



Florida Nurses Association ELECTION

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Candidate Biographies & Statements

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Election Information

The election will be held via electronic ballot from August 1-15, 2023. FNA members in good standing will receive an email with a secure link to the official ballot. Please watch your email to make sure you are able to cast your vote! Members who don't have a valid email address on file will receive a mailed ballot.

Results of the election will be announced at the 2023 FNA Membership Assembly during the Business Meeting on Friday, September 22 from 9am-12pm. Newly elected board members will be sworn in at the time

President-Elect



Marcos Gayol

Candidate for the Position of President-Elect

As President-Elect, I would like to assist our president with initiatives supported by Board of Directors. I would also help represent state association, grow our membership and promote the nursing profession in Florida by collaborating with organizations that share FNA's mission in order to develop a statewide nursing advocacy voice.

Region:	East Central
Degree(s):	Doctor of Education Master of Science in Nursing Master of Public Health Master of Business Administration
School(s) of Nursing:	Aspen University
Place of Employment and Position:	Aspen University, Dean of Nursing & Health Sciences
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA Director, East Central Region (Current) STTI Treasurer, Alpha Beta Alpha Chapter (Current)

Vice President



Deborah Hogan

Candidate for the Position of **Vice President**

As the current Vice President, I understand the important role of chairing the Membership Committee and working with the FNA staff to increase our membership and retain current members. We are currently implementing strategies, based on member input, to increase new members and retain current members. I ask for your support.

Region:	Northeast
Degree(s):	Master of Science in Public Health Bachelors of Science in Nursing
School(s) of Nursing:	Mastin School of Nursing - Diploma Medical College of Georgia - BSN Tulane School of Public Health - MPH
Place of Employment and Position:	Retired Public Health Nurse from DOH, Palm Beach County
Professional Organizational Activities:	Health Care Professionals Bargaining Unit - President - 2018-2022 Health Care Professionals Bargaining Unit - Secretary/Treasurer - 2022-Present Vice-President, Florida Nurses Association - 2021-Present Vice-President-Florida Nurses Association - 2021-Present FNA HCP Secretary Treasurer



Valerie Morrison

Candidate for the Position of **Vice President**

Service to others and love for nursing are two foundational values that guide my career. I am seeking election as the FNA Vice President to advocate for sustainable solutions to improve the health and well-being of Florida nurses, reignite their passion, and create positive practice environments where they can thrive.

Region:	Northeast
Degree(s):	Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Management, Doctor of Business Administration
School(s) of Nursing:	University of North Florida (BSN); Naval Postgraduate School (Masters); Northcentral University (Doctorate)
Place of Employment and Position:	Director, Student Health Services, University of North Florida Adjunct Faculty, College of Nursing, University of Central Florida
Professional Organizational Activities:	Region IV Director, Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership (Nov. 2022-Oct. 2024) Alternate Representative, Nurses on Boards Coalition, Florida Nurses Association (Sep. 2021-present) Co-Chair, Education Committee, Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership (Nov. 2021-Oct. 2023) President, Northeast Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership (Nov. 2021 - Oct. 2023) Chair and Commissioner, Commission on Pathway to Excellence, American Nurses Credentialing Center (Jan. 2019-present) Member, Nursing Administration: Scope and Standards Revision Task Force (Sep. 2021-Mar. 2023)

Secretary



Beverly “Susie” Norman

Candidate for the Position of **Secretary**

I’ve served as Northeast Region Director for the past 4 years. I have knowledge of board and committee operations, familiarity with board documents, and possess strong organizational skills and attention to detail. I would like to serve as Secretary while continuing to advocate for nursing and inspiring others to contribute to changes in policy, practice and law.

Region:	Northeast
Degree(s):	MSN, BSN, ASN
School(s) of Nursing:	Chamberlain College of Nursing (MSN Executive Track), Jacksonville University (BSN), Florida Gateway College (ASN)
Place of Employment and Position:	UF Health Jacksonville- Nurse Manager, General Surgery and Trauma Overflow
Professional Organizational Activities:	Northeast Region Director 2019-2023 Board Member of Great 100 Nurses of Northeast Florida 2017-2021 Florida Nurses Association - Member American Nurses Association - Member

Treasurer



George Peraza-Smith

Candidate for the Position of **Treasurer**

Fiduciary responsibility and accountability are important to the success of an Association. I will explore ways to remain relevant for our current and future members to ensure a thriving Association. We have a rich history from which to build a strong and financially stable Association.

