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Annual Report

2025-2026

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President's Report



It is with great pride to share the annual report for ANA-Ohio. As a young state nurses association founded in 2022, ANA-Ohio has achieved many accomplishments in a short time, far exceeding what we hoped for three years ago. For example, our membership growth and interest have positioned ANA-Ohio to contract with an established lobbying firm. This initiative supports our vision to “Improve the Health of Ohioans Through the Power and Practice of Nurses” by strengthening our voice and increasing our influence in legislative and policy areas.

ANA-Ohio members are exceptional nurses who understand the importance of supporting this state nurses association, which is dedicated to empowering nurses to achieve excellence from the bedside to the statehouse. Developed by the Board of Directors, committee chairpersons, and interested members, our strategic plan set priorities. This year, with a clearer focus, we reaffirmed the strategic plan and its four main goals. Key initiatives and responses are guided by our published values of advocacy, knowledge, leadership, transparency, well-being, and diversity, equity, and inclusion (<https://ana-ohio.org/about-us/>).

Guided by the strategic plan, the Board of Directors, various committees, and SIGs (special interest groups) have taken actions that invest in ANA-Ohio's future, including expanded staff support, financial stability and resources, and partnerships with state-based associations. It is incredibly hard to limit our highlights due to space constraints, because there are so many. But here are a few highlights from this year.

Key Strategic Pillars & Achievements

I. Advancing Nursing Excellence.

Evolving committees and special interest groups, including the Professional Practice Committee (established in 2025) and NEO SIG, connect and support nurses across Ohio. The educational footprint expanded through the Continuing Education Committee's programs and the Publication and Communications Committee's laser focus on the professional ANA-Ohio News Journal, featuring highly valued speakers and resources on a variety of topics. The CE conference in May was outstanding, and the national speakers were a great success. Special acknowledgment to the CE committee for achieving a 4-year re-accreditation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center for our providership,

II. Promote Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Within ANA-Ohio And the Nursing Profession to Ensure All Nurses Are Represented.

Intentional discussions among committees and the Board of Directors ensure that the interconnected principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion are upheld across all programs. This includes creating diverse committee memberships, supporting candidates for association positions, securing sponsorships, and submitting grant applications. These efforts are not limited to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee's work; instead, the association advances this goal through activities throughout the year.

President's Report



III. Recognized Voice of the Nursing Profession by State & National Bodies.

Intentional actions created many opportunities for individual members and the association to be recognized for excellence. Jan Lanier received the national ANA Advocacy Award this year at the ANA Membership Assembly. The Outreach & Engagement Committee expanded activities to educate nurses and the public about our association. As a result, membership growth continues. Relationships with many state affiliates of other national specialty associations and with the Ohio Board of Nursing continue to strengthen. The twice-a-year Leadership Summit drew a strong crowd. The Public Policy Committee sponsored the innovative Boot Camp program, resulting in a strong, visible presence among legislators at the Statehouse and increased knowledge and advocacy involvement among nurses in Ohio. Plans are well underway for the second Jeri Milstead Symposium this fall.

IV. Strengthen ANA-Ohio Membership and Financial Growth.

The Finance Committee, volunteers, and staff monitored and maintained an appropriate social media presence and consistent communication with members across print and online channels. These efforts led to increased membership (over 3,000 members) and strong financial outcomes. Our financial health remains strong and supports further ANA-Ohio's advocacy work and presence.

As the newest state nurses association of ANA, our continued success stems from the leadership and dedication of our executive director, Tiffany Bukoffsky, and staff member, Candice Black, as well as the commitment of incredible individuals who contribute their time, talents, and resources by serving on the Board of Directors and various committees and SIGs. Our association's name may have changed in Ohio, but nurses in our state have a long history of making a difference and leading the profession. ANA-Ohio reaffirmed its leadership role through members who serve ANA in various capacities. Our full delegation and members attended the ANA Membership Assembly and Lobby Day in June. Three members serve on ANA committees (Sally Morgan on the ANA Awards Committee, Raya Cupler on the ANA Practice Committee, and Laurie Hornberger on the ANA Bylaws Committee).

With our new foundation, ANA-Ohio Foundation, we will launch additional initiatives to support ANA-Ohio's mission. The coming year promises exciting events, including academic scholarships. Programs will continue to focus on Ohio nurses' interests and needs. Thanks to the generosity and vision of members, our new foundation has already this year, impacted the association's initiatives and, as a result, nurses across Ohio.

