MNORN Election Opens November 1st

Here is the slate of officers running for MNORN Leadership positions this year. (Bios and candidate statements are on the election website). Election-America manages our elections.

President:

Molly Maxwell

Second Vice President:

Mary Ellen Imdieke
Travis Moore

Secretary:

Sara McCumber

Director (vote for two):

Brett Anderson
Hans de Ruiter
Kelli Greder

Nominating Committee (vote for two):

Jennifer Kalenkoski
Laura Kane
Mary Tanner
ANA-PAC Endorses Minnesota Candidates

ANA-PAC endorses a handful of candidates that demonstrate exemplary support of nurses and will continue to champion the profession in Congress. While rigorous, the endorsement process allows ANA-PAC to only endorse the most esteemed candidates, who will look to influence health policies.

ANA-PAC is the only entity, not the C/SNAs, which endorse candidates running for federal office.

Here are the Candidates endorsed by ANA-PAC:

Angie Craig  
2nd congressional district

Sen. Amy Klobuchar

Dan Feehan  
1st congressional district

MNORN Member Mary Bliesmer wrote the following letter about ANA’s endorsement of Dan Feehan

I am very proud that our Congressional District 1 DFL Candidate Dan Feehan recently received the endorsement of the American Nurses Association (ANA) Political Action Committee. I am a member of this national organization of Registered Nurses that serves the interests of nurses in order to also serve the interests of all health care consumers. ANA endorsement decisions are based on candidate interviews, communication with local ANA members like myself, and campaign information that shows Dan’s strong support for nursing and health care issues.

The gridlock in Washington has been preventing any real improvement of our health care and health insurance systems. Too many people in southern Minnesota don’t have access to health care locally. Many must drive hours for the care they need. Rather than Congress fighting over the Affordable Care Act again and again, our representatives need to look ahead for ways to address healthcare workforce shortages and ways to recruit and train providers in rural areas. Hopefully a new Congress will realize that compromise is better than antagonism and get to work on improving our health care access, quality and outcomes.

I am sure that Dan Feehan is aware of the challenges and opportunities of our rural communities and will be a strong voice in future legislation that will improve the health care for all residents of CD 1.
The Importance of Nurses Voting: Reflections on Lavinia L. Dock’s Activism

by Arlene W. Keeling, PhD, RN, FAAN, AAHN President
October 8, 2018

“... Of all things in the world, the tuberculosis question is a social question and the causes of tuberculosis (outside of the bacillus) are social problems that need the ballot for their changing (such as bad housing, overwork, underpay, neglect of childhood, etc.) Take the present question of the underfed school children in New York. How many of them will have tuberculosis? If mothers and nurses had votes there might be school lunches for all those children . . ."*

In 1908, Lavinia Lloyd Dock, a progressive era nurse and political activist for women’s suffrage, wrote to the American Journal of Nursing, admonishing the Nurses’ Associated Alumnae for its vote -- “by a large majority” in attendance at the convention -- against women’s suffrage. Dock went on to express her shock and humiliation that nurses could not be depended upon “to take instinctively the intelligent and above all the sympathetic position on large human questions,” and then used the example above, noting that there were, as we would say today, “social determinants” of disease, and how nurses could use the power of their votes (if they were allowed to vote) to change these conditions.

Lavinia Dock was graduated from Bellevue in 1886, and devoted herself to the profession and her work as a social leader. As such she maintained that nursing (then predominantly a woman’s profession) was inextricably entwined with the women’s movement. A colleague of Lillian Wald’s, Dock worked at Henry Street Settlement, where she personally witnessed the conditions in which immigrants lived and worked on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. There, racial discrimination, the rise of big business, the distribution of wealth into the hands of a few, urbanization, and inadequate housing spawned social problems. Inadequate sewage systems and trash removal, unventilated and poorly lit factories, and a lack of child labor laws created conditions in which epidemics spread uncontrolled. As Dock noted: “It was at Henry Street, that I really began to think.” Determined that women could address some of the ills if only they had the vote, Dock was arrested and jailed on three occasions for her militant activism for women’s suffrage.

Today, as nurses (and all citizens) face an uncertain future related to solving social issues in America – including those of access to health care, cuts to childhood nutrition programs, blatant racial discrimination, an aging infrastructure and a polluted environment – we no longer have to fight for the vote, no matter our gender or race. We must simply exercise that right. I encourage you to vote in the coming midterm elections. The health of the nation depends on it.
Notes:
Arlene Keeling, Nursing and the Privilege of Prescription, 1893-2000, (Columbus: The Ohio State University Press, 2007)
Image: "Lavinia L. Dock," NLM

**About Lavinia Dock** (1858 - 1956)
from the ANA Hall of Fame description

A staunch advocate of legislation to control nursing practice, Lavinia Lloyd Dock is also remembered for her outstanding contributions to nursing literature.

She graduated from Bellevue Training School for Nurses in 1886 and soon after became night supervisor at Bellevue. As both student and supervisor, Dock became aware of the problems students faced in studying drugs and solutions. As a result, she wrote *Materia Medica for Nurses*, one of the first nursing textbooks. In addition to serving as foreign editor of the American Journal of Nursing, she wrote *Hygiene and Morality* and in 1907, co-authored with Adelaide Nutting the first two volumes of the four-volume *History of Nursing*. Volumes III and IV were completed by Dock alone in 1912. During her multi-faceted career, Dock worked with Lillian Wald at Henry Street Settlement and with Isabel Hampton Robb at Johns Hopkins School for Nursing.

She was also secretary of the International Council of Nurses for more than 20 years. Throughout her life, she was a devoted suffragette and political activist.

