



Summary of the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting of the ANA Membership Assembly

The American Nurses Association (ANA) Membership Assembly held its annual meeting virtually on Friday, June 18, 2021. ANA President, Ernest Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN, presided.

CALL TO ORDER

ANA President Grant called the Virtual Annual Meeting of the ANA Membership Assembly to order at 4:35pm ET on Friday, June 18, 2021.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A quorum¹ for the transaction of business was established.

The proposed *Standing Rules for the Conduct of the Business of the Virtual Annual Meeting of the ANA Membership Assembly (Standing Rules)* were disseminated for review on May 18, 2021.

Per *Section 5.b* of the proposed *Standing Rules*: No motions shall be permitted except for a motion to adopt the agenda, a motion to adopt the rules for the meeting, and a motion to approve the recommendations of the ANA Professional Policy Committee. Therefore, no motions to amend the *Standing Rules* were permitted.

ANA President Grant presented the proposed *Standing Rules*. Without objection, the *Standing Rules* were approved.

The Agenda for Virtual Annual Meeting of the ANA Membership Assembly meeting was disseminated on May 18, 2021. Per *Section 5.b of the Standing Rules*: No motions shall be permitted except for a motion to adopt the agenda, a motion to adopt the rules for the meeting, and a motion to approve the recommendations of the ANA Professional Policy Committee. Therefore, no motions to amend the agenda were permitted.

ANA President Grant presented the agenda for the Virtual Annual Meeting of the ANA Membership Assembly. Without objection, the agenda was approved.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Gayle Peterson, RN-BC, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC) reported that a Call for Nominations was issued in December 2020 for ANA elective offices for the following positions on the ANA Board of Directors (board) Vice-President, Treasurer, Director-at-Large, and

¹ A quorum for transaction of business by the Membership Assembly shall consist of 50 percent of the total C/SNA and IMD representatives and three members of ANA's Board of Directors, one of whom is the ANA President or Vice President (ANA Bylaws Article III, Section 8.b).

Director-at-Large Recent Graduate as well as four positions on the Nominations and Elections Committee. A second Call for Nominations was disseminated in February 2021 due to insufficient nominations for the following ANA Elective Offices: Vice-President, Director-at-Large, Director-at-Large Recent Graduate and four positions on the ANA Nominations and Elections Committee.

On March 19, 2021, the [final slate of candidates](#) was announced. Membership Assembly voting representatives were reminded that officer positions on the board are elected by majority vote and all other positions are elected by plurality.

ANA PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

ANA President Grant presented his [Address](#).

VIDEO GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION

Participants viewed a [pre-recorded address](#) from Kyle Loose, President of the National Student Nurses Association.

REPORT OF THE ANA CHIEF NURSING OFFICER

ANA Chief Nursing Officer, Debbie Hatmaker, PhD, RN, FAAN, presented her [report](#).

REPORT OF THE ANA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ANA Chief Executive Officer, Loressa Cole, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, FAAN, presented her [report](#).

VIDEO GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING

Participants viewed a [pre-recorded address](#) from Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN, President of the American Academy of Nursing.

NIGHTINGALE TRIBUTE

ANA President Grant read the poem, [She Was There](#), written by ANA member Duane Jaeger, MSN, RN, APRN, to pay tribute to the nurses who passed away since the 2020 ANA Membership Assembly.

VIDEO GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER

Participants viewed a [pre-recorded address](#) from Rhonda Anderson, DNSc(h), MPA, BS, RN, LFACHE, FAAN, President of the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

REPORT OF THE ANA TREASURER

ANA Treasurer Jennifer Mensik Kennedy, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, presented the [Report of the ANA Treasurer](#).

VIDEO GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN NURSES FOUNDATION

Participants viewed a [pre-recorded address](#) from Wilhelmina M. Manzano, MA, RN, NEA-BC, President of the American Nurses Foundation.

REPORT OF THE ANA PROFESSIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Susan King, MS, RN, CEN, FAAN, member of the ANA Professional Policy Committee (Committee) reported that the Call for Proposals for the 2021 Membership Assembly opened on November 19, 2020, and closed on February 1, 2021, with 21 new proposals submitted by the deadline.