To our board of directors, committee chairs, staff, and volunteers—thank you for your tireless dedication. And to our members on the front lines: thank you for your unwavering commitment to your patients and to the high standards of our profession. You are the heartbeat of healthcare, and it is the privilege of a lifetime to serve as your President.

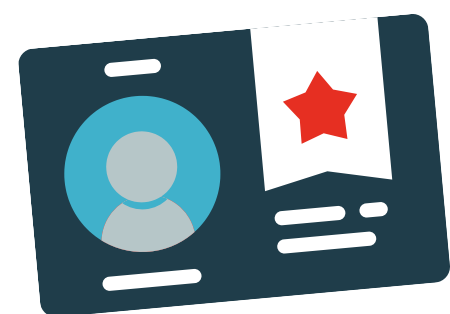
Rebecca M Patton, DNP, RN, CNOR, FAAN
President, ANA-Ohio

Highlights



4-Year ANCC Re-Accreditation

to continue to provide nursing professional development



3,060
Members



17 **CE Events**

Attended by over 300 nurses

115 **Committee Meetings**

Second Policy Influencer Bootcamp



ANA-Ohio
Foundation



Membership
Grew by 15%

Mission & Vision



Mission

Dedicated to empowering nurses to achieve excellence.



Vision

Improve the health of Ohioans through the power and practice of nurses.

Values



Advocacy

The act or process of supporting, promoting, or arguing in favor of a cause, policy, or the rights of a group or individual.



Knowledge

The foundation of awareness, understanding, or familiarity gained through experience, education, or learning, shaping our perspectives and decisions.



Leadership

The ability to guide, influence, and inspire individuals or groups to achieve common goals or objectives, driving progress and success.



Transparency

The practice of being open, honest, and clear in communication and actions.



Well-Being

Being comfortable, healthy, and happy, encompassing various dimensions in one's life with a sense of purpose or fulfillment. It brings contentment and satisfaction in life.



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Three interconnected principles that aim to create a fairer and more supportive environment in organizations, communities, and society as a whole.

Board of Directors



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Margaret Joseph

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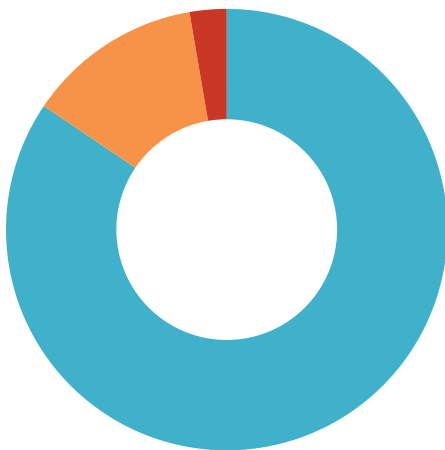
Joy Rose



Annual Conference Planning Committee

2025-2026 Goals

- Plan the 2026 ANA-Ohio Annual Meeting to be held May 2-30 in Dublin, Ohio at the Embassy Suites.
- Get registration information out to members in January 2026.
- Increase revenue from the 2025 Annual Conference to 10% over actual expenses.
- 25% of the 2025 Annual Conference participants will be nurses currently employed in clinical areas.



2026 CE Conference

Total Attendees: 123
Poster Presenters: 19
Exhibitors: 4



Thank You Sponsors and Exhibitors!



Raya Cupler (Chair)	Tiffany Bukoffsky (Co-Chair)	Jean Anthony	Barbara Brunt
Andrea DeSapri	Khaliah Fisher	Melanie Morris	Terry Pope

Annual Conference Planning Committee

2026 Top Achievements

- ✓ Successfully planned and hosted the annual conference within a condensed six-month timeframe.
- 💰 Created and monitored the Annual Conference budget, ensuring expenditures remained within approved budget parameters.
- 📱 Implemented a multi-channel marketing campaign for the Annual Conference, utilizing the ANA-Ohio website, newsletter, and social media platforms starting in February 2026.
- 🛏 Secured a meeting venue that includes the availability of overnight accommodations in the same building as the Annual Conference.
- 👥 Secured a meeting venue that allows for 200 persons to be seated at tables in the meeting room.
- 📱 Secured a Marketing/Communications Specialist to take photographs and videos for use in newsletters, social media, and for the Legacy Committee.
- ✓ Solicited sponsors and exhibitors to help cover meeting expenses and engage participants.
- 📄 Planned and implemented a poster presentation session that offered continuing nursing education contact hours to participants.
- 👥 Enhanced conference educational offerings through an ANA Foundation-sponsored Innovation Interactive Workshop with guest speakers from ANA.



