

Vice President



Jennifer Bath, MSN, RN, AGCNS-BC, CEN, TCRN

Clinical Nurse Specialist for Trauma Services

Carilion Clinic

Chapter 2 - Roanoke Valley

Professional/Work:

I am the clinical nurse specialist for trauma at a busy Level I trauma center in southwest Virginia. My background includes long-term care, skilled nursing, geriatric psychiatry, human resources, emergency, forensic and trauma nursing. I am very active on several hospital-wide committees. I have become more involved in nursing legislation and have been active at the local, state, and national level to promote awareness of the CNS role and nursing practice.

Community/Civic/Other:

I have served on several community boards. I am currently a board member for the Roanoke Prevention Council. I am a member of the Roanoke Valley Domestic & Family Violence Fatality Review team. In the past I served on the Roanoke Brain Injury Connection board, the Domestic Violence Task Force, TAP Advisory Board, Family Violence Coordinating Council, Children's Advocacy Center teams for several jurisdictions, and several other boards and task forces.

Candidate Statement:

My past experiences as president of my local ENA chapter and my recent term as VNA Director-at-Large have given me the expertise and knowledge necessary to fill the Vice President role. I am still active with VNA, but I wish to be more involved. I have vast experience on boards, committees, and task forces at the local and state level. I am also very involved at the legislative level promoting nursing practice to our local and state legislators. VNA has provided me the platform to educate our leaders on issues that affect nursing practice as well as the clinical nurse specialist role. I feel that I would greatly benefit the VNA board by serving as Vice President. The variety of nursing and leadership experience I have has well prepared me for this role. I look forward to having the opportunity to serve Virginia nurses and our practice if elected.



Kimberly Brown, DNP, RN, CNE, NEA-BC

Associate Professor

Radford University

Chapter 2 - Roanoke Valley

Professional/Work:

My nursing career now spans almost three decades between healthcare operations, formal leadership, and academic nursing. My professional experience and relationships are grounded in commitment to sustainable personal growth as well as the growth of those around me and in my care.

Community/Civic/Other:

Active with animal rescue. I am a fundraising volunteer for the Roanoke Refugee Partnership. I am active in my faith community and related service to our congregation.

Candidate Statement:

It would be my privilege to serve our commonwealth's professional nursing organization. I willingly seek to offer further service to the profession that has so richly blessed my life. I also desire to encourage others to serve as they are able and understand that life seasons influence our capacity to give, lead, and serve. I offer my energy, time, and passion to serve in the role of Vice President of VNA.

Treasurer



Dee Eldardiri, MS, RN-BC, CMSRN

Education Program Specialist
American Nurses Association
Chapter 8 - NOVA

Professional/Work:

As a nurse for almost 30 years, my career has focused on nursing professional development and med-surg nursing. I believe in making a difference in the lives of patients but also in nurses themselves. I am certified in medical-surgical nursing and nursing professional development. My current role is an Education Program Specialist at ANA where I manage projects and products from the idea phase until they are for sale in our catalog portfolio.

Community/Civic/Other:

My volunteer work also includes being a committee volunteer and chair of a national task force at the Academy of Medical Surgical Nursing. While there I also had the privilege to serve as Director on the Board from 2010-15. It is one of the treasured highlights of my career. I learned so much and pray I was able to make a difference. I would be honored to do the same for VNA.

Candidate Statement:

I believe my experience at the national level on board of directors in a specialty nursing organization demonstrates that I understand the commitment and importance of serving on a board of directors. As part of that role, I was involved in making sure the national organization was sound financially as we are accountable to the members to do so. I can extend this experience to being Treasurer for VNA. My 30 years as an RN demonstrates my commitment to the profession. It is because of this commitment that I hold as one of the highest honors to serve and give back to my profession. I would be honored to serve as a member of the board as Treasurer. If you ask others about me, you will most probably be told I am extremely organized and detailed oriented – a skill set essential in the role of Treasurer.