Region:	West Central
Degree(s):	ADN, BSN, MSN, DNP
School(s) of Nursing:	ADN, Houston Community College BSN/MSN, The University of Texas Medical Branch Certificate, GNP, University of South Florida DNP, Case
Place of Employment and Position:	West Coast University - Program Dean, A-GPCNP & DNP Good Samaritan Clinic, New Port Richey - Nurse Practitioner Volunteer
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA President, 2019 - 2021 FNF President, 2023 - Present Bylaws Committee, 2019 - Present (Chair 2023 - Present) ANA Florida Delegate, 2019 - 2023 Gerontology Nursing Certification Commission Trustee, 2018 - Present AANP Fellow Selection Committee, 2022 - Present Sigma, International Review Committee



Elizabeth Robison

Candidate for the Position of **Treasurer**

I have experience with association financial management. For FNA to advance the profession and promote a healthy Florida, being fiscally sound is important. I'd like to volunteer my expertise and support efforts by the Board to ensure the FNA is the first choice for all RNs in Florida.

Region:	Northwest
Degree(s):	EdD in Curriculum and Instructional Technology EdS in Curriculum MSN - Clinical Nurse Specialist track with specialty in Trauma Nursing MS - Adult Education BSN
School(s) of Nursing:	Duke University University of Alabama at Birmingham
Place of Employment and Position:	Current - Retired Professor of Nursing Past - Northwest Florida State College, Contractor for 81st Medical Group, and U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps
Professional Organizational Activities:	National League for Nursing - Chair, Foundation Scholarship Selection Panel Committee - 2023 (served one year as co-chair - 2022); Prior to this have served as a scholarship reviewer, 2021, 2020, & 2019. Also served as a NLN Summit Abstract reviewer. Organization for Associate Degree Nursing - Simulation Committee - served initially on task force November 2020, until the task force became a committee. Serve in Lead role with committee on Virtual Simulation Reviews. June 2019 through June 2023 - Treasurer/Secretary, International Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL). Also served as a facilitator for their educational online program - ISEP which is now a six month online cohort; facilitated a group in the cohort during May and Sep 2022. Prior to this was involved in a specific module as a facilitator during the 12-month program. Also served as board liaison to the Sustainability SIG. Have served as an abstract reviewer for INASCL's journal, Clinical Simulation in Nursing. Society for Simulation and Healthcare - Abstract reviewer for 2023 IMSH Conference podium presentation. Treasurer/Secretary, International Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL)

Region Directors

Northwest Region Director



Tara Moats

Candidate for the Position of Northwest Region Director

FNA continues to address real time challenges and opportunities in nursing today. Serving the nursing community by representing the Northwest Region means forging meaningful connections. I look forward to the opportunity to apply my background in nursing education, leadership, and practice management that I believe will serve members well.

Region:	Northwest
Degree(s):	DNP, BAS, BSN, AA, ASN, AS
School(s) of Nursing:	University of Florida Northwest Florida State College
Place of Employment and Position:	Northwest Florida State College, Assistant Professor Tenure Track
Professional Organizational Activities:	Graduate Nurse Student Organization, Founder and President, University of Florida University of Florida College of Nursing Dean Search Committee Member AACN Graduate Nurse Student Academy Liaison and Planning Committee for Annual Conference

North Central Region Director



Tara Moats

Candidate for the Position of North Central Region Director

I would like the opportunity to become more involved with FNA; to work with motivated individuals for the betterment of nursing, to provide support and advocate for my fellow nurses and to promote nursing excellence.

Region:	North Central
Degree(s):	Associate of Arts Associate of Science in Nursing Bachelors of Science Masters of Science in Nursing emphasis on Education
School(s) of Nursing:	Pellissippi State Technical Community College Santa Fe Community College Florida State University Grand Canyon University
Place of Employment and Position:	Select Specialty Hospital - Director of Case Management Centurion - Registered Nurse
Professional Organizational Activities:	

Northeast Region Director



Palma Iacovitti

Candidate for the Position of Northeast Region Director

Serving on the Board would allow me to understand current pressing issues related to nursing practice and how to serve each other and our patients better. I can provide an avenue to share important matters with my colleagues, help expand their network and positively influence others.

Region:	Northeast
Degree(s):	DNP, MBA, BSN
School(s) of Nursing:	Holy Family University University of Iowa
Place of Employment and Position:	MHRC at University of Florida Health Director of Psychiatric Services (May 2023)
Professional Organizational Activities:	Florida Nurses Association Research Committee



Amber Johnson

Candidate for the Position of Northeast Region Director

I seek to organize opportunities that empower nurses to engage their ideas and concerns resulting in educated and informed decisions regarding nursing practice. In addition, collaboratively promote healthcare initiatives that elevate nursing practice to the top of their scope.

Region:	Northeast
Degree(s):	MSN Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist Associate Degree of Nursing Program, Practical Nurse Education Program B.S. Psychology
School(s) of Nursing:	Eastern Michigan University Oakland Community College
Place of Employment and Position:	Mayo Clinic, FL: Clinical Nurse Specialist
Professional Organizational Activities:	ANA/FNA National Association of Health Services Executives NACNS: EID

East Central Region Director



Kimberly Warren

Candidate for the Position of East Central Region Director

As the East Central Regional Director, I will help to support the FNA mission and grow the membership within my region by collaborating with nursing organizations that align with FNA's vision of the representation of nursing. I will organize quarterly meetings for regional members to create events and activities tailored to the needs of the region.