Save the Date!

2027 Annual CE Conference

May 7-8, 2027



Bylaws Committee

2026 Top Achievements



Held three (3) virtual forums for members related to proposed Bylaws Amendments for the 2025 Annual Business meeting held in September 2025.



Following review and preparation of proposed Bylaws Amendments from the Public Policy Committee, the Professional Practice Committee, and the Bylaws Committee presented these to the membership for voting at the Annual Business Meeting in September 2025; and, reviewed and prepared amendments from the EDI Committee to be presented for a vote in Fall, 2026.



Incorporated non- substantive recommendations from the ANA Committee on Bylaws into ANA-Ohio Bylaws for voting by the membership in September 2025.



Communicated proposed bylaws amendments to the membership via newsletter, e-mail and forums; and, communicated proposed bylaws amendments to the ANA Committee on Bylaws including those recommended by that Committee.



Revised the written bylaws document following membership approval, forwarded it to the American Nurses Association, and had it posted on the ANA-Ohio website.

Upcoming Events

Bylaws Forum #2

August 19, 2026
12:00 PM

Virtual Zoom

Bylaws Forum #3

August 29, 2026
11:00 AM

Virtual Zoom

Bylaws Forum #4

September 3, 2026
7:30 PM

Virtual Zoom



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MEETINGS

Virtual

Bylaws Committee

2026-2027 Goals

- Orient three (3) new committee members to the work of the Bylaws Committee within four weeks of the appointment;
- Review Bylaws Committee policies and procedures, making changes as needed and forward to the Board for approval;
- Review the Succession Plan making updates as needed;
- Hold four (4) member forums focused on preparation for voting on the 2026 Amendments by ANA-Ohio members at the Annual 2026 Business Meeting;
- Review changes to the ANA Bylaws as accepted at the 2026 ANA Member Meeting evaluating any implications for changes to the ANA-Ohio Bylaws;
- Elicit, review, and submit amendments from ANA-Ohio Committees and individual members for voting in 2027;
- Following guidelines in the ANA and ANA-Ohio Bylaws, communicate with the ANA Committee on Bylaws regarding any proposed amendments to ANA-Ohio Bylaws.
- Communicate with the ANA-Ohio committees and membership information related to proposed Bylaws amendments; and,
- Serve as a resource to committees and members regarding the Bylaws.

Connie Stopper, PhD, MSN, MEd, RN (Chairperson)	Kevin Langkiet, PhD, MSN, RN (Vice-Chairperson - January 2026-present)	Wynne Simpkins, MS (Vice-Chairperson - July 2025 - January 2026)	Karen Estridge, DNP, RN	Laurie Hornberger, BSN, RN
Deborah Lindell, DNP, MSN, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN	Barbara Welch, DNP, MS, RN, EBP-C (Board Director/Liaison)	Sandy Wyper, PhD, MSN		

Continuing Education Committee

2025-2026 Top Achievements



Received a 4-year re-accreditation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center for our providership, which allows us to continue to provide nursing professional development contact hours for ANA-Ohio nurses.



Provided continuing education for 17 programs attended by 304 nurses for 19 contact hours. This included 2 programs addressing equity, diversity, and inclusion, and 6 hours of pharmacology updates. This does not include the organizational programs where the Accredited Program Provider Director (APPD) facilitated contact hours for the group planning the program, such as the Annual Meeting/CE Conference, Organizational Summit(s), Boot Camp, etc.



Created needs assessment questions for the 2026 ANA-Ohio member survey and did a follow-up survey in May at the CE Conference to gather additional information. The results will inform our programming for 2027.



Reviewed changes in the CE criteria from ANCC and discussed how that will impact our library of enduring materials. Work will begin in July of 2026 to redo the planning forms and edit the recordings of programs that have been taped in the past to meet the new criteria and to create our CE library.