Sherri Wilson, DNP, MPA, RN

Asst. Director of Patient Care Services
Fairfax County Public Health
Chapter 8 - NOVA

Professional/Work:

- Assistant Director of Patient Care Services| Fairfax County Health Department, Fairfax, VA, 2/2018-Present
- Assisting with the administration, planning, strategic direction, development, and implementation of multiple services within the context of population health, in order to ensure access to comprehensive health services to county citizens; providing operational and budgetary oversight of public health services across five district offices throughout Fairfax County. Collaboration with Deputy Medical Director and managers in daily operations.

Community/Civic/Other:

- Founder & CEO, The Wilson Initiative for Health & Social Equity, Inc., a 501(c)(3), 2016-Present
- Member, American Nurses Association, October 2014 –Present
- Board Member, Access to Wholistic and Productive Living, Inc. September 2013-September 2016, Volunteer 2006-2013
- Annual Meeting Committee Member, American Organization of Nurse Executives, 2017
- Board Member, Commissioner for Nursing Practice, Virginia Nurses Association, 1/2017 (1 term)
- VNA Voting Representative to the ANA Membership Assembly, 2017
- Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. 2001- Present

Candidate Statement:

My nursing journey has been an exciting one: each assignment providing an opportunity for me to grow personally and professionally, while helping others along the way. Having practiced in various settings over the past 20 years, I feel a tremendous responsibility to continue to advance the nursing profession by taking an active role in our state nurses' association. To that end, I have made significant investments in my education and professional development, which have prepared me to serve in various leadership roles impacting the delivery of care within complex healthcare environments while maintaining fiduciary responsibilities. My leadership experiences and commitment to the nursing profession have been demonstrated throughout my career, which prepare me to serve and contribute to the role of Treasurer for the Virginia Nurses Association.

Commissioner on Government Relations



Ifeoma Elebo, FNP, RN
Nurse Practitioner
Armor Correctional Health Services
Chapter 5 - Central Virginia

Professional/Work:

I started my nursing career as a CNA before becoming an RN. I have served in the long-term and acute care settings as Charge Nurse, Shift Resource RN and a staff committee member (fall prevention). I am a certified Med/Surge RN, a family nurse practitioner, and a current DNP student. I look forward to using my leadership knowledge and experience to serve my beloved profession and our communities.

Community/Civic/Other:

I have volunteered some time with a Henrico county elementary school for students' annual health screenings. I have also volunteered in an adult daycare center as a registered nurse, for 2 days a month for a total of about 12 work days. I have recently transitioned into the new role as NP and am currently providing care for an underserved community in the prison setting.

Candidate Statement:

In addition to my leadership experiences as a nurse, my preparation as a DNP leader will be very useful in helping the nursing profession advocate for, and influence the development of, healthcare policies that will not only benefit nurses, but also the communities we serve.



Mary Kay Goldschmidt, DNP, MSN, BSN, PHNA-BC
Assistant Professor
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing
Chapter 5 - Central Virginia
Incumbent

Professional/Work:

Graduate of UVA School of Nursing with BSN, MSN and DNP degrees; registered nurse for 39 years; Certified Advanced Public Health Nurse (PHNA-BC); Faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing 2015-2019; selected as a fellow with the Douglas L. Wilder Office of Public Policy Outreach, Translational Research and Public Policy Program 2017-2018; Co-director of two HRSA NEPQR grants (2016-2022); Daisy Faculty Award, VCU School of Nursing, 2018.

Community/Civic/Other:

Commissioner on Government Relations, Virginia Nurses Association, 2017-2019. Provided consultation services to the Joint Commission on Health Care regarding the cost of caring for AHT victims in the Commonwealth of VA. Volunteer with Remote Area Medical Clinics (RAM), 2016-2019; Homeward Virginia, 2016-18; Sigma Theta Tau board member, Gamma Omega chapter, 2013-17; Executive Committee member of Association of Community Health Nurse Educators; attended Washington Health Policy Institute.

Candidate Statement:

I believe registered nurses have an obligation to advocate for our patients and profession, and to be at the table when public policy is being formulated. Toward that end, in 2010 I returned to the University of Virginia School of Nursing to pursue an MSN in Public Health Nursing Leadership and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with a focus on public health and health policy. As the current VNA Board Commissioner on Government Relations, I have learned how to maneuver within the political arena and regulatory agencies, as well as how to craft a succinct and convincing message that will sway legislators. I currently teach health policy coursework to graduate students at VCU SON. Our school is blocks from the VA General Assembly, which has allowed me to work with VNA on policy initiatives and be readily available when Virginia nurses need a voice in the General Assembly.