Region:	East Central
Degree(s):	Master of Science in Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing
School(s) of Nursing:	Western Governors University
Place of Employment and Position:	Aspen University, Manager of Office Field Experience
Professional Organizational Activities:	Member - FNA/ANA

West Central Region Director

	Karen Aul	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>West Central Region Director</u>	
	<i>I am seeking the position of West Central Director for FNA. I will use my excellent collaborative skills to serve as a liaison with the FNA Board and my strong organizational and detailed planning skills to help coordinate FNA regional events.</i>	
	Region:	West Central
	Degree(s):	PhD, MSN, BSN, AND, LPN
	School(s) of Nursing:	Robert Morris University (PhD, MSN) Slippery Rock University (BSN) Butler County Community College (AON, LPN)
	Place of Employment and Position:	University of South Florida College of Nursing Associate Professor Director of Student Academic Success
	Professional Organizational Activities:	2022-present - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) scholarship committee 2019-2022 - Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing, Alpha Theta Chapter at University of Florida, Board Member, Treasurer 2022 - Virtual Research Summit and Malasanos Lectureship Planning Committee 2015-2018 - Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing, Eta Theta Chapter of Arkansas State University, Board Member, President 2022-present - National Consortium of Academic Coaches
	Region:	West Central
	Degree(s):	BSN, RN
	School(s) of Nursing:	Barry University Boston University School of Public Health, Class of 2025
	Place of Employment and Position:	Dedicated and versatile Registered Nurse with 17 years of Critical Care, Clinical Liaison, and Case Management experience. (AdventHealth, BayCare, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Kindred, LifePath Hospice, Mercy Hospital (HCA), Tenet Healthcare). Currently employed as an independent contractor through varied agency, PRN, and travel opportunities. (Gale, Independence Living Centers, ShiftMed, Vivian).
	Professional Organizational Activities:	West Central Region, Director at Large (2021-2023); WCEN Region, Legislative Action Team (2020-2023). Nursing Action Coalition of Florida, Team #1 Member (2023); Florida Nurses Association, Member (2017-Present); FNA Health Policy SIG, Member (2020-Present); Florida Nurses Political Action Committee, Trustee (2019-Present); FNA Advocacy Days,Team Lead (2020, 2023); FNA Bylaws Committee, Member (2020). American Nurses Association, Member (2017-Present); Sigma Theta Tau, Past Member; U.S. Masters Swimming (2015-Present)/World Wide Swim Alcatraz Classic (2021). Project Medishare; Port-Au-Prince, Haiti (Earthquake Relief 2010).
	Region:	West Central
	Degree(s):	BSN, RN

Southwest Region Director

	Charene Adams
	Candidate for the Position of Southwest Region Director
	<i>I am seeking this position because after 21 years as a floor nurse, an administrator, and a nurse educator, I have seen the few changes in nursing and in order to ask for change you have to be actively engaged to have that happen. I would like to increase not only interest, involvement but our numbers of member attendance in meetings and gatherings to discuss how improve nursing in the state of Florida and the entire U.S.A.</i>
Region:	Southwest
Degree(s):	Doctorate of Nursing Practice - Healthcare Systems Leadership Master of Science in Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing
School(s) of Nursing:	Chamberlain University University of Phoenix University of Texas at Arlington
Place of Employment and Position:	Galen College of Nursing (Faculty) Achieve Test Prep (Instructor) Cara Wellness LLC, (CNO/CEO)
Professional Organizational Activities:	

Southeast Region Director

	Cynthia Tagliaferri
	Candidate for the Position of Southeast Region Director
	<i>I'm seeking a second term as SE Region Director to further unite our five counties, encourage member participation with fellowship opportunities such as events, educational programs, and continued grassroots legislative outreach. Advocating for all nurses and our profession to effect positive outcomes, as your trusted liaison, is my primary goal.</i>
Region:	Southeast
Degree(s):	DNP, MSN, BSN
School(s) of Nursing:	Florida Atlantic University, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing
Place of Employment and Position:	Aesthetic Wellness Institute of Palm Beach, Director of Operations
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA Southeast Region Director 2021-2023 FNA Southeast Region Event Planning Committee Chair 2021-2023 FNA Southeast Region Legislative Committee Co-chair 2021-2023 Sigma Theta Tau Iota Xi Chapter at Large Healing for Healers Event Committee Co-chair 2023