Reviewed all the poster presenter abstracts for the September 2025 annual meeting and the May 2026 CE Conference.



Continuing Education Committee

2026-2027 Goals

- Record all live programs and continue to work on a CE library of enduring programs in the learning management system.
- Use the results of the CE survey as we develop programs for 2027.
- Work on developing an inclusive email list to send advertisements of upcoming programs beyond ANA-Ohio members (nursing schools, health care facilities, other nursing groups, etc.)
- Continue to provide activities each year to address equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- Develop a formal succession plan and a continuing education committee member handbook to inform new members of committee responsibilities. Update our charter with the new plan and submit it to the board for approval.
- APPD Goal – continue to support the annual meeting and other organizational programs for contact hours.

Barb Brunt, MA, MN, RN, NE-BC NPDA-BC® - Chair & Nurse Planner	Lucinda Cave, MSN, RN, NPD-BC – Vice Chair & Nurse Planner	Tahnee Andrew, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE, NPD-BC
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Melanie Morris, MBS, BSN, RN, CCRN, NPD-BC – Nurse Planner	Terry Pope, MSN, RN, NPD-BC – Accredited Provider Program Director (APPD)	Corrin Steinhauer, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CPPS – Board Liaison

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee



2026 Top Achievements

-  Strengthened committee governance and sustainability by revising the EDI Committee Charter, clarifying committee scope and responsibilities, formalizing the Vice Chair role, advancing leadership succession planning, and transitioning to an every-other-month meeting model with delegated work between meetings.
-  Expanded ANA-Ohio EDI visibility and member engagement through ongoing social media awareness campaigns, Member Monday activities, development of a statewide Community Engagement and Visibility Calendar, and exploration of consistent committee branding and communication tools.
-  Created and advanced the Inclusive Practice Story initiative to provide ANA-Ohio nurses with a structured opportunity to share how equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging are reflected in their professional practice and to elevate those stories through ANA-Ohio communication platforms.
-  Advanced inclusive education, representation, and professional engagement opportunities, collaboration around diverse nursing experiences, support of emerging nurse leaders, and EDI-informed participation in discussions regarding LPN inclusion within ANA-Ohio.
-  Expanded advocacy, partnership, and recognition efforts by strengthening relationships with minority nursing organizations, supporting collaboration with the National Black Nurses Association, participating in ANA-Ohio governance and bylaws discussions, and supporting the development of a potential Ohio House resolution recognizing Black nurses in Ohio.

Shanell Murphy, MBA-HM, MSN-LM, RN (Chair)	Connie Stopper, PhD, MEd, MSN, RN (Vice-Chair)	Cora Arledge, DNP, B.S.Ed., RN	Anthony Fyffe- Wooten, BSN, RN	Holly Jones, PhD, RN, MSN, APRN-CNP, RNFA	Brittany Knott, MSN, RN	Jean Spann Anthony, PhD, RN	Megan Williams, MSN, RN
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Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

2026-2027 Goals

- Increase EDI Committee visibility and ANA-Ohio member engagement through Inclusive Practice Stories, social media content, member spotlights, community engagement, and consistent committee communications.
- Deliver meaningful EDI-focused education by providing at least one educational offering and continuing to identify future programming that reflects diverse nursing experiences, populations, and practice settings.
- Advance advocacy and recognition by identifying additional opportunities to recognize historically underrepresented nursing communities.
- Support inclusive ANA-Ohio governance and membership practices by participating in bylaws and member forums, providing an EDI-informed perspective on organizational initiatives, and promoting equitable participation and belonging.
- Expand strategic partnerships and community engagement with nursing associations, professional groups, committees, SIGs, and community organizations whose work aligns with equity, inclusion, belonging, health equity, and professional nursing advancement.



