



## Memorandum

**Date:** December 4, 2017

**To:** Presidents and Executive Directors, Constituent/State Nurses Associations  
Chair, Individual Member Division  
Presidents and Executive Directors, Organizational Affiliates

**From:** Mary Tanner, PhD, RN, Chair, ANA Professional Policy Committee

**Re:** Call for Proposals for the 2018 Membership Assembly Meeting

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On behalf of ANA's Professional Policy Committee<sup>1</sup>, I encourage you to engage your members in the identification of strategic policy topics and the submission of proposals for discussion by ANA's governing body, the Membership Assembly, at their annual meeting in June 2018. As nursing leaders, your involvement in ANA's policy work is critical!

Section 1 of the [Membership Assembly Policy Development Guide](#) includes questions for you to consider prior to submitting a proposal. In Appendix B of the *Guide*, you'll find feedback from ANA members on their most pressing professional practice/policy needs and challenges they face as registered nurses in the current health care delivery model/environment. In addition, at their November 28-30 meeting, ANA's Leadership Council, engaged in robust discussion related to three issues that were seen as ones in which ANA and the C/SNAs can *and should* collaborate. Namely, New and Evolving Health Care Roles (practice focused), Membership Growth and Engagement (growth oriented), and Nurse-Focused Innovation (futuristic).

The *Guide* also contains detailed information on the submission and review of proposals, including emergent proposals; onsite Dialogue Forums; examples of approaches used by state nurses associations that have been successful in engaging members in ANA's policy work; and a link to the online proposal form.

Completed proposals must be submitted by **5:00pm ET on Monday February 12, 2018**. Refer to Appendix D in the *Guide* for key dates and direct questions to Maureen Thompson, Director, Leadership Services, via email ([Maureen.thompson@ana.org](mailto:Maureen.thompson@ana.org)) or by phone (301-628-5041).

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<sup>1</sup> The name of the Committee was changed from Reference Committee to Professional Policy Committee via an amendment to ANA's bylaws that was approved by the 2017 Membership Assembly.