



ATTENTION: NHNA MEMBERS and 'NOT YET' MEMBERS...

Take an active role in shaping your Association!

Run for NHNA Board office or one of our Commissions / Committees!

PLEASE REVIEW CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES & APPLY BY AUGUST 27th

Call for **NOMINATIONS**

NHNA BOARD of DIRECTORS:

The Board, as elected by the membership, establishes policies and procedures for the transaction of business, coordination of Association activities and operation. It assumes responsibility for fiscal solvency of the organization. Composition of the Board: five officers - President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President; three Directors at Large; plus four Chairs of the Commissions below.

ORGANIZATIONAL and MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS:

- Responsible for the management and operations of the Association.
- Works to build membership.
- Increases member services.
- Organizes annual CE conferences and plans special events to promote nursing through its' Event Planning subcommittee.

NURSING PRACTICE:

- Develops programs & activities related to:
 - Educational & delivery systems for practice.
 - Economics of practice & health care.
 - Rights and responsibilities of nurses.
 - Promotion of both ANA Standards & Code for Nurses.
 - Development of 'white papers' & policy statements.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:

- Serves as the 'voice of nursing' when it comes to the NH legislative and health policy arena.
- Conducts an annual Town Hall Forum to allow public review of proposed legislation on healthcare and nursing practice to focus legislative efforts.
- Conducts annual Health Policy Days to educate nurses and nursing students on the legislative process in NH - and how best to be heard.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- Administers the peer review process and grants ANCC approval for CE activities submitted by providers.
- Acts as consultant / resource to NHNA members on matters of accreditation, credentialing and standards.
- Enhances the professional development of NH nurses by ensuring the quality of CE activities.

COMMITTEES: EVENTS - NOMINATING - FINANCE

WE ALSO HAVE NON-ELECTED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Nursing News Contributors - Write or help us collect articles for our quarterly newspaper.

Speakers / Presenters - Have a topic you'd like to teach / share?

"Social Media" Gurus - Enjoy 'Facebook' or blogging? Help us expand our messaging channels.

Regional Hosts - Organize informal gatherings for members and potential members in your area.

Administrative and IT Specialists - Concord office or telecommuting projects.

Call us or email: avery@nhnurses.org



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Consider Serving as a Voice for Nursing Through NHNA Elected Office

Our NHNA Officers, Directors, Commission and Committee Members collectively guide the direction of the organization, all of its projects and efforts to empower New Hampshire nurses. The work of these volunteers is essential to our success - while offering excellent opportunities to gain leadership experience.

Please consider the following openings and volunteer today to make a difference in the profession of nursing in New Hampshire

NHNA's Fall 2010 Election [Terms: 2011-2012 unless otherwise stated]

The following positions are to be filled through election by the membership in 2010. Please review the following information and select a position of interest to you. Then complete and submit the Intent to Serve form to the NHNA office for review by the Nominating Committee. No name can appear on the ballot without a completed Intent to Serve form. Positions are for a two-year term except where otherwise noted. **NHNA membership required.**

Board of Directors: The Board is comprised of five elected officers [the Executive Board]; three 'Directors at large' (*one to be a recent graduate, per 2008 bylaws revision*), and the Chairs of our four Commissions. The duties of the Board include the exercise of corporate responsibility and provision for implementation of all Association policies and positions approved by the members. The Board establishes policies and procedures for the transaction of business, coordination of Association activities and the operation and maintenance of its property. Responsibility for fiscal solvency, assuring rights of members and disciplinary action are also functions of the Board. The Board appoints and defines the authority and responsibility of the Executive Director; appoints members to each Commission annually, and makes other appointments to committees and task forces.

Board positions to be elected in 2010:

- **President Elect** - *Bylaws revision adopted in 2008 changed the former Vice President position to President Elect.* The President-Elect shall perform duties as designated by the President and Board and shall assume the duties of the President as needed.
Nominees should be prepared to move into the Presidency after one year in this "training" role - and remain for an additional year as Immediate Past President .
- **Director at Large - one elected position** designated for a "recent RN graduate" (ie: within 5 years of licensure). General responsibilities of Board members listed above.
- **Secretary** - shall be accountable for record keeping and reporting of minutes of NHNA and its Board of Directors.

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Commission Members: Nominees should have experience in the field / activity related to the Commission's functions and the ability to attend monthly meetings. The Chair of each Commission also serves on the Board of Directors. Chairs are elected by the Commission members and must be an elected (vs. appointed) member. The Board of Directors may also appoint additional members as needed to each Commission from those who have submitted an Intent to Serve form.

Two (2) elected positions plus appointee opportunities available on each Commission.

- **Commission on Continuing Education:** This Commission administers the peer review approval process for continuing education activities submitted by providers in accordance with the Standard and Criteria for Continuing Education in Nursing of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (ANCC). **Eligibility criteria:** employment for two of the past five years in the area of continuing education / staff development, possession of a BS in nursing (MS preferred) and experience in the development of nursing curricula or CE activities.
- **Commission on Government Affairs:** The purpose of this Commission is to study health issues and recommend effective legislative action; to evaluate proposed legislation and recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors; assist in the development of policy statements related to health planning. The Government Affairs Commission meets September through June.
- **Commission on Nursing Practice:** This Commission monitors the status of, and develops a program of activities for the: education and delivery systems for practice; economics of practice and health care; rights and responsibilities of nurses, and the rights of the recipients of nursing services.
- **Commission on Organizational & Membership Affairs:** This Commission develops and implements activities that promote and maintain organizational viability which includes membership, finance, programming, marketing and bylaws.

Finance Committee: 2 appointed positions available. This committee reviews, evaluates and makes recommendations to the Board for annual budgets and other financial matters of the Association. (Committee is chaired by Board Treasurer)

Nominating Committee: 3 appointed positions available. This committee seeks out candidates for elective offices, prepares the slate of nominees for each elective position of the organization and presents the slate to the Board of Directors prior to distribution of election ballots.

Program Planning Committee: multiple appointed positions available. This committee shall: assess current interests, trends and needs of NHNA; develop and implement programs for conventions / conferences and other events.

**Complete / submit the following Intent to Serve form
and be sure to vote in September!
New Hampshire Nurses' Association depends on you!
Thank you for your interest and support.**

If you haven't encouraged a colleague to join NHNA - please do it today.

NHNA Intent to Serve Form – 2010 Election

Board position, Commission or Committee in which you are interested. (Two year terms unless otherwise stated.)		
Name:	Address:	Home Telephone Number:
Workplace:	Work Address:	Work Telephone Number:
Work title/ position	Credentials: (Academic & Certification)	Years in Practice:
Field of Nursing:	Home E-mail Address	Work E-mail Address
Please list all past NHNA service: Board of Directors, Commissions or relevant Special Interest Groups:		
Please identify why you would like to serve and information / characteristics that make you a good candidate for the position:		
<p>I certify that the above information is accurate. I hereby commit my intention to serve, should I be elected or appointed to any of the posts for which I have indicated interest.</p>		
Signature:	Date:	

Sign and mail to: NHNA 210 N. State St. Suite 1-A, Concord, NH 03301 by AUGUST 27, 2010
 Or fax to: 603-228-6672. Or email with a cover note to replace signature: office@nhnurses.org
Please indicate NHNA ELECTION in the subject line. Thank you for your interest in NHNA!