Commissioner on Resources and Policy



Tiffany Lyttle, BSN, BS, RN, PCCN

Resource Pool: Intermediate Division/ LGH & VBH Supervision
Centra
Chapter 3 - Hill City

Professional/Work:

Currently, I serve in the Resource Pool at Centra Health. I share my time as a front-line nurse & administrative nursing supervisor. I am active in the leadership and research councils. I am the PI for two research projects to help better understand infection prevention's influence in throughput and resource nurse's role of civility. I have previous work experience as a social worker, mental health counselor and published writer for various local publications.

Community/Civic/Other:

It has been my pleasure to work in community nonprofit not only as a charity race founder, but also as an events coordinator/fundraiser. I currently serve through the Pillowcase Project of the Red Cross, where I teach middle-schoolers emergency preparedness. However, my greatest joy comes from raising seven amazing children. As a bi-cultural mom of adopted children, I'm a fierce advocate of breaking glass ceilings, challenging expectation and never giving up on the good.

Candidate Statement:

I have loved serving with VNA and I look forward to new areas to serve you within the organization. I believe its important as a bedside nurse to be represented in policy making and workgroups that reflect the dynamic art of nursing. We cannot expect positive change unless we show up and roll up our sleeves and I encourage all nurses to join me in taking a stand to make nursing what it needs to be for our patients, peers and communities.



Jennifer Martin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Sr. Director Nursing & Clinical Informatics
Carilion Clinic
Chapter 2 - Roanoke Valley
Incumbent

Professional/Work:

Various leadership positions: 20 years of management experience including unit manager, department manager, Magnet Program director, Sr. Director of Nursing Quality, and Sr. Director of Nursing & Clinical Informatics

Community/Civic/Other:

- I have served in several board positions in my local Sigma Theta Tau chapter- Tau Phi including secretary, vice president and president.
- Student preceptor for graduate students.

Candidate Statement:

My professional background includes critical care nursing, various management positions including operational management, nursing quality leadership, Magnet program director, and Sr. Director of nursing informatics. I have served in various roles in multiple local professional organization boards including American Association of Critical Care Nurses and Sigma Theta Tau (STTI) chapters.

I am at the end of my first term in the role of VNA's Commissioner on Resources and Policy. I have worked with a small sub-group of members and VNA's CEO to review and revise the association's bylaws to align both with the American Nurses Association bylaws and VNA membership's feedback. This work is not complete. I would like the opportunity to lead this work through completion as your Commissioner on Resources and Policy for another term.



Patty Moore, MSN, MBA, RN, NE-BC

HC Consultant

Premier Healthcare Strategies

Chapter 3 - Hill City

Professional/Work:

As an RN with an MSN, MBA and certification as a Nurse Executive, I have led multiple clinical initiatives across 70 multiple clinics to include training, education, patient safety, quality outcomes, professional advancement, JC Accreditation and Magnet designation. I have chaired quality and policy committees, as well as co-chaired pharmacy and therapeutics committee. In addition to ANA and VNA, I am a member of the AACN, MGMA (Medical Group Management Association), and VMGMA.

Community/Civic/Other:

I have chaired our historic district neighborhood association for more than 12 years. We successfully raised funds to donate to local veterans, churches and fun activities for the district. I participate in our neighborhood watch program and support the local Academy of Fine Arts. I am also initiating volunteer involvement in our local food bank due to the high poverty level in our area.

Candidate Statement:

I believe I am the ideal candidate for the position of Commissioner on Resources and Policy for VNA. I am an RN with an MSN, MBA and Certified Nurse Executive with more than 40 years of nursing experience including staff nurse, educator, entrepreneur, and leader. I have extensive experience in hospitals and ambulatory clinics and have led multiple committees including a policy development task force, participated in ethics committees, and have been a board member for cardiology and medical practices. I represented our organization during the first SYNC program to transform healthcare; a collaboration between the VHHA, MSV, VNF, and VDH. As a leader, it is important to form professional relationships and ensure diversity and inclusion. I feel I have the traits of authenticity, trustworthy, and integrity as a leader to represent you. Thank you in advance for your consideration and vote. I would be honored to represent you.