One proposal, *Recognizing Mary Eliza Mahoney during National Nurses Week/Month*, was received for consideration as an emergent proposal. The Committee determined that the proposal did not meet the criteria, per Section 4 of the Membership Assembly Policy Development Guide, to be considered by the 2021 Membership Assembly and elected to forward the proposal to the board for consideration prior to the board's May 2022 meeting.

Four Dialogue Forums were held virtually. Dialogue Forums #1, *Health Care Delivery Systems that Fully Incorporate Nursing Services*, and #2, *Precision Health and Genomics* were held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, and Dialogue Forums #3, *APRN Full Practice in Nursing Homes*, and #4, *Lessons Learned: COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis Standards of Care*, on Thursday, June 3, 2021.

New this year participants had an opportunity to provide input on the preliminary recommendations for each Dialogue Forums via an online comment period which was open from Wednesday, June 9, 2021, to Monday, June 14, 2021. A total of nine individuals submitted comments during the online comment period.

Along with the final recommendations for each Dialogue Forum, the Committee's report included a summary of comments from the Dialogue Forum and submissions received during the comment period.

ANA President Grant reminded participants that per *Section 5.b of the Standing Rules* no motions to amend the final recommendations of the Committee would be permitted and that voting will occur remotely immediately following the Membership Assembly through 11:59pm ET Thursday, June 24, 2021.

ANA RECOGNITIONS

ANA President Grant recognized the following:

Constituent/State Nurses Associations

- ANA-Hawaii (new member as of 2020)
- Nevada Nurses Association (centennial in 2020)
- New Mexico Nurses Association (centennial in 2021)
- New Jersey State Nurses Association (member for 120 years)

Outgoing C/SNA Executive Directors

- Tina Gerardi, Executive Director of the Tennessee Nurses Association
- Colleen Casper, Executive Director of the Colorado Nurses Association
- Sally Watkins of the Washington State Nurses Association

ANA Board of Directors with terms ending December 31, 2021

- Vice-President, Susan Y. Swart
- Treasurer, Jennifer Mensik-Kennedy
- Director-at-Large, Jeff Watson
- Director-at-Large (Recent Graduate), Marcus Henderson

ANA President Grant introduced Katheren Koehn, MA, RN, FAAN, Executive Director of the Minnesota Organization of Registered Nurses, who presented the final recognition to retiring ANA staff member, Janet Haebler, Associate Director II, Policy and Government Affairs.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

NEC Chair Peterson shared that the Proviso adopted by the Membership Assembly on March 23, 2021, held that *“voting operations must be administered by an independent vendor, under the supervision of the Nominations and Elections Committee and the ANA Office of General Counsel, using an appropriate Internet-based voting application capable of ensuring full protection of the integrity and secrecy of the vote.”* Based on the mandate, the ANA Office of General Counsel reviewed and selected Elections America, the independent vendor that has administered ANA’s national elections since 2014.

An overview of the remote voting process was shared by NEC Chair Peterson for the election of ANA Board Members, ANA NEC members, as well as the motions to approve the recommendations of the ANA Professional Policy Committee was presented.

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE ANA PRESIDENT

ANA President Grant thanked ANA staff for their work in successfully incorporating meetings and related events associated with Membership Assembly virtually this year. In closing, ANA President Grant acknowledged that ANA has had the privilege of working to advance, advocate for and elevate the profession, improve nurses’ work environments, and strive for the public good all while in the face of a global pandemic. Highlighted efforts included the work of the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing, celebration of the Year of the Nurse, ANA’s 125th anniversary, and other milestones across the ANA Enterprise.

In closing, ANA President Grant presented a [video clip](#) of the American Nurse Heroes documentary, developed as part of the Year of the Nurse celebrations, in collaboration between ANA, HealthCom Media, and Al Roker Entertainment.

ADJOURN

ANA President Grant adjourned the Virtual Annual Meeting of the ANA Membership Assembly at 7:11pm ET on Friday, June 18, 2021.

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