Finance Committee

2026 Goals

- Grow revenues, particularly non-dues sources
- Draft and monitor approved budget
- Monitor contracts
- Maintain current policies and procedures
- Fulfill Strategic Plan assignments

2027 Goals

- Grow revenues, particularly non-dues sources
- Draft and monitor approved budget
- Monitor contracts
- Monitor revenue from Group Membership Pilot
- Orient and support new Treasurer

2026 Top Achievements



Prepared FY2026-27 Budget including reserve funds for Board approval



Invested into a Money Market account to grow reserve funds



Created an interim Finance Committee for ANA-Ohio Foundation



Updated policies for board approval



New Chair elected for committee

New Committee member elected

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MEETINGS

Virtual

Ken Fry, MBA, MSN, RN, PCCN, CIC, NE-BC	Barbara J Daly, PhD, RN, FAAN (Co-Chair and Treasurer)	Deborah Arms, PhD, RN	Bob Bowers, BSN, RN
Prudence Musser, MSN, RN	Kathy Peppe, MS, RN, FAAN	Wynne Simpkins, MS, RN	Ainsley Seyfried, BSN, RN

Governance and Compliance Committee

2025-2026 Top Achievements



Published the policies and procedures for ANA-Ohio on Member 365
(To come in September 2026)



Finalized the Compliance Plan and oriented the new Board of Director
members (December 2025)

2026-2027 Goals

- Align any existing policies with the creation of the ANA-Ohio Foundation



Meghan Ramic DNP, RN, CPHQ (Chair)	Mary Beth Mathews, Ph.D., RNBC (ret.)(Vice Chair)	Deborah Arms, PhD, RN
Barbara Daly, PhD, RN, FAAN	Gerry Pangrac, RN	Jean Swaney, MSN, RN, ANP-CR



Legacy Committee



2025- 2026 Top Achievements



Changed third panel of ANA-OH history display to reflect achievements of 2025 and displayed 3 panels on the history of ANA-OH at the Annual CE Conference.



Updated a time-line on ANA-OH history and distributed at the Annual CE Conference.



Developed an outline for a presentation on what to preserve and how to preserve and then created a PowerPoint presentation on Preserving ANA-OH's History & Legacy to present to Board members and Committee/SIG Chairs.



Continued to help identify persons in pictures being saved along with the date and/or event.



Wrote an article for publication or on the website on nursing registration history.



Legacy Committee

2026 Goals

- Display 3-panel poster at Annual Meeting, events, or online. (The first two handmade panels are already created and the third panel is changed annually to reflect what was achieved during the previous year. Consider making a written handout (time-line) to accompany the display reflecting the history of the formation of ANA-Ohio and a handout with the achievements of the previous year. Evaluate the expense of creating a permanent display of the first two panels. (History of ANA-OH)
- Develop an education plan on preserving nursing historical documents and memorabilia for structural units within ANA-OH and for individual nurses. (Create an outline guide on preserving historical documents and memorabilia. Create a powerpoint presentation on preserving historical documents and memorabilia. Develop a process for picture identification [date, event, individual(s)]. Write an article for the ANA-Ohio News Journal on what should be archived.
- Write historically-significant article and submit to the ANA-Ohio News Journal (examples: impact of nurses voting, history of specialty practices, highlight and honor an ANA-Ohio member’s achievements in nursing, etc.)

2027 Goals

- Plan a schedule to identify and interview nurses who have made a difference in nursing.
- Assess the Annual Report Template to see if all information captured is pertinent and usable in the future. Suggest additions if needed.
- Create a PowerPoint program on how to preserve individual nursing legacies, activities, etc

Kay Ball, PhD, RN, CNOR, CMLSO, FAORN, FAAN (Chair)	Linda Baas, PhD, RN	Donna Currey, RN, PhD	Patricia Didion, MSN, RN
Debbie Freece, MS, RN	Linda Riazzi Kermani, BSN, RN-BC, CE	Mary Beth Mathews, PhD, RN-BC (ret.) (2024-2026)	Shanina Knighton, Board Liaison



LPN Task Force

2025-2026 Top Achievements



Developed and sent electronic survey to ANA-Ohio membership to determine interest in admitting LPNs as members in ANA-Ohio;



Explored benefits and dues structure of LPN members in Texas Nursing Association;



Spoke with an LPN member to determine perceived benefits of membership in Texas Nursing Association;



Developed and distributed an electronic survey at the OHCA conference to be completed by LPNs for the purpose of determining LPN interest in membership of ANA-Ohio.

2026 Goals

- Explore the feasibility of having LPNs as a member of ANA-Ohio.
- Develop a plan for incorporating the LPN into ANA-Ohio
- Provide a recommendation to the BOD to pursue or not pursue the LPN for ANA-Ohio membership.

