

KNA 2018 Election

The following is the biographical information furnished by the candidates on the 2018 Ballot for Election to Serve.

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Board of Directors and Officers

Treasurer (Vote for 1):

Liz Sturgeon, PhD, RN, CNE



Present Position: Associate Professor
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Finance, Departmental Budgets
Education: University of Kentucky—PhD Nursing
Professional Organizational Activities: Director-At-Large

2016-2018; Education and Research Cabinet Chair 2012-2016; District 7 Treasurer 2007-2014; Member of KNA Finance Committee; Treasurer, NKY Chapter KNA; Commissioner on Covington Human Rights Commission since 2016; Strategic Planning Committee for NKY Pride 2018.

Statement: My name is Liz Sturgeon and I am running for KNA treasurer. I currently serve KNA as a Director-At-Large and as a member of the Finance Committee. I am excited about this opportunity to serve my professional organization in a different capacity. In addition to Finance Committee experience, I was the treasurer for District 7 (REACH) for seven years and I have experience managing a six-digit budget in a corporation. I am organized, detail-oriented and I promise that I will carry out the duties of this office to the best of my abilities. Thank you for your consideration.

Director-At-Large (Vote for 2)

Keram James Christensen, JD, MHA, MHI, MSN, BSS, RN, CPHQ



Present Position: Peer Review Coordinator/Data Analytics II, RN
Type of Position: Healthcare Administration
Area of Expertise: Administration and Informatics
Education: Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law—JD; Northern Kentucky University

College of Informatics—Master of Health Informatics; Northern Kentucky University—MSN and Nursing Informatics; University of Cincinnati—MHA

Professional Organizational Activities: Currently treasurer of the Northern Kentucky Chapter of KNA. Commissioner on Covington Human Rights Commission since 2016; Strategic Planning Committee for Northern Kentucky Pride 2018; St. Elizabeth IRB; St Elizabeth Healthcare Diversity & Inclusion Committee; St. Elizabeth Healthcare Nursing Informatics Committee.

Statement: I have worked at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Northern Kentucky since 2007, starting in the Surgical ICU as an RN and transitioned to peer review coordinator / data analytics II in Quality Management. I am currently pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Northern Kentucky University. I have been a member of the KNA and ANA since 2013 and want to take a more active role in KNA governance in alignment with my transactional law, healthcare and administrative background to better serve Kentucky nurses.

Kathryn Mershon, MSN, RN, CNA, ANEF, FAAN



Present Position: Consultant
Type of Position: Consultant
Area of Expertise: Governance
Education: St. Louis University—MSN; University of Louisville—Certificate in Master's Program in Urban Studies; Spalding University—BSN; St. Francis Xavier Hospital—RN, Diploma

Professional Organizational Activities: NLN Board x 3; secretary x 1; chair, governance, bylaws, nominating; member, finance, executive committees; charter member and chair, NLN Foundation; board member KNA x 4, chair Resolutions and bylaws; initial member, Board of Stewardship Trustees, Catholic Health Initiatives, Executive Committee, chair Investment Committee; board member, Trinity High School, co-chair, Strategic Planning; board member, Friedell Committee on Health Transformation (current) chair of the Board, Galen College of Nursing (Current), KNA director at large, Governance Strategy (Current); board member KNA x 3 1970's-1980s, chair Resolutions and bylaws; chair, KNF two years; currently director at large, Leading Governance Initiative for KNA Strategic Plan; chief nursing officer, St. Joseph Infirmary/Humana Hospital Audubon; 1970-1980; senior vice president/ chief nursing officer Humana Inc., 1980-1991; senior vice president of administration (Human Resources, Compensation/Benefits): 1991-1993; co-founder/ president, Humana Health Institutes (now Galen College of Nursing) 1989-1993.

Statement: I strongly believe in the importance of KNA for its value in the professional lives of nurses and the quality of care we deliver in our communities. Service on the Board of Directors is my way of acting on my belief about the value and importance of KNA. Board governance effectiveness is the single most important variable in making organizations successful. As a current member of the board, I am leading an initiative to strengthen KNA's governance effectiveness. It has been intensive. I would like the opportunity to complete this work during the next two years.

Julianne Ossege, PhD, FNP-BC, FNAP



Present Position: Associate Professor
Type of Position: Education
Area of Expertise: Nurse Practitioner
Education: University of Pennsylvania—Post-MSN Teaching Certificate; University of South Carolina—MS, PhD; Mt. St.