South Region Director

	Guillermo Valdes
	Candidate for the Position of South Region Director
	<i>Dr. Valdes serves in the FNA South Region Leadership Committee. He supports nursing research and evidence-based practice with a commitment to recognizing nurses as leaders. As South Region Director, he will represent nurses in a variety of clinical, educational and leadership roles. Dr. Valdes has a lifelong career advocating for the rights of nurses and healthcare professionals. He has received numerous accolades including being recognized in the FNA "Great 100 Nurses".</i>
Region:	South
Degree(s):	Post Graduate Certificate Specialty in Nursing Education Doctor of Nursing Practice Master of Science in Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing Associate of Science in Nursing
School(s) of Nursing:	PGC-NEd - Duke University DNP - Chatham University MSN - University of Phoenix BSN - Barry University ASN - Miami Dade College
Place of Employment and Position:	Department Chair RN to BSN Program Benjamin Leon School of Nursing Miami Dade College
Professional Organizational Activities:	Florida Nurses Association South Region Member National Black Nurses Miami Chapter Member National Association of Hispanic Nurses Miami Chapter Member American Nurses Association Member National Association of Hispanic Nurses Member Chatham University DNP Advisory Board Member Barry University SIGMA Lambda Chi Chapter Member Miami Dade College Alpha Beta Epsilon at Large SIGMA Chapter Member Duke University Beta Epsilon SIGMA Chapter Member Chatham University Chi Zeta SIGMA Chapter Member National Black Nurses Association Member National League of Nursing Member Sigma Foundation Nursing Fellows Committee Member FNA Awards Committee Chair: FNA South Region Symposium and Awards Ceremony 2021, 2022 and 2023 Leadership Committee Succession Chair, Alpha Beta Epsilon SIGMA Chapter at Large, MDC and Baptist Health of South Florida Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida Advisory Board Member

Director - Recent Graduates

	Mikaela J. Holthaus
	Candidate for the Position of Director - Recent Graduates
	<i>If chosen, I aim to establish a culture of excellence that nurtures practicing, new graduate, and student nurses in a supportive and empowering environment. By fostering collaboration and innovation, I intend to create opportunities for professional growth, community engagement, and mentorship, thereby elevating the new generation of compassionate and competent nurses.</i>
Region:	South
Degree(s):	Bachelors of Science in Nursing (2020-2023)
School(s) of Nursing:	Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences at Florida International University
Place of Employment and Position:	West Coast University - Nursing Simulation Specialist
Professional Organizational Activities:	While I have not held a position, I facilitated a successful toy drive with the assistance of my peers at two nursing schools in South Florida that raised over 270 toys for Jackson Holtz Children's Hospital. Additionally, I recently co-facilitated a food drive for FIU's student food pantry and served as a volunteer for a local health clinic that serves low-income families in my community. I volunteer for a nonprofit organization that focuses on establishing sustainable obstetric and newborn care in low to middle-income countries. Within these projects, I assist in data collection interpretation and serve on quality improvement teams for four regional hospitals in Ghana.

	Aminah Johnson
	Candidate for the Position of Director - Recent Graduates
	<i>I am seeking to continue in the position of Director of Recent Grads because I am passionate about working with and mentoring the new graduate nurses who will be pivotal in being a part of nursing advocacy through networking and leadership activities in the State of Florida.</i>
Region:	Northwest
Degree(s):	Associates of Science in Nursing-RN Bachelors of Science in Health Administration Masters of Science in Nursing-Pending
School(s) of Nursing:	Pensacola State College Chamberlain University School of Nursing
Place of Employment and Position:	Ascension Sacred Heart-Labor and Delivery RN Baptist Hospital-PRN Float, Med Surg
Professional Organizational Activities:	Florida Nurses Association-Director of Recent Grads American Nurses Association-Member

Nominating Committee (Five Positions Open)

	Melissa Bailey	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>I would like to promote professional nursing throughout Florida. As my career progresses, I understand the importance of growing and mentoring the next generation of nursing. Expanding my service to others is a priority whether that be other nurses, communities and patients.</i>	
	Region:	East Central
	Degree(s):	MSN, BSN, Diploma in Nursing
	School(s) of Nursing:	OSF College of Nursing Methodist School of Nursing
	Place of Employment and Position:	Nemours Children’s Health - Director of Nursing
	Professional Organizational Activities:	Florida Nurses Association - Member American Nurses Association - Member
	Debbie Conner	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>I seek to serve the Florida Nurses Association as a member of the nominating committee. I have served in this role for Sigma Theta Tau honor society chapters and CCNE (nursing accreditor). I have been a member since 1994 and currently serve as a Trustee on the Florida Nurses Foundation.</i>	
	Region:	East Central
	Degree(s):	BSN, MSN, PhD
	School(s) of Nursing:	Barry University
	Place of Employment and Position:	Conner Health and Education, LLC - nurse practitioner and health coach Franklin University - Chair - School of Nursing
	Professional Organizational Activities:	Trustee and Treasurer, Florida Nurses Foundation On-site evaluator and Team Lead, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
	Leesuk Ferencsik	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>I want to use this excellent leadership opportunity to get more involved in the association, serve the professional nursing community, and develop personal and professional leadership skills.</i>	
	Region:	Southeast
	Degree(s):	Associate of Science in Nursing (1989) Bachelor of Science in Nursing (1993) Master of Science in Nursing Education (2010) Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (2016)
	School(s) of Nursing:	Chung-Ju Junior National College, Chung-Ju Si, S. Korea Korea Open University, Seoul, S. Korea University of Phoenix, Orlando, FL Barry University School of Nursing, Miami, FL
	Place of Employment and Position:	AdventHealth University/ Associate Professor
	Professional Organizational Activities:	