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MEETINGS

Virtual

R. Wynne Simpkins, MSN, Chair	Linda Baas	Tiffany Behrendsen	Robert Bowers	Sarah Druck	Tammy Kaylor	Terry Pope
Andrea Russo	Patricia Sharpnack	Erin Slay	Connie Stopper	Rebecca Taulbee	Marjorie Vogt	Cora Arledge

Nomination & Election Committee

2026 Goals

- Increase % of membership voting
- Continue to focus on diversity on the ballot with a goal of the candidates having a diverse background based on race or sex.
- Continue to offer diversity on the ballot in terms of area of state represented, level of education and area of practice (education, clinical, administrative, and research).
- Increase the number of competitive races on the ballot
- Introduce lunch & learn events and/or newsletter reminders to encourage participation in nomination & election processes
- Make any changes in procedure or nature of the ballot preparation that is necessitated by possible bylaws changes.



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MEETINGS

Virtual

Marjorie Vogt, PhD, DNP, APRN, Chair	Kelly Osborne (Chair-Elect)	Jean Anthony	Barb Brunt
Naomi House	Wendy Sarver	Chris Seminatore	

Nomination & Election Committee

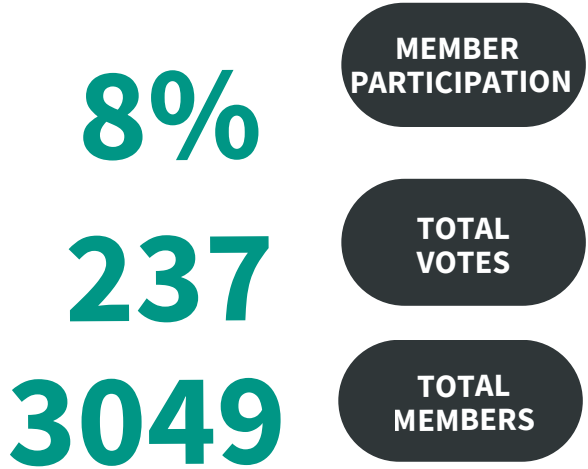
2026 Top Achievements

- Received 14 applications for 14 positions. Positions included:
 - First Vice President (2 year term) Early Career Director (2 year term) (1 application received)
 - Director at Large (2 positions available for 2 year term– received 7 applications; NEC recommended 3 for slate)
 - Treasurer (1 position 2 year term– no applications received)
 - NEC (4 positions for 2 year term; no application received preliminarily but 2 applicants for Director of Large moved their applications to NEC)
 - ANA-Delegates (3 positions with 2 alternates for 2 year term) (received 6 applications)
- Candidates represented a 28% diversity based on race or sex (increase of 1% from 2025).
- There was educational diversity among the candidates. Doctoral preparation (46%); Master’s preparation (38%); Baccalaureate preparation (15%)
- Area of state representation on the slate included: Central Ohio (38%); Northeast Ohio (53%); Northwest Ohio (7%); Southwest Ohio (7%). There were no candidates submitted from southeast Ohio.
- Reviewed the bio sheets for publication on the website.
- Prepared the guidelines for the Candidate’s Forum scheduled for 8/12/26; 7-8:30 pm. This was a live zoom and then archived on the website to increase member participation. Most of the candidates (~85%) were able to participate. Time was provided for participants to ask questions of the candidates.

- Changes in procedure:
 - Reviewed and revised the call for candidates' information regarding the nature of the position and expectations,
 - Provided guidelines for the Candidates to submit a video for the website. Only 14% of the candidates choose to submit a video. This is new format for introduction to the membership.
 - Posted a recording of the Candidates Forum on the website so members unable to attend the zoom forum could view it.
 - Changed to a new voting program that enables reminders to vote to go only to those who have not yet voted. This program also provides more security.
 - Will be discussing new guidelines and recommendations for when there are no candidate nominations for a position
- Voter Information:
 - Information about election sent to 3049 members. There was 8% turnout (237 members).
 - Utilized Election Runner, enabling secure elections and automated reminders to non-voters, while monitoring occasional email delivery issues.
 - Write-in votes were manually reviewed and verified by NEC Committee tellers to ensure accuracy.
 - First Vice President (2 separate write-in candidates)
 - Treasurer (21 separate write-in candidates)
 - Director-at-Large (no write-in candidates)
 - Early Career Director (no write-in candidates)
 - NEC Committee (9 separate write-in candidates)
 - ANA Membership Assembly Delegates (3 separate write-in candidates)
 - Number of participants who watched the candidate forum:10.
 - Number of participants who registered for the candidate forum: 35
 - Number of views of the 2026 Elections Website: 761



2026 Elections



Outreach & Engagement Committee



Membership as of June 30, 2026



3060 Members



87 Counties



Represents 16 States
Ohio, Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, New York, North Carolina, Maryland, South Carolina, Texas, Utah

2026 Top Achievements



ANA-Ohio membership recruitment increased by 15% (2660-July 2025 to 3060-June 2026).