Joseph University—BSN; Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing—RN Diploma

Professional Organizational Activities: Member of the KNA Northern KY Chapter, Served several terms on the KY Coalition of NPs and NMs (KCNPNM) board. Also served as Vice President. Have been active for over 20 years. Current Chair of Research Committee, active member of Legislative committee. Previously served as regional director for the Northern KY region of the Coalition for eight years; QSEN DNP National Taskforce, member, former co-chair

Statement: I am interested in serving KNA to help the current leaders advance the profession of nursing in Kentucky. I have been an educator in Kentucky since 1993 and a practicing FNP for almost 30 years. Much of my professional organization activities have occurred with advanced practice and faculty specific groups. Through these experiences I have learned teamwork, leadership skills, and communicating to advocate for one's profession. I believe my many years of experience in practice, education, and advocacy put me in an ideal position to be an asset to KNA. I would welcome the opportunity to serve KNA!

Education & Research Cabinet—CE Planner (Vote for 1):

Jennifer Jo Shoemake, EdD, MSN, RN



Present Position: Professor of Nursing
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Nursing Education
Education: University of Kentucky—EdD; Western Kentucky University—MSN; Western Kentucky University—

BSN; Western Kentucky University—ASN

Professional Organizational Activities: Member of KNA REACH Chapter; served as a member of the Professional Practice and Advocacy Cabinet-Education Role since 2014; recently elected as the membership assistant for the REACH Chapter
Statement: My name is Jennifer Shoemake and I have been employed as a Professor of Nursing at Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College since 2003. My campaign goal is to stimulate high standards of nursing practice and promote the advancement of the nursing profession.

Education & Research Cabinet—Nurse Faculty (Vote for 1):

Nancy Barnum, PhD, RN, CNE



Present Position: Associate Professor, Director, RN-BSN Program
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Higher education; nursing education and nursing curriculum development
Education: University of Kentucky, College of Education—

PhD; University of Kentucky, College of Nursing—MSN and Michigan State University, College of Nursing—BSN

Professional Organizational Activities: I have served as a board member-at-large for the KNA

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Bluegrass Chapter since 2015 and as vice/co-chair of the KNA Ethics and Human Rights Committee, (2014-2018). While in that position, I was asked to represent that committee as a member of the KNA Executive Director Search Committee. I have served as a committee member (2008-2010) then committee chair (2010-2012) of the Publications Committee of the American Association for the History of Nursing. As chair, I was also a member of the governing board of that organization. I have served as an NLN ambassador for Midway University since 2014.

Statement: I have been a nurse educator for 23 years and I am very passionate about creating high quality educational experiences for tomorrow's nurses. In the nurse faculty role on the Education and Research Cabinet, I would work to represent my fellow nurse educators in the evaluation of educational needs and developments for nursing education; in the promotion of research in nursing education, recruitment of nursing students and professional development for nurses across the state of Kentucky as well as education of the public regarding the scope of nursing practice and the roles of nurses.

Lauren Bates, DNP, RN



Present Position: Instructor
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Higher Education
Education: Western Kentucky University—DNP; Eastern Kentucky University—MSN
Professional Organizational Activities: I have served on

professional development committees at my previous employer, Hazard Community & Technical College (HCTC). I also served as Allied Health Faculty representative at HCTC.

Statement: I have worked in higher education for years and am interested in learning more about how to serve as an advocate for not just my students, but for the nursing profession. I believe serving with the KNA will provide me with networking opportunities to learn about issues faced by the nursing profession and provide me a platform to work toward resolving some of those issues. By serving with the KNA, I hope to give back to the profession that has given so much to me.

Education & Research Cabinet—Staff Nurse (Vote for 1):

Rachael K. Meier, MSN, RN



Present Position: Nurse
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Mom Baby/ Neonatal/ Women's Health
Education: Mount St. Joseph University, MSN, RN
Professional Organizational Activities: KNA—Northern Chapter, Member-at-Large; Sigma Theta Tau

Statement: I am a new nurse and am very interested in taking a role early in my career with the Kentucky Nurses Association because I am very passionate about nurse advocacy and furthering mine and my fellow nurses learning and development. My main interest is in mom/baby and neonatal, which is my current specialty area. I am very eager to learn and develop myself as a professional nurse and be active within my profession. I have attended multiple KNA Northern Kentucky Chapter meetings and am very excited about the educational opportunities that they have provided so far and look forward to helping bring these same educational opportunities to other nurses.