Director-at-Large, Recent Graduate



Larissa Gregory, BSN

VCU Health
Chapter 3 - Hill City

Professional/Work:

During my undergraduate time at VCU, I worked part time as a Care Partner and engaged in many community health activities set by both the Health System and the City of Richmond community. I was nominated for Care Partner of the quarter and was recognized for numerous patient satisfaction awards with the unit. I have worked in various fields, including surgery trauma, neurosurgery, brain injury rehabilitation, and bone marrow transplant.

Community/Civic/Other:

I am a member of the Oncology Nurses Association, served as the academic chair of the Epsilon Zeta chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and have held various leadership positions, including Ram Camp leader, Community Council president, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, Hashtag Lunch bag volunteer, and a mentor at the YMCA. I would love to continue my tradition of community involvement and service through this leadership position with the Virginia Nurses Association.

Candidate Statement:

I am a proud recipient of the 2019 VNA/VNF Future Nurse Leaders Award. This award has allowed me to reflect on the various leadership positions and community involvement activities I have had the pleasure to hold as an undergraduate nursing student. As I find myself growing and wanting to learn more about my peers, community, and the nursing profession, I desire a leadership role that will allow me to leave my comfort zone, network, learn, and grow as a nurse in my community. The Director-at-Large, Recent Graduate position with the Virginia Nurses Association is perfect for me because it would allow me to grow in these areas while using the leadership and planning skills I have acquired during my undergraduate experience to progress the Virginia Nurses Association in any way possible. Thank you for your time and consideration in my wish to fulfill this role.



William "Logan" Kantsios, BSN, RN

UVA Health System
Chapter 7 - Piedmont Area

Professional/Work:

I work on the Nerancy Neuro ICU at the University of Virginia Medical Center and am loving every minute of it. I graduated Radford University in December of 2018 with my BSN.

Community/Civic/Other:

I was a volunteer firefighter in my home town of Rich Creek, VA. I recently moved from Rich Creek to Charlottesville to begin my nursing career!

Candidate Statement:

I am a nurse working in the Nerancy Neuro ICU at UVA where I recently finished my orientation. I graduated Radford University in December 2018 with my BSN. I'm currently the graduate consultant for the Virginia Nursing Students Association and just finished my term on the Board of Directors for the National Student Nurses Association. From my experience serving on the state and national level I feel I can bring new perspectives to this position representing new nurses in the state of Virginia. In addition to using this position to strengthen ties with new graduates into VNA, I plan to reinforce the importance of joining professional organizations among nursing students beginning their transition into practice. I feel my ties with VNSA will greatly help with this task. I look forward to the opportunity to further advance our profession!



Tara Phelan, BSN, RN

Children's Hospital of The King's Daughter
Chapter 4 - Hampton Roads

Professional/Work:

I will begin working on CHKD's Progressive Care Unit in July. I plan to get involved in their Unit Based Council and eventually their Clinical Advancement Program. I held various leadership positions in professional organizations throughout nursing school. The most impactful experience was serving as the VNSA 1st Vice President and coordinating over 35 speakers from a variety of different nursing specialties to share knowledge with nursing students across the state.

Community/Civic/Other:

For the JMU Nursing Student Association, I served as the Community Outreach Co-Chair. I planned events and activities to engage nursing students with the Harrisonburg community. I helped host an event called Senior Prom where I invited 15 local senior homes to attend a lunch with activities, raffle prizes, a photo booth and more. I also organized a donation drive for Packages for Our Troops and coordinated serving brunch at the Ronald McDonald House.

