

Become a Leader in Your Professional Organization

Become a leader in the professional organization that represents all California nurses no matter scope of practice by running for office in the 2011-2013 election.

By deciding to run for an ANA\CA elected position, you make a choice to invest in your future and the future of health care. ANA\CA leaders have the capacity to influence public policy, professional nursing standards, and the advancement of the association. As a leader, you will become a part of the history and tradition of ANA\CA and ANA — forging the way for the health care system of the future and ensuring that nurses remain essential providers in all practice settings. You will help ANA\CA and the nursing profession remains strong and united.

The benefits of being an ANA\CA leader can be both personal and professional, and can provide you with skills that can be applied to many areas of your life. Here are just a few to think about;

- Increase your opportunities to mentor, to be mentored, to gain peer recognition, to share your expertise and ideas.
- Enhance your development as an individual and as a professional through strengthened communication and organizational skills.
- Be on the cutting edge of a new and better health care for the American public.
- Develop marketable campaign skills while articulating your views, engaging with a diverse membership and speaking publicly.

Any current ANA\CA member, who does not concurrently serve in a leadership position of another professional organization if such participation might result in a conflict of interest with ANA\CA, meets the criteria to run for an elected position. ANA\CA expects the best from its leaders just as you have the right to expect the best from your association. As an association leader, you will:

- provide strategic directions for the association through participation in meetings, conference calls and electronic communications.
- prepare for each meeting and conference call by reviewing materials ahead of time.
- review mailings and respond to items requiring action between meetings.
- be available to serve on subcommittees.
- attend meetings of other health care organizations or organizational units as a representative of your structural unit.
- present reports or serve as a spokesperson for media-related activities.

Your time commitment to the association will depend upon the position to which you are elected. You may need to request your employer's support for the time commitment you make. Most employers will view your leadership role as a benefit to them — through your increased knowledge and distinction as an ANA\CA leader.

ANA\CA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (BOD) is the corporate body of ANA\CA composed of four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and four directors elected by the general membership. Refer to ANA\CA bylaws, Article VII for a complete description of the responsibilities of the Board of Directors. Bylaws are available at www.anacalifornia.org or through the office at 916-447-0225.



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Duties of Officers

The President of ANA\CA shall serve as the Official representative of the association and its spokesperson on matters of association policy and position; as the chairperson of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Board; an ex-officio member of all committees except the Ballot Committee; and a delegate to the House of Delegates of ANA.

The Vice-President shall assume duties of the President in the President's absence and shall oversee any necessary review of bylaws, strategic pathways, and Organizational Process and Appeals. The Vice-President shall also oversee planning and preparation for the General Assembly including Awards, Reference and Bylaws activities at the Assembly.

The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that all records are maintained from the meeting of the General Assembly and the BOD, and notifying members and chapters of meetings of the General Assembly.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for supervising the fiscal affairs of the association and providing reports and interpretations of the financial condition of ANA\CA to the membership, General Assembly and the BOD.

Director, Nursing Practice shall focus on understanding, interpreting, and advocating for legislative, regulatory, and policy issues regarding nursing practice.

Director, Nursing Education shall focus on understanding, interpreting, and advocating for legislative, regulatory, and policy issues regarding nursing education.

Director, Health Issues shall focus on understanding, interpreting and advocating for legislative, regulatory and policy issues relating to health.

Director, Membership and Communications shall focus on membership recruitment, retention, and resources. This director's responsibilities will include oversight of the newsletter, website, list-serves (Yahoo groups), archives, chapter development, and public relations

Contact ANA\CA if you have further questions or if you would like to receive the necessary documents for the 2011-2013 elections. Deadline for completed consent to serve packets is November 1, 2010.