Theresa Kirk, BSN, RN



Present Position: Charge Nurse/ Staff Nurse
Type of Position: Nurse
Area of Expertise: Education, Adult Medical/Surgical, Progressive Care and Telemetry
Education: Grand Canyon University—MSN; Galen College of

Nursing—BSN; Galen College of Nursing — RN
Professional Organizational Activities: KNA River City Chapter Member

Statement: Now more than ever, nursing needs leaders with experience and in-depth knowledge regarding patient care, evidence-based practice and productivity. I have close to 30 years of experience with the majority of that in emergency medicine. I am currently pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing at Grand Canyon University. I believe I possess the knowledge, expertise and drive to make a difference in nursing today and in the future. I look forward to serving the KNA and my fellow nurses in the future.

Education & Research Cabinet—Nurse Research (Vote for 1):

Michele Dickens, PhD, MSN, RN



Present Position: Associate Dean Online Nursing Programs and Associate Professor of Nursing-RN to BSN Nursing Program
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Nursing Education
Education: Capella University—PhD in Education (specializing

in nursing education); Walden University-MSN; University of Kentucky—BSN; and Eastern Kentucky University—ADN

Professional Organizational Activities: Currently serving on the KNA Education and Research Cabinet as a nurse faculty member.

Statement: Thank you for allowing me to submit my name on the 2018 Ballot for the Education and Research-Nurse Faculty member open position. I would like to serve in this position to collaborate with others to foster high standards of nursing practice, to engage in the advancement of the profession of nursing, promote research in nursing practice, nursing education and nursing service which will expand the scientific base of nursing. I also believe strongly in the importance of collaboration with other nurses to promote the retention of nurses within the profession and the importance of the recognition of excellence within nursing.

Betty Kuiper, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CEN, DNP Student



Present Position: Research Manager
Type of Position: Research
Area of Expertise: Research and Emergency Care
Education: Murray State University—Preparing for DNP graduation Spring 2019; and Murray State University—MSN

Professional Organizational Activities: I have served as local and state president for Kentucky Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and served on national ENA committees. I am a member of my local chapter and want to become more active at the local and state level to represent nursing professionals in the western region. I am currently the research manager at Baptist Health Paducah. I deal with budgets, contracts and finances of clinical trials daily. I am the chairperson for the Nursing Research Council, co-chairperson of the Research Oversight Committee and chairperson of the Professional Nurse Development Program at Baptist Health Paducah.

Statement: As a longstanding member of KNA/ ANA, I would like to represent the nursing profession in Kentucky. I bring leadership and clinical expertise that I have gained in various leadership roles outside KNA. I have served as state president for the Kentucky Emergency Nurses Association. I have a strong commitment to initiating the means to best meet the needs of our nursing practice and recognize the contributions of nurses across the state of Kentucky.

Governmental Affairs Cabinet—Staff Nurse (Vote for 1):

Brittney Welch, DNP (August 2018), MSN, RN



Present Position: ANA Community Manager/Compliance Officer/CQI Supervisor
Type of Position: Nurse Management
Area of Expertise: My doctoral project focuses on a nursing policy that decreases access to health care services in rural areas.

Education: Bellarmine University—DNP (August 2018); Grand Canyon University—MSN; Grand Canyon University—BSN; Galen College of Nursing—ASN; Galen College of Nursing—LPN

Professional Organizational Activities: I am the American Nurses Association Community Manager for the Student Nurses Community. While I have not held a local, state or national elected office, I am eager and willing to learn. I am very familiar with policy issues that are important to nurses and will work to help our profession in any way possible. My DNP project is a policy change piece in which I have been afforded the opportunity to work with a vast number of leaders throughout the nursing community. Part of my job is understanding the financial implications of policies and procedures and improving these to ensure positive revenue generation. I am currently the co-chair for my organization's licensure committee. I have also participated in various other committees and have taken on the position of compliance officer for my company which is a nationwide telephone nurse triage organization.

Statement: My name is Brittney Welch and I want to be a member of the Governmental Affairs Cabinet. I have experience discussing the issues of stakeholders in Kentucky from the disparities in rural areas to the restraints put on nurse practitioner practice. I want to take concerns and be an agent of change. I am fully dedicated to the future of nursing and advocating for our profession and our patients. The best way for me to do so is to use my knowledge of health care and nursing policy.