Sarah Gabua	
Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
<i>I am seeking the nomination for the Nominating committee. This is a very important role to help support future elections. I am in the Southwest Region and have served in various leadership roles within the nursing organization in Illinois and Florida.</i>	
Region:	Southwest
Degree(s):	DNP - General Post Masters Certificate in Nursing Education MSN Leadership and Management BSN ASN
School(s) of Nursing:	Walden University Chamberlain University Rock Valley College
Place of Employment and Position:	Aspen University - Director of Graduate Nursing Programs
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA - Southwest Region Director



Nyempu Karmue-Hall	
Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
<i>I am a Doctor of Nursing Practice with 24 years nursing experience. With my diverse background as clinical staff, lecturer, leader, and entrepreneur, I aim to bring a comprehensive perspective to the committee, ensuring fair and effective selection processes that advance the nursing profession and promote inclusive representation within the association's leadership.</i>	
Region:	Southwest
Degree(s):	Post Graduate Certificate - Family Nurse Practitioner (Pending) Doctor of Nursing Practice DNP Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Educator Bachelors of Science in Allied Health Leadership Bachelors of Science in Nursing Associates of Science in Nursing Certified Nursing Assistant
School(s) of Nursing:	FNP- Purdue University Global DNP - King University MSN - King University BSA - East Tennessee State University BSN - Rhode Island College ASN - Atlantic Union College
Place of Employment and Position:	Pioneer Nurse Consultant LLC (Owner 2023) Veterans Affairs (VA) Staff Registered Nurse to Clinical Nurse Coordinator (April 2011 - May 2023)
Professional Organizational Activities:	2021-Present: Transforming Ordinary Ladies to Leaders (TOLL) 2021-Present: Nurses In Charge Inc. (501c3 Nonprofit Organization) 2023: Nurses In Charge Inc. (Liberia, West Africa) Pioneer Nurse Consultant LLC: Chief Executive Officer Nurses In Charge Inc. (Founder)

	Edith Kavouklis	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>I am seeking this position to help support FNA in their collaborative efforts to procure a capable nominating committee. I want to donate my time and energies to ensure a fair, accurate and effective election processes. I hope to accomplish a successful election with a board that is representative of FNA members’ aim.</i>	
	Region:	West Central
	Degree(s):	ADS, Respiratory Therapy ADS, Nursing BSN MSN, FNP
School(s) of Nursing:	Excelsior Western Governors University	
Place of Employment and Position:	Self-employed - Philotemo, a consulting company, currently working with Innovative Healing Institute and Advent Health in Tampa Bay area - in wound care and hyperbaric medicine	
Professional Organizational Activities:		

	Mavra Kear	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>I have been an FNA member for nearly 40 years and served as state and District President, Treasurer, and Member at Large. I am committed to the success and growth of FNA and will work diligently with other Nominating Committee members to draft a ballot of candidates that value and promote FNA mission and vision.</i>	
	Region:	West Central
	Degree(s):	PHD Nursing (University of South Florida) MSN (University of Florida) BSN (University of Florida)
School(s) of Nursing:		
Place of Employment and Position:	Peace River Center, Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA Treasurer, 2019-2023; FNA President 2011-2013	

	John Lunde	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>I am seeking a position on the nominating committee to continue my involvement in the advancement of the nursing profession. I believe it is important at this time to be engaged and help shape the future of nursing in Florida.</i>	
	Region:	Northeast
	Degree(s):	DNP, MBA, MSN
School(s) of Nursing:	University of Alabama at Birmingham, DNP Troy State University, MSN, BSN Lagrange College, ADN	
Place of Employment and Position:	ICC Healthcare, HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital- Critical Care NP Jacksonville University, Clincial Assistant Professor of Nursing, AGACNP Track	
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA Nominating Committee FNPN Education Committee Society of Critical Care (SCCM) FCCS Committee Society of Critical Care (SCCM) Advance Pharmacology Committee Neurocritical Care Society- Guidelines Committee Eastern Association of the Surgery in Trauma (EAST) Guidelines Committee	



Lois Marshall

Candidate for the Position of **Nominating Committee**

I am a very active member of FNA and am committed to the continued growth and active presence within the state and nationally of the organization. The nominating committee gives me a chance to participate actively in the development of the slate of candidates to meet that goal.

