

Candidate — Director (1 year term)



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

I am seeking to be a candidate for the director position on the Board of ANA- MI. I have been actively engaged in ANA-MI activities for the past few years. I have served as Treasurer of Region Six for three years and have been President of Region Six for the last two years. In the role of president, I have also had the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. This opportunity has allowed me to understand the structure and purpose of ANA-MI. It has expanded my knowledge of nursing issues and the needs of nurses within the State of Michigan. I ran for the position of President-Elect and through this had an opportunity to speak to ANA-MI members about my interest in supporting and growing the organization. I am very committed to ANA-MI and its purpose and goals to serve all nurses within Michigan.

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

I have served as Treasurer and President of Region Six of ANA-M, Past President of Sigma Theta Tau Alpha Psi Chapter, Nominations Chair Alpha Psi Member of National Nurse Practitioner Faculty Organization Directors Special Interest Group, Board Member of Michigan Primary Care Consortium, Serve on several committees representing the College of Nursing within Michigan State University.

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.

A significant issue facing nurses in Michigan is the need to define, protect and advance the scope of practice for all nurses. Our state has a very restrictive practice environment and we need to be vigilant to avoid any further restrictions while pressing for expansion of independent practice at all levels of nursing in accordance with the Future of Nursing Recommendations. In order to do this, we need a strong legislative and policy agenda. The development of the two new committees within the ANA-MI structure will support the ability of the organization to do this work. A related issue is nurse title protection. I have become aware in the last six months that veterinary technicians are now using the title of veterinary

nurse. Many states have in their nurse practice act that the title of nurse is protected and can only be used for those who meet the licensure requirements of a registered nurse. Michigan does not have this and it is essential that ANA-MI as well as other nursing organizations in the state band together to obtain nurse title protection. Another important issue facing ANA-MI is to maintain, engage and grow the membership of the organization. There has been tremendous growth in membership over the last few years due to changes in dues structure and excellent marketing campaign. The organization will now need to focus on continuing this growth as well as engaging the membership in the work of the organization. The recent bylaws changes facilitate this through the new committee structure, which provides more opportunities for member engagement with the work of the organization. In addition, the board has discussed developing short-term focused task forces to address specific issues that would allow members who have a focused interest to work on a specific task force. I feel I am qualified to serve in the position of board member for a number of reasons. The first is that I have had the privilege of serving on the ANA-MI board of directors over the last two years. This has provided me with an understanding of the workings of the board as well as an opportunity to work collaboratively with other members of the board and the ANA-MI staff. Through my work on the board, I have been able to increase my knowledge of the issues facing nurses across the state of Michigan and the importance of what ANA-MI does to advocate for nurses in the state. I am also passionate about nursing and have been in a number of different types of nursing roles throughout my professional career including, staff nurse, manager, faculty and nurse practitioner. My experience in leadership roles in several state and national organizations has prepared me to work within the organizational structure of ANA-MI. In closing, I would be honored to serve you as a board member.