Governmental Affairs Cabinet—Member-At-Large (Vote for 3):

Teresa Bell, BSN, RN



Present Position: Nursing Supervisor
Type of Position: Nursing
Area of Expertise: Nursing Leadership
Education: Indiana Wesleyan, BSN; Prestonsburg Community College, ADN; Pikeville College, BSM

Professional Organizational Activities: Member of the KNA Nightingale Chapter

Statement: I want to be involved with the Governmental Affairs Cabinet because I want to be an advocate for nurses and the nursing profession. I know by serving in this cabinet I will be able to help

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shape legislation that affects nurses and healthcare consumers. Serving on this cabinet will give me the experience I need to advocate for nurses and the nursing profession on a national level. Working and serving alongside other cabinet members will benefit my growth and ability to promote nursing and the profession of nursing.

Karen Black, MSN, DNPc, APRN, PMHNP-BC

Present Position: Assistant Professor/PMH Nurse Practitioner

Type of Position: Educator and APRN

Area of Expertise: Faculty development, nursing education; interprofessional education; psychiatric and critical care nursing

Education: University of

Louisville—Doctor of Nursing Practice Candidate (August 2018); University of Louisville—Post-Masters Certification: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner; University of Louisville PhD Candidate (ABD); Bellarmine University—MSN; Western Kentucky University—BA Psychology; Western Kentucky University—AS Nursing

Professional Organizational Activities: I have been a faculty member at U of L School of Nursing for more than 15 years and have served as a member of faculty organizations in many capacities including development of the school's By-Laws and serving in the capacity of Committee Chair. As a former member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses / Greater Louisville Chapter I served in the following capacities: Program Committee, 1986-1988, Chairperson, 1987, 1988; Education Special Interest Group, 1986-1993; Board of Directors, 1987, 1988. St. Anthony Medical Center, Louisville, KY, 1991-1993. With other Administrative Directors of Nursing at St. Anthony's Medical Center, I was responsible for developing and managing a multi-million-dollar budget for the Nursing Department. **Statement:** I have 44 years of diverse experience as a staff nurse, manager and administrator, educator and an advanced practice nurse. My passion now is to make a broader impact by working for policy changes that affect the public. As a psychiatric nurse practitioner working with indigent patients I see many injustices in the health care system. I am also interested in the regulations controlled by the legislature that govern the practice of RNs and APRNs. My DNP project is to initiate universal suicide screening for all adolescents in emergency departments to reduce the rate of teen suicide.

Jennifer M. Dorsey, MSN, RN-BC

Present Position: Clinical Informaticist

Type of Position: Nursing Informatics

Area of Expertise: Informatics

Education: University of Kentucky—DNP (May 2019); Walden University—MSN in Nursing Informatics; Blue Mountain Community College—ADN

Professional Organizational Activities: Member of the KNA Bluegrass Chapter.

Statement: Born the daughter of a nurse, then a candy striper at age 12, followed by various ground level positions in long-term care as well as acute care and then a registered nurse at age 23: healthcare, nursing and patient advocacy have always been central to who I am, professionally. With 14 years of nursing experience in a field I love, I feel it is my duty to help advocate for nurses in Kentucky to effect change that will empower nurses with the ability to provide optimum patient care with balance. Quality care - not just quality documentation.

Bridget N. Fehr, MSN, RN, ONC

Present Position: Orthopedic Nurse Manager

Type of Position: Nurse Manager

Area of Expertise: Orthopedics

Education: Bellarmine University-MSN; Spalding University-BSN

Professional Organizational

Activities: KNA River City Chapter; ANA, NAON, KONL

Statement: As a nurse for more than 24 years, I have practiced and advocated for the bedside nurse in my silo. At the Magnet Conference in October 2017, I joined KNA/ANA. This has exposed me to the additional opportunities that I have as a nurse leader to impact all nurses in Kentucky. As KNA cabinet member, I can continue to advocate and promote the professional nursing practice. As we have witnessed with Kentucky's teaching professionals, there is great opportunity for our voices to be heard and to impact patient care delivery.

Ellen J. Hahn, PhD, RN, FAAN

Present Position: Alumni Professor in the Colleges of Nursing and Public Health

Education: Indiana University-PhD and MSN; The Ohio State University, MA and Case Western Reserve University-BSN

Professional Organizational

Activities: KNA - Bluegrass

Chapter; serves on KNA Government Affairs Cabinet, Member-At-Large

Statement: Since earning a doctoral degree in 1993, I have been actively engaged in advancing health policy to protect the health of residents of the Commonwealth. Both as an advocate and a scientist, colleagues and I have used data to promote evidence-based tobacco control policy. I have taught health policy with doctoral students at the University of Kentucky for many years and I have served on the leadership team for the Coalition for a Smoke-free Tomorrow. I have directed the Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy since 2005. I have a good handle on the legislative process and have many organizational contacts. Based on my experience and expertise, I believe I am a strong candidate to represent you on the Governmental Affairs Cabinet.

