

# Candidate — Director (1 year term)



**Bridget A. Leonard, DNP, MBA, RN, CRRN, NEA-BC**  
DMC- Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan • Chief Nursing Officer  
Farmington Hills, MI

**1. What activities are you currently involved with or have been in the past related to ANA-Michigan or ANA?**

I am currently serving my second term as Secretary for ANA-MI. Previous to this role I served as Secretary for RN-AIM Region 7, Council on Research and Evidence Based Practice for past two years.

**2. What other elected, appointed offices or community activities relevant to this position have you been involved with?**

MI Org Nurse Executives- Recording Secretary for 2 terms ending in 2017  
Siena Heights University- Current MBA Advisory Board Member  
Black Nurses Rock, Detroit Chapter- President since 2015, term ends 12/31/2018  
Black Nurses Rock, Current National Director of Marketing

**3. Please write a statement that indicates your view on issues facing ANA-Michigan? Indicate why you want to serve in this role and why you are best qualified to carry out the duties of this office? This statement will be shared publicly with the membership.**

An issue facing ANA-MI is the declining membership of nurses involved in professional organizations. One of the responsibilities of ANA-MI is to ensure MI Nurses that we are a value-added organization, that their dues are not the reason we want them to be active and participate in issues affecting nurses. Nurses everywhere must realize that we have to be the change we want to see; thus we have to get involved at the local, state, and national level to see changes needed in nursing practice that will not only affect patient care but protects our scope of practice and value to the healthcare community. As a Director for ANA-MI, I will continue my pursuit of nursing excellence to ensure nurses have the resources and tools needed to not only be great nurses but even better advocates for their patients to receive safe, optimal care. I have shown my commitment to nursing by being involved in various board activities for years, using each experience as a catalyst for positive changes in nursing.