Northeast Ohio SIG expanded outreach to area nursing programs and developed a student nurse ANA-Ohio presentation. NW Ohio SIG was approved by the ANA-Ohio Board of Directors.



ANA-Ohio sponsored tables at conferences, health care organizations, and nursing programs, and provided multiple speaking engagements.

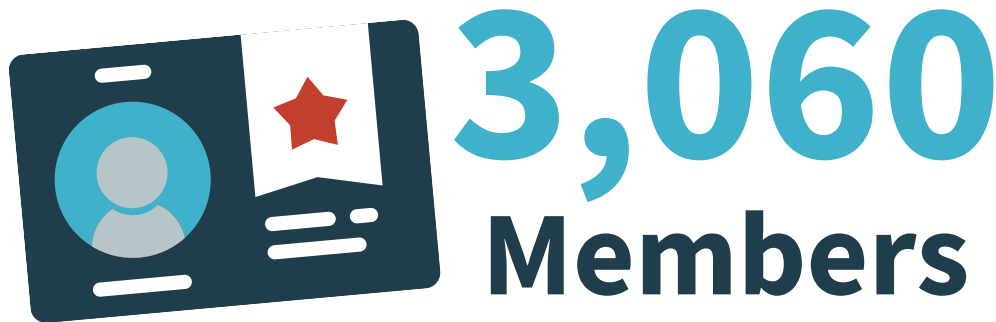


ANA-Ohio hosted two Ohio Nursing Organizations Leadership Summits.

Outreach & Engagement Committee

2026-2027 Goals

- Increase ANA-Ohio membership recruitment by a minimum of 5% by June 2027 based on current membership of 3060 at June 30, 2026.
- Implement strategies to increase retention by 5% by June 2027 based on current membership of 3060.
- Sponsor at least one Ohio Nursing Organizations Leadership Summit by June 2026.
- Present a “Lunch and Learn” program to discuss ANA and ANA-Ohio benefits with ANA-Ohio membership.
- Facilitate a minimum of one regional meeting with ANA-Ohio president.



Sally Morgan, MS, RN, AGPCNP-BC (Chair)	Linda Baas, RN, PhD	Tiffany Behrendsen BSN, RN	Mary E. Britton BSN, RN	Laurie Hornberger, BSN, RN	Karen Lane, BSN, MA, RN	Danielle Martin, DNP, APRN-CNP, PMHNP-BC
Catherine Mohny, MSN, RN	Charity Moeller DNP, APRN- CNP, AGPCNP-BC	Jeanette Springs, MSN/MHI, MBA, BS, RN, NPD-BC	Judith Beeler, NE, SIG Liaison	Raya Cupler, MPA, BSN, RN, NE-BC (Social Media Liaison)	Susan Mazanec, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN, FAAN Liaison	Ethan Slocum, BSN – Board of Directors Liaison

Professional Practice Committee

2025-2026 Top Achievements



Hosted CE event with Ohio Board of Nursing, “OBN and ANA-Ohio: Partnering to Rebuild the OBN Website to Support Our Nurses” in October, 2025



Hosted ANA-Ohio Lunch and Learn in March, 2026 on committee efforts and seeking membership input regarding delegation CE needs



Strengthened collaboration with OBN

- Routinely participating in different advisory groups
- Reviewing and providing input on rule changes and interpretive guidelines
- Disseminating OBN podcasts and changes such as CE reporting periods
- Analyzing key findings/issues to keep an eye on from OBN meetings Ohio Law



Finalized 2 professional practice tips videos to be ready for production by graphic designer



Contributed to review/feedback/public comment for:

- ANA Scope and Standards of Practice
- ANA on Nurse Fatigue
- DOE Nursing Professional degree
- Provided summary of pros and cons regarding LPN membership to ANA-Ohio LPN workgroup