Lauran Hardin, MSN, RN-BC, CNL, FNAP

Present Position: Senior Director

Type of Position: Nursing

Area of Expertise: Professional Speaking

Education: University of Detroit Mercy, MSN; Calvin College, BSN

Professional Organizational

Activities: Advisory Board for the National Center for Complex

Health and Social Needs; on the Edge Runner Selection Committee for the American Academy of Nursing; involved with the Kentucky Center for Nursing and Action Coalition; Manage complex contracts with National Organizations for consulting; Managed and delivered \$760,000 Innovation Grant for Trinity Health; Led a hospital department with a budget >\$500,000; Consultant with C Suite executives to develop the business case for complex care interventions and vulnerable populations.

Statement: I had the privilege of moving to Kentucky two years ago to be near family. Now that we're settled, I'm very interested in contributing to the important efforts of Nursing in the State. I work for a National Center developing the field of Complex Care and advocating for policy and practice changes for vulnerable populations. I travel all over the country, partnering with health systems, governments, community clinics and national organizations like AARP and RWJF. I would like to bring the resources and connections from that work to Kentucky through engagement with the Board of KNA.

Beth McCraw, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC

Present Position: Administrator, Clinical Specialist

Type of Position: Nursing Administration

Area of Expertise: Education, Adult Medical/Surgical, Progressive Care and Telemetry

Education: Vanderbilt University, DNP; Murray State University,

MSN, BSN

Professional Organizational Activities: Secretary KNA Governmental Affairs Committee since July 2017

Statement: As a nurse leader at a medium-sized, acute care, non-profit community hospital located in Western Kentucky, it is extremely important to stay active in the ever-changing governmental affairs arena that we see in our healthcare industry today. I am fortunate to work for a healthcare executive who values nursing feedback and expertise while determining decisions that impact frontline clinical staff and the health of our community. It is vital that I have the opportunity to serve in a role at KNA where I can directly impact nursing practice

Ann Spencer, MBA, BSN, RN

Present Position: Regional Director

Type of Position: Care Management

Area of Expertise: Electronic Medical Record Implementation; Population Health and Bundled Payment Incentive Programs.

Education: Indiana Wesleyan

University—MBA; McKendree College—BSN; St. Luke's Nursing School—Registered Nurse Diploma.

Professional Organizational Activities: I have previous experience in leading Joint Commission Surveys and Kentucky State Surveys throughout my career as a quality nurse leader and as a chief nursing officer for a local hospital. I participate in the KNA Event Planning Committee. I have experience with budget planning for nursing units and management of department funds.

Statement: When I graduated Nursing School more than 30 years ago, the scope of nursing was quite different than the current landscape nurses work in today. With national and state legislation, regulatory bodies and the advancement of the electronic medical record, nursing is becoming more automated and less patient friendly. That's not why we became nurses.

These are my goals for the Government Affairs Cabinet position:

- I will be a nursing advocate and will review any recommendations for policy changes related to the nursing profession.
- I will collaborate with the public and other health care consumers in forums with regards to the nursing profession.
- I will proudly represent the nursing role and responsibilities to national and state organizations.
- I will always promote that patient care is the most important role of a nurse.

I look forward to working with the Kentucky Nurses Association in this exciting capacity.

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Shannon Stacy, RN



Present Position: Founder/ Executive Director
Type of Position: Care Management
Area of Expertise: Innovative Medicine
Education: Belmont University—Massey School of Business—BBA; Jefferson Community College—RN.

Professional Organizational Activities: Intern for Senate Majority Caucus Chair Dan Seum, Campaign Chair for Senator Seum; Lobbyist in Frankfort since 2016 for medical cannabis.

Statement: I am interested in this position because I want legislation passed in our near future to work in the best interest of Kentucky nurses and our patients. See my relevant experience:

- 2016 worked as citizen lobbyist for passage of Medical Cannabis
- 2016 and 2017 worked with legislators in Colorado for four-six weeks
- Shadowed Senate Majority Caucus Chair Dan "Malano" Seum in 2017 session
- 2018 Senator Seum's intern and campaign chair
- Attended multiple meetings with House and Senate members
- Wrote legislation for members
- Currently working with legislators for 2019

Professional Nursing Practice and Advocacy—Education (Vote for 2):

Audrey Frias, BSN, RN, PCCN



Present Position: Clinical Nurse Educator
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Scope of Practice in Medical Surgical and Progressive Care
Education: Bellarmine University—BSN; University of Kentucky—DNP (graduation

December 2019)

Professional Organizational Activities: KNA executive member in 2017; executive planner for the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses Greater Louisville Chapter (organized and attended five chapter events over the last 18 months, planned and initiated the 2018 election, held two recruitment events); KONL member, AACN member (renewed PCCN certification in January 2018).