Ms Dock was inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame in 1976. [To find out more about the ANA Hall of Fame recipients, click here](#)
Nursing, a Profession of Many Roles: An Interview with Joanne Disch

by Mary Vitullo

The beauty of the nursing profession lies in its diversity of roles. The profession has evolved to allow for nurses to have a voice and to sit at the tables where change happens. As a result, nurses have become America’s most trusted profession. There is no better example of this evolution of nursing than Dr. Joanne Disch, PhD.

Dr. Disch has had an illustrious career and has served at the bedside and beyond in nursing. She began her career as a Cardiovascular Surgery ICU nurse where she eventually became the head nurse. She has served as a Director of Medical Nursing, Chief Nursing Executive, interim Dean of Nursing, and several other leadership positions within professional nursing organizations. Specifically, Dr. Disch is a past president and Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. In addition, in Minnesota, she served in the following capacities: Senior Associate Director/Director of Nursing at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinic, Director of the Densford International Center for Nursing Leadership, and Lillehei Chair in Nursing Leadership at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. Currently she is chair of the boards of directors of Advocate Aurora Health and Chamberlain University.

When asked about these experiences in leadership she said “It’s important for nurses to be recognized for what we bring to health care, and to have input into all decisions that relate to health care. It’s important for us to be involved in decisions for our sake – but more importantly for our patients’ and the organizations’ sake. We help ensure that decisions that are made reflect what’s really going to work.”

Dr. Disch has had many opportunities to show the diversity of the role of the nurse in collaboration with research. She is very passionate about nurses providing safe and effective nursing care to all individuals. “I’m passionate about issues that help nurses be able to practice safely
and joyfully, and gain full recognition for what we do. I’ve given presentations, and published often on healthy work environments; interprofessional practice; fair and just cultures; standards of nursing practice; and nurses serving on boards and in senior leadership roles. Colleagues and I wrote a textbook, Person and Family Centered Care, outlining the need to move beyond a focus on patients and families to one that recognizes each individual receiving care as a person first, then a patient” she said. This research allowed her to understand prevention and how to appropriately work with individuals and their families to achieve health goals.

Dr. Disch has served the profession well through her various contributions in leadership and research. When asked about advice she would give to nurses she wrote “Keep yourself engaged and accept responsibility for what you can do to make a difference. Always remember that information is power but relationships are the key.” The role of nurse engagement on high levels will ultimately change the face of health care. Together we can unite our voices to create a world that is person-centered, innovative, and driven by a spirit of advocacy.

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The Korean Nurses Association is collecting signatures in the hopes of securing a Noble Peace Prize nomination for Marianne Stöger and Margaritha Pissarek, two Austrian nurses and Catholic nuns who worked with leprosy patients on Sorokdo Island, off the Korean mainland, for more than 40 years. One million signatures are needed for the nurses to be considered.

You may sign the petition here.

A short documentary film about the nurses can be viewed here.
SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 13TH
DECEMBER MNORN MEMBER MEETING/ANNUAL MEETING

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BIG NURSING DATA BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

PRESENTERS:

Karen Monsen
Lisiane Pruinelli

Did you know that every time ANA staff talk about Big Nursing Data, they talk about the incredible work being done at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing? It’s time to find out what ANA is so excited about!!

For instance, what is an NPI and why should every nurse have one? What is being done to decrease the burden of documentation? What is the promise of Big Nursing Data for nurses and our patients? How can every nurse become an advocate for Big Nursing Data?

Come to the MNORN Member Meeting on December 13th and learn about Big Nursing Data!

Details:

Date: Thursday, December 13th
Time: 6 PM - 8:35 PM
Location: Carondelet Center, Saint Paul

A light dinner will be provided.

Cost: $20 for members; $25 for non-members; $10 for students
Individuals who attend the entire session will receive 2.4 contact hours
The environment and health disparities: Opportunities for action

Katie Huffling, MS, RN, CNM is a Certified Nurse-Midwife and is the Executive Director of the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments. Ms. Huffling works with nurses and national nursing organizations on a variety of environmental health issues including climate change, chemical policy, inclusion of environmental health into nursing education, and sustainable healthcare. She received the 2018 Charlotte Brody Award, which recognizes nurses who go beyond everyday nursing endeavors to proactively promote and protect environmental health.

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2018
Time: 5 p.m. light refreshments, 5:30 - 6:30 lecture, followed by discussion and networking
Location: Bentson Healthy Communities Innovation Center
4th Floor, Weaver-Densford Hall
308 Harvard St. SE

Co-sponsors:
- Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing
- Minnesota Organization of Registered Nurses
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Health Students for a Healthy Climate
- Climate Champions of the Academic Health Center

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The Faith Community Nurse Network of the Greater Twin Cities

2019 Continuing Nursing Education

Continuing Education Symposiums (3 contact hours each)

The Opioid Epidemic + Naloxone Training  
Wednesday, January 23 
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Brooklyn Center 
Presentation by Randy Anderson, Overdose Prevention Manager at the Steve Rumler Hope Network.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)  
Wednesday, April 3 
Adath Jeshurun Congregation, Minnetonka

Loneliness & Social Isolation  
Wednesday, June 19  
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, St. Anthony

Legal Rights of Older Adults  
Wednesday, October 23  
St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Bloomington

Learn more and register online at www.fcnntc.org/education/continuing-education-symposiums/

Online Continuing Education (3 contact hours)

The Art of Listening: Healing Ourselves, Our Clients, Our Communities  
presented by Elizabeth Andress.

Through a series of videos and activities, learners will be guided to improving their deep listening skills as faith community nurses. Learners will use contemplative prayer and meditation to deepen their listening to God and self, and reflect on the interconnections between listening to God, self, clients and in the broader community for healing to happen.

The course is available at www.fcnntc.org/education/online-continuing-education/