Region:	South
Degree(s):	PhD, University of Miami, School of Education,1999 MN, Emory University, School of Nursing,1980 BSN, University of Miami, School of Nursing, 1978
School(s) of Nursing:	Emory University, 1979-1980 University of Miami, 1974-1978
Place of Employment and Position:	LSM Educational Consulting, Principal and Owner, Nursing Consultant, 2008-Current
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA, Chair, Research SIG, 2014-Current FNA, Membership Committee, 2022-2023 FNA, Reference Committee, 2016-2017 Association of Radiology and Interventional Nurses, Editorial Board, Journal of Radiology Nursing, 2016-Current Membership Task Force, Lead, STTI, 2017-Current Content Expert/Lead, Sigma Academies, 2017-Current



Raquel Pasarón

Candidate for the Position of **Nominating Committee**

I have been past Nominations Chair and Nominations Committee member for my specialty organization, the American Pediatric Surgical Nursing Association, Inc., and understand the importance of a diverse nominations committee, and the responsibilities associated with being a committee member and recruiting leaders for organizational stewardship.

Region:	South
Degree(s):	Post-Graduate Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, 2022 - Rush Univ. Doctor of Nursing Practice, 2011 - University of Florida Masters of Science in Nursing, FNP - 1993 - University of Miami
School(s) of Nursing:	Bachelors of Science in Nursing - 1983 - Barry University
Place of Employment and Position:	Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital - Nurse Practitioner - Complex Care Center
Professional Organizational Activities:	2023 - Florida Nurses Association, Abstract Reviewer for the FNA 9th Annual Evidence-Based Practice and Research Conference 2021- 2022 Member. Advance Practice Advisory Council. Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, Miami, FL 2021-present American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc., Education Committee 2018-2020 American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc., Nominations Committee 2016-2020 American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc., Strategic Plan Committee Chair 2017-2018 American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc, Board of Directors-Director of Program, Appointed 2017-2018 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Board of Commissioners – Secretary, Executive Committee 2018 Campaña Quirúrgica Para Pacientes con Enfermedad de Hirschsprung y Malformación Ano Rectal Compleja, Lima, Perú.

 Consolacion "Paulette" Sepe Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>Nurses must advocate for themselves as they regularly do for others. On the Nominating Committee, my goal is to provide support for nurses seeking to advocate for the nursing profession. I will do so by guiding candidates in the election process using my experience in advocacy and skills in education.</i>
Region:	Southeast
Degree(s):	MSN, BSN
School(s) of Nursing:	MSN - Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida BSN, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico
Place of Employment and Position:	American Nurses Credentialing Center - Pathway to Excellence - Senior RN Specialist
Professional Organizational Activities:	

 Danay Rodriguez-Arritola Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
Region:	South
Degree(s):	BSN, MSN, APRN, DNP, MBA in progress to be completed by 8/2023
School(s) of Nursing:	Miami Dade College - ASN Western Governors - BSN Maryville Univeristy - MSN-APRN Maimi Regional University - DNP
Place of Employment and Position:	Larkin Community Hospital Palm Springs Campus - CNO Tenet Hialeah Hospital ACNO, Dir ER, Dir. ICU, Dir. Clinical Informatics, Dir. Special Procedures, Labor and Delivery RN, ER RN, House Supervisor
Professional Organizational Activities:	Health and Wellness Committee - South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

 Elizabeth Sassatelli Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>I aim to serve on the nominating committee because I would like to become a member of FNA leadership. This position would give me exposure to how FNA is run and the roles/ responsibilities of each office. I am committed to serving our professional organization.</i>
Region:	West Central
Degree(s):	PhD Nursing, BSN
School(s) of Nursing:	Rush University, Chicago IL University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth MA
Place of Employment and Position:	University of Tampa, Assistant Professor (2015-present)
Professional Organizational Activities:	University of Tampa Committees: Academic Standards, Title IX, Admission and Progression, Faculty Senate, Academic Appeals

	Rosa Aepulveda	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>I have not been involved in the FNA but would like to be involved in a way to make difference in the organization. What better way than in the candidate nominations. I want to make sure that candidates are well informed and will be able to fulfill their obligations as required by FNA.</i>	
Region:	East Central	
Degree(s):	Associate degree in Medical Assisting Associate Degree in Nursing	
School(s) of Nursing:	Rasmussen University	
Place of Employment and Position:	AdventHealth East Orlando Positions held; Charge Nurse, Preceptor, EMR super user	
Professional Organizational Activities:		

	VaShawna Thomas	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Nominating Committee</u>	
	<i>As an elected representative understanding the role of the nurse and the impact within our communities is essential. I am looking to become more involved with state level organizations to influence and promote nurse advocacy activities for Florida nurses.</i>	
Region:	Northeast	
Degree(s):	BSN-2010 MSN/Ed-2016 Post MSN FNP-2020 DNP-2023	
School(s) of Nursing:	Jacksonville University South University	
Place of Employment and Position:	Artistic Hearts of Jax-Lead Instructor United States University-FNP Program Adjunct Instructor Jacksonville University-BSN Program Clinical Adjunct	
Professional Organizational Activities:	No position or current committee but attended Nurse Advocacy Days 2023.	

