

Candidate — Director



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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 have been a member of the ANA since I graduated in 1978, but have not been involved in any specific ANA committees. When the Washtenaw-Livingston-Monroe District Nurses Association existed, I was a member of the Board of Directors and was the Chair of the MNA Cabinet on Administration and Education and an MNA delegate in the early to mid-1990's.

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

I have held Board positions on the University of Michigan Health System Board, the Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO) Board and the Michigan Visiting Nurses Association's Board, serving as the Chair from 2003 to 2007. I currently serve as a member of the Packard Health's Quality Committee and am a member of the Washtenaw Health Initiative's, Senior Services Task force.

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.

The issues facing our profession continue to be the need to create and sustain safe and empowering practice environments which enable professional nurses to flourish and practice at the top of their license and education. The growing threat of increasing violence in the work setting, the opioid epidemic and professional burn-out are very real threats to our profession internally. Externally, health care and health care reform have never been more fragmented and tenuous. Our communities are yearning for better ways to prevent illness, maintain health and navigate their health and illness care successfully and in sustainable ways. The prevention of illness, the maintenance of health and the coordination of care have always been the hallmarks of nursing science so there is no better time than now to come together as professional nurses, joining our communities to co-create new models of health care. For much of our history we have practiced in the shadow of others and this is the time to demonstrate the significant impact of nursing care and health care to society.