Candidate Statement:

As a new graduate, I would love to serve as the voice for young, new nurses. I will strive to share and address concerns of new nurses with the board and aim to get more new nurses involved in VNA after graduation. After receiving the 2019 VNA/VNF Future Nurse Leader Award and hearing of the opportunity to run for the Board of Directors, I knew it was a perfect fit for me. My experience being involved in NSNA, VNSA, and JMU's NSA had a huge impact on my nursing school experience and showed me the importance of being involved in professional organizations. I would love to continue this in my career as a nurse and be a voice for new nurses through VNA and ANA. I am passionate, dedicated, motivated, and would love to be a representative of VNA.



Lydia Slaughter, BSN

Centra Health
Chapter 3 - Hill City

Professional/Work:

I will begin my first position as a registered nurse on an oncology unit this summer after passing the NCLEX. However, my over 750 hours of clinical experience on various medical-surgical and critical care units has contributed to my competency and prepared me sufficiently to begin my professional work as a registered nurse.

Community/Civic/Other:

I worked very closely with my nursing student association in endeavors to provide nursing care and health promotion to fulfill basic needs for community members. I participated in a Community Care Collaborative for three years which provided free and accessible healthcare to community members one weekend each year. I also traveled to Kenya with my pediatrics course to provide similar nursing care to the community members.

Candidate Statement:

I believe I am an ideal candidate for the Director-at-Large, Recent Graduate position because of my considerable involvement in my university nursing student association and my accessibility to an extensive population of new graduate nurses both from my graduating class and my future workplace. I received the Future Nurse Leader Award from the Virginia Nurses Association and Virginia Nurses Foundation because of several efforts I made during nursing school to improve the experience of nursing students both in school and clinical and nurses' workplace safety, as well as community health. I plan to continue these efforts as a registered nurse. In this position, I would like to champion the new graduate nurse experience as they, along with myself, transition into the calling and career of nursing. Through regular

communication with fellow recent graduates, I will be able to provide the board with greater insight toward this group's needs and desires.



Jamie Stock, BSN, RN-BC

Nurse Residency Coordinator
HCA Healthcare
Chapter 5 - Central Virginia

Professional/Work:

- Professional nursing career includes two years on a medical, neurological, telemetry unit. Duties and responsibilities included staff nurse, preceptor, advancing to charge nurse and clinical coordinator.
- Other experience includes time in the same day surgical pre-operative unit.
- Current role is at the HCA Capital Division as Nurse Residency Coordinator.
- Additionally, current adjunct professor at Southside Virginia Community College - Christanna Campus.

Community/Civic/Other:

Past volunteer experience includes Blackstone Baptist Church, Blackstone Women's Club, Hospice of Virginia, and as treasurer for school's nursing club. I have also maintained membership in other professional associations including AACN, ANPD, AMSN, Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Theta Tau.

Candidate Statement:

I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as the Director-at-Large, Recent Graduate. I believe that I am the ideal candidate for the position for multiple reasons. First, I am energetic and motivated to learn about the organization, discover new ways that I can serve the profession and am passionate about the development of new graduates. Second, I love being the voice for new graduates! As a recent graduate, I believe that our generation has a lot to learn and a lot to offer the profession. In addition to the experience I have gained in my own practice, my new role with the residency program allows me to work closely with new graduates across the state and stay abreast of their varying interests.

Committee on Nominations



Kristi Hall, DNP, NEA-BC, RN-BC, CHEC, CLNC

Sr. Director of Nursing
Carilion Clinic
Chapter 10 - New River Valley

Professional/Work:

Sr. Director of Nursing at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center

Community/Civic/Other:

- PATH (Partners in Access to Healthcare)
- Radford University Accreditation Team
- VNA, ANA
- American Organization of Nurse Executives
- Certified Legal Nurse Consultants
- Sigma Theta Tau

Candidate Statement:

For the past 18 years I have built a nursing career in support of staff and patient safety. I am dedicated to creating an environment that is conducive to sharing opinions and building new ideas. I have a shared vision of advocacy and ensuring nurses have a voice. I am dedicated to building a strong foundation in which nurses feel supported. I desire to work with VNA in a manner that builds credibility and enhances relationships.