Representatives to ANA Membership Assembly (Three Positions Open)

Only Full FNA/ANA Members can vote for Rep to ANA Membership Assembly. State-only members cannot vote for this position.

	Tami Falls	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Representative to ANA Membership Assembly</u>	
	<i>I want to be a person that fellow nurses can come to with issues or concerns. I want to be their voice.</i>	
	Region:	Southeast
Degree(s):	MSN Nursing Education, BSN, AS, AA	
School(s) of Nursing:	MSN - Western Governors University BSN - Adventist University of Health Sciences ASN - Lake City Community College	
Place of Employment and Position:	Department of Veteran Affairs, PACT RN Care Manager	
Professional Organizational Activities:	Co-Chair on Falls Committee Chair Smoking Committee	

	Isabel Francis	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Representative to ANA Membership Assembly</u>	
	<i>As an advocate for nurses, nursing, and nursing education, I believe I can speak to Florida’s unique challenges and open important communication channels with the ANA. I am committed to furthering nursing education in Florida, and believe strongly in the mission of the FNA.</i>	
	Region:	Southwest
	Degree(s):	BA, BSN, MSN, MPA
School(s) of Nursing:	Northern Michigan University, Capella University, currently doctoral student at University of South Florida	
Place of Employment and Position:	Graduate Research Assistant, University of South Florida	
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA Political Action Committee	

	Palma Iacovitti	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Representative to ANA Membership Assembly</u>	
	<i>Serving on the Board would allow me to understand current pressing issues related to nursing practice and how to serve each other and our patients better. I can provide an avenue to share important matters with my colleagues, help expand their network and positively influence others.</i>	
	Region:	Northeast
	Degree(s):	DNP, MBA
School(s) of Nursing:	Holy Family University University of Iowa	
Place of Employment and Position:	River Point Behavioral Health Asst Director of Nursing (until 4/14/23) MHRC at University of Florida Health Director of Psychiatric Services (May 2023)	
Professional Organizational Activities:	Florida Nurses Association Research Committee	

	Mavra Kear	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Representative to ANA Membership Assembly</u>	
	<i>I have demonstrated commitment to the nursing profession in my 35 years as a member of FNA/ ANA. I look forward to an opportunity to serve as a representative to ANA.</i>	
	Region:	West Central
	Degree(s):	BSN, MSN, PHD Nursing
School(s) of Nursing:	University of Florida (BSN, MSN), University of South Florida (PHD)	
Place of Employment and Position:	Peace River Center, APRN	
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA Treasurer (2019-2023), FNA President (2011-2013)	

	Meghan Moroney	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Representative to ANA Membership Assembly</u>	
	<i>As a seasoned advocate, PAC Trustee, and Director at Large, I seek to serve as a representative to ANA addressing the Nurse Staffing Crisis, Improving Care and Access to Nurses (ICAN) H.R. 2713, Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act (H.R. 2663/ S. 1176), and National Nursing Workforce Center Act (S. 1150/H.R. 2411).</i>	
	Region:	West Central
	Degree(s):	BSN, RN
School(s) of Nursing:	Barry University, BSN Boston University, MPH, Class of 2025	
Place of Employment and Position:	Dedicated and versatile Registered Nurse with 17 years of Critical Care, Clinical Liaison, and Case Management experience. (AdventHealth, BayCare, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Kindred, LifePath Hospice, Mercy Hospital (HCA), Tenet Healthcare). Currently employed as an independent contractor through varied agency, per diem, and travel opportunities. (Gale, Indepedence Living Centers, ShiftMed, Vivian)	
Professional Organizational Activities:	West Central Region, Director at Large (2021-2023); WCEN Region, Legislative Action Team (2020-2023). Nursing Action Coalition of Florida, Team #1 Member (2023); Florida Nurses Association, Member (2017-Present); FNA Health Policy SIG, Member (2020-Present); Florida Nurses Political Action Committee, Trustee (2019-Present); FNA Advocacy Days,Team Lead (2020, 2023); FNA Bylaws Committee, Member (2020). American Nurses Association, Member (2017-Present); Sigma Theta Tau, Past Member; U.S. Masters Swimming (2015-Present)/World Wide Swim Alcatraz Classic (2021). Project Medishare; Port-Au-Prince, Haiti (Earthquake Relief 2010).	