Professional Practice Committee

2026-2027 Goals

- Host September CE event on appropriate delegation across different healthcare settings
- Partner with OBN to host CE even on Safe Haven program within the next year
- Disseminate 2 Professional Practice Tips videos via social media and store mini-education offerings with LMS
- Develop and disseminate 2 “Who’s Who in Nursing” videos via social media
- Continue to collaborate with OBN and provide insights from OBN to ANA-Ohio
- Continue to work to strength relationship with OhSNA

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2025-2026 Top Achievements



Planned and facilitated the 2nd Nurse Policy Influencers Bootcamp with both didactic and clinical components held early in 2026. The Bootcamp prepares nurses to be more effective policy advocates for the profession of nursing. The clinical opportunities are unique to this program. It attracted attention and interest from nursing organizations across the country including an attendee from another state. Our red stoles got a lot of positive attention.



Planned and facilitated post-Bootcamp engagement activities for cohorts 1 & 2. Those who completed the rigorous Bootcamp have the ongoing support from ANA-Ohio PPC members as they put into practice the outreach and advocacy tactics and strategies learned in the Bootcamp.



Provided regular legislative updates on ANA-Ohio’s website regarding public policy matters.



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Publications and Communications Committee (PCOM)

2026 Goals

- Continue to work with HCM to produce four issues of the ANA-Ohio News Journal annually.
- Work with the Executive Director to refine a publication portal with publication guidelines and author information. This portal will serve to invite a broader group of authors and a wider variety of topics.
- Continue to support a robust social media presence to foster communication with members and provide member recognition.
- Analyze website, social media, and News Journal data to inform decisions and future directions.

2025-2026 Top Achievements



PCOM has worked with HealthCom Media (HCM) to produce the ANA-Ohio News Journal. The journal is mailed to all members quarterly and emailed to all nurses in the state.



PCOM has worked with the Executive Director to develop structures for members to submit information for social media posts, guidelines for News Journal publications, and information for email “Member Updates.”



PCOM has worked with the Executive Director to evolve the ANA-Ohio website.



PCOM continues to promote ANA-Ohio offerings and members through social media. All social media channels have grown in followers. LinkedIn followings include followers from across the state, country, and international locations.

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FAAN Special Interest Group

2026 Top Achievements

-  Supporting parent organization, ANA on providing evidence to support political debate on Nursing as a Professional degree.
-  Planning strong presence on social media to highlight "Nurses Week"
-  Maintained momentum on importance of voting, embracing student groups as well
-  Working on scholarship funding goals and our role and goals for the 2026 Jeri Milstead Policy Symposium in October 24 2026
-  Embracing and welcoming Michigan FAANs to our group

2026-2027 Goals

- Work with constitutes to get the PhD in nursing listed as a professional degree
- Engage strategically and intentionally as a committee to highlight to the community evidence of a team approach to keep new nurses engaged as bedside nurses.
- Encourage attendance and participation, Jeri Milstead Policy Symposium in October
- Maintaining momentum on getting nurses and nursing students to the polls

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Versie Johnson Mallard Chair	Patricia Sharpnack, Co-Chair	Sue Brammer	Cindy Prows	Peggy Doheny	Susan Mazanec	Micah Sheens	Nancy Albert	Mary Beth Modic	Pam Dickerson	Kathy Peppe	Jill Kilanowski	Janine Overcash
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Northeast Ohio Nurse Special Interest Group



2025-2026 Top Achievements

-  Held an in-person meeting in October, 2025.
-  Identified liaisons for 11 area schools of nursing.
-  Supported 1 ANA-Ohio recruitment activity.
-  Completed slide presentation for nursing students.
-  Started providing highlights from ANA-Ohio Board Meetings to members.



Northeast Ohio Nurse Special Interest Group



2026-2027 Goals

- Continue with the school of nursing liaison program, encouraging students to become ANA subscribers.
- Follow-up with our initial contacts with the 87 ANA-Only members to see if their status has changed.
- Continue to be helpful with ANA-Ohio recruiting events in our area.
- Continue to provide opportunities for members to interact, professionally and socially.
- Continue to be an extension of ANA-Ohio in our region.
- Support Outreach and Engagement Committee when feasible.

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