Wendy Lafferty, MSN, RN, CPHQ

Outcomes Coordinator
Centra Health
Chapter 11 - Farmville

Professional/Work:

For the last eight years, I've worked in the quality department. Prior to this, I worked for five years as nurse director and oversaw the day-to-day running of the ICU and Telemetry units. As an Outcomes Coordinator, I serve as the quality representative on multiple committees. In this leadership role, I educate board members & physicians on quality programs. As the co-chair of our Research Council, I've mentored many bedside RNs in the Research/EBP process.

Community/Civic/Other:

For the last three years, I've served on the committee that oversees our yearly Nurse Excellence Awards. I assist in developing the program and in evaluating candidates for the awards. I also assist in the development of our annual Nurse Gala to benefit a nursing scholarship fund. I volunteer at community outreach events sponsored by my organization.

Candidate Statement:

As a member of the VNA Continuing Education Approver committee since 2015, I feel it is now time for me to become even more involved with VNA. With my background in leadership and quality, my involvement in VNA board will be a natural extension of my career as I utilize my mentoring, educational, and networking experience to promote the mission of VNA.



Frances Montague, DNP, RN-BC, GNP

Assistant Professor
Virginia State University
Chapter 5 - Central Virginia

Professional/Work:

I am an Assistant Professor in the College of Natural and Health Sciences, Department of Nursing at Virginia State University since 2005. I have served in numerous positions at a variety of healthcare institutes. I worked at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital, the Department of Veterans Health Administration (five facilities), and Sentara Hampton General Hospital, serving in positions that include staff nurse, head nurse, nurse manager, supervisor, coordinator, associate chief, and acting chief nurse.

Community/Civic/Other:

My involvement in community and civic activities include volunteering in the community with the Alzheimer's Association by co-leading support groups, attending health fairs and with the local chapter of the National Black Nurses Association at health and educational events. I serve on the Board of Directors for the Petersburg High School CTE and the Southside Opportunity Fund. I also work at the voter poll in Amelia County during local, primary, and national elections.

Candidate Statement:

I have been involved with ANA since 1983 and have maintained active membership while residing in Virginia, Texas, North Carolina, and back to Virginia. In the last 10 years I have been active in the Central Virginia Chapter 5, holding the offices of vice-president, president-elect, president and immediate past president. I have worked with and advised the chapter nominating committee, particularly when there was an abrupt change in committee leadership at election time. I have worked closely with the chairs of the chapter committees to improve our chapter and to move forward in the organization. I am an active member of the chapter's Committee on Education where I have served for the last two years. I am interested in working at the state level of the VNA. I pledge to work diligently on the Committee on Nominations to aid in selecting the best candidates to represent VNA.



Nina Trocky, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CNE

Associate Dean BSN Program
University of Maryland
Chapter 8 - NOVA

Professional/Work:

Associate Dean, BSN Program UMSO
RN-BSN Program Director, UMSO
Faculty, UMSO

Community/Civic/Other:

- Remote Area Medical (RAM) volunteer
- Virginia Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer
- St. Bernard Project (SBP) volunteer
- President Maryland Deans and Directors Council

Candidate Statement:

I wish to volunteer as a Nominating Committee member. Identifying and developing a slate of the best qualified nominees for the VNA board is of utmost importance. Supporting the mission of VNA, by developing the next slate of qualified board members is vital to the mission of the organization. I wish to participate as a member of the nomination committee.



Suzanne Wurster, PhD(c), MSN, RN-BC, CEN, CCIT

Nursing Faculty
Immaculata University
Chapter 3 - Hill City

Professional/Work:

I am currently obtaining my PhD in Nursing Education and am in the dissertation. My expected graduation is August 2020. I obtained my MSN in Nursing Education in 2012. I have been teaching nursing since 2013. Previously, I worked for PSNA (PA State Nurses Association) as the Director of Professional Development.

Community/Civic/Other:

I volunteer at my church as a nurse. I am an AHA CPR Instructor. I have served on the Awards Committee for the Emergency Nurses Association. I am Past-President for Ches-Mont Chapter of ENA.

Candidate Statement:

With my experience serving on numerous committees, specifically on the Nominations Committee at PSNA, I do believe that I am a suitable candidate. At PSNA, I oversaw the Nominations Committee. I was in charge of the entire process.