey, Press Ganey

The second speaker on the topic of Advancing Health Equity in the Digital Age was Kenya Beard, Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences, Nassau Community College. Kenya is an amazing speaker, who almost got a standing ovation for her testimony on health equity. If you have heard her before, you know you will want to hear her testimony. If you haven't heard her before, here is a wonderful opportunity for you to be inspired. Her testimony begins about 14 minutes into the video.

[LINK TO THE VIDEO OF THE SEATTLE TOWN HALL](#)



Did you know that Nursing students can become Student Subscribers for \$10? Members of National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) can become Student Subscribers for free!

Please let student nurses know about this asset as they begin their nursing career.

Student Subscribers receive digital access to the following:

- Full access to the digital Welcome to the Profession Kit
- Student Nurse online community
- Full ANA Position and Policy papers on important nursing issues
- Members-only content on Nursingworld.org
- ANA publications such as *American Nurse Today*, *OJIN: The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing* as well as ANA SmartBrief

For more information and to join, go to <http://nursingworld.org/EpeciallyForYou/Student-Nurses/ANA-New-Benefits-for-Students>

**FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE NURSES PEER SUPPORT NETWORK -
NURSES HELPING NURSES**

SEPTEMBER 24th 4-8PM



Scarborough Fair is proud to support the Nurses Peer Support Network with a fundraising gathering. An evening of socializing, shopping, sipping and nibbling. A portion of the proceeds that evening will be donated to Nurses Peer Support Network.

Please join us and spread the word!

All are invited. Alcohol will not be served.



NPSN Network is a stand-alone non-profit organization unique to Minnesota that provides support to nurses recovering from Substance Use Disorder.

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