	Valerie Morrison	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Representative to ANA Membership Assembly</u>	
	<i>Service to others and love for nursing are two foundational values that guide my career. I am seeking election as the FNA Vice President to advocate for sustainable solutions to improve the health and well-being of Florida nurses, reignite their passion, and create positive practice environments where they can thrive.</i>	
	Region:	Northeast
	Degree(s):	Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Management, Doctor of Business Administration
School(s) of Nursing:	University of North Florida (BSN); Naval Postgraduate School (Masters); Northcentral University (Doctorate)	
Place of Employment and Position:	Director, Student Health Services, University of North Florida Adjunct Faculty, College of Nursing, University of Central Florida	

Professional Organizational Activities:	Region IV Director, Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership (Nov. 2022-Oct. 2024) Alternate Representative, Nurses on Boards Coalition, Florida Nurses Association (Sep. 2021-present) Co-Chair, Education Committee, Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership (Nov. 2021-Oct. 2023) President, Northeast Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership (Nov. 2021 - Oct. 2023) Chair and Commissioner, Commission on Pathway to Excellence, American Nurses Credentialing Center (Jan. 2019-present) Member, Nursing Administration: Scope and Standards Revision Task Force (Sep. 2021-Mar. 2023) Region IV Director, Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership (Nov. 2022-Oct. 2024) Alternate Representative, Nurses on Boards Coalition, Florida Nurses Association (Sep. 2021-present) Co-Chair, Education Committee, Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership (Nov. 2021-Oct. 2023) President, Northeast Florida Organization for Nursing Leadership (Nov. 2021 - Oct. 2023) Chair and Commissioner, Commission on Pathway to Excellence, American Nurses Credentialing Center (Jan. 2019-present)
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	George Peraza-Smith Candidate for the Position of <u>Representative to ANA Membership Assembly</u>
	<i>Fiduciary responsibility and accountability are important to the success of an Association. I will explore ways to remain relevant for our current and future members to ensure a thriving Association. We have a rich history from which to build a strong and financially stable Association.</i>
Region:	West Central
Degree(s):	ADN, BSN, MSN, DNP
School(s) of Nursing:	ADN, Houston Community College BSN/MSN, The University of Texas Medical Branch Certificate, GNP, University of South Florida DNP, Case
Place of Employment and Position:	West Coast University - Program Dean, A-GPCNP & DNP Good Samaritan Clinic, New Port Richey - Nurse Practitioner Volunteer
Professional Organizational Activities:	FNA President, 2019 - 2021 FNF President, 2023 - Present Bylaws Committee, 2019 - Present (Chair 2023 - Present) ANA Florida Delegate, 2019 - 2023 Gerontology Nursing Certification Commission Trustee, 2018 - Present AANP Fellow Selection Committee, 2022 - Present Sigma, International Review Committee

	Alicia Rossiter Candidate for the Position of <u>Representative to ANA Membership Assembly</u>
	<i>I am seeking the Representative to the ANA Membership Assembly position to represent nurses from Florida regarding policy and positions set forth by the ANA. I will leverage my knowledge/experience in policy, education, research, and practice to ensure the needs of nurses, patients, communities, and practice stakeholders are met.</i>
Region:	West Central
Degree(s):	DNP, MSN, BSN
School(s) of Nursing:	University of South Florida (MSN, DNP) University of Alabama (BSN)
Place of Employment and Position:	University of South Florida College of Nursing Associate Professor Assistant Dean for Alumni and Community Engagement Chief Officer of Military and Veteran Affairs
Professional Organizational Activities:	2021—Present Sulphur Springs Pre-K-8 Leadership Cabinet 2022—Present Sulphur Springs/UCF Community Partnership Schools Grant Program 2015—2018 Spina Bifida Association of Central Florida—Board Member 2021—Present Jonas Philanthropies Nursing and Veteran Health-Veteran Health Subject Matter Expert 2020—Present Special Forces Charitable Trust--Education Committee Member 2020—2022 American Academy of Nursing--Chair, Military and Veteran Health Expert Panel 2020—Present American Academy of Nursing--Have You Ever Served? National Advisory Council 2019—2020 American Academy of Nursing--Co-Chair, Military and Veteran Health Expert Panel 2016—2018 Jonas Philanthropies Scholar Alumni Advisory Council—Vice Chair, Board Member 2016—2022 American Association of Nurse Practitioners--Fellows Selection Committee Member 2019—Present International Armed Forces Community Nursing Research Collaboration (IAFCNRC)

	Elizabeth Sassatelli	
	Candidate for the Position of <u>Representative to ANA Membership Assembly</u>	
	<i>I aim to serve on the nominating committee because I would like to become a member of FNA leadership. This position would give me exposure to how FNA is run and the roles/ responsibilities of each office. I am committed to serving our professional organization.</i>	
	Region:	West Central
	Degree(s):	PhD Nursing, BSN,
School(s) of Nursing:		Rush University, Chicago IL University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth MA
Place of Employment and Position:		University of Tampa, Assistant Professor (2015-present)
Professional Organizational Activities:		University of Tampa Committees: Academic Standards, Title IX, Admission and Progression, Faculty Senate, Academic Appeals

Delegates for OPEIU National Labor Convention

UF Health/Shands Hospital:	Marsha Martin Cynthia Harris
Rockledge Regional Medical Center:	Stephen Applegate Rodger Osterhuber
State of Florida/Professional Heath Care Unit:	Carolyn Lightner Vivienne Treharne
Florida International University:	Ray Corrales Alesailec Figuerola