Statement: My goal is to advance nursing practice to allow professionals to operate at the fullest extent of their training, supporting the current workforce and adequately meeting the needs of Kentucky's population. Advocating for nurses throughout Kentucky would be an honor and aligns with other initiatives and projects I have been engaged in throughout my nursing career. I'm asking for your trust and support as I campaign to be a relentless advocate for the nursing profession, promoting strong interprofessional relationships and safe nursing practices that align with the fullest extent of our training.

Monica Meier, MSN, RN, AHN-BC



Present Position: KNA Northern Chapter, Secretary
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Maternal Child/ Pediatrics/Holistic Nursing/ Education
Education: Northern Kentucky University—DNP candidate 2019; Xavier University—MSN; Northern

Kentucky University—ADN

Professional Organizational Activities: Northern KY Chapter KNA, secretary, 2017—Present, ANA Member, AHNA member, Kentucky Holistic Nurses Association, member; Society of Pediatric Nurses, Member; Sigma Theta Tau, member since 2012.

Statement: I have been a nurse educator for the last five years. I have always been interested advocacy both for my patients and colleagues. I look to the future of nursing as a leader, educating the next generation of nurses.

Teresa Villaran, MS, MSN, CCRN, CNE



Present Position: Staff RN Fresenius Medical
Type of Position: Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Dialysis, Critical Care, Education, Foot Care
Education: University of Kentucky— MSN; California College of Health Sciences—MS; University of Illinois Springfield—BSN

Professional Organizational Activities: KNA Bluegrass Chapter; Bluegrass Chapter American Association Critical Care Nurses Education Coordinator; KNA events committee, member at large, KNA Editorial Board Reviewer: Kentucky Nurse; American Nephrology Nurses Association Health Policy Publication Advisor; Health Policy Education Advisor Bluegrass Chapter; American Nephrology Nurses Association; American Nurses Association Moral Resilience Advisory Committee; American Association of Critical Care Nurses Ambassador Podium Presentation Abstract Reviewer; Kentucky League for Nursing annual conference; American Association of Critical Care Nurses Continuing Education Review Panel; KBN IV therapy committee

Statement: I have developed an interest in advocacy—organized activism. Whether advocacy is on the local, state or federal level, becoming active with a voice and encouraging nurses to do so, strengthens nurses as leaders in healthcare, healthcare policy and aligns us with others so we can make positive change for our profession and those we serve. Being an advocate is really the number one thing nurses can do for themselves and the public. Advocacy is nursing in action.

Ethics and Human Rights Committee Vice Chair (Vote for 1):

Jitana Benton-Lee, MSN, MHA, BSN



Present Position: Patient Care Manager
Type of Position: Manager
Area of Expertise: Diversity, Inclusion, Transcultural Nursing
Education: Northern Kentucky University—DNP (December 2018); University of Phoenix-MSN/MHA; Eastern Kentucky University—BSN

Professional Organizational Activities: KNA Bluegrass Chapter; AONE, Diversity & Inclusion Committee; National Black Nurses Association, president, secretary and membership; American Holistic Nursing Society member; American Nurses Association.

Statement:

Andrea Houser, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN



Present Position: Nursing Faculty
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Advocate for Professional Nursing Practice
Education: Capella University—PhD; Norwich University—MSN; Norwich University—BSN
Professional Organizational

Activities: KNA Heartland Chapter; I have served in nurse manager positions that have empowered me to conduct fiscal year budget activities. My dissertation explored political advocacy in BSN education in Kentucky. I was an Army Officer in the Army Nurse Corps and I know how to be a leader, how to motivate teams and how to influence others to meet objectives.

Statement: I am a strong advocate for the nursing profession. As an educator, I build the workforce one student at a time. We have a responsibility and a duty to continue extending the nursing profession because of the legacy Florence Nightingale began as the Lady with the Lamp. Let me serve you in this position to continue my efforts as advocate for professional nursing practice.

Ethics and Human Rights Committee Member—At-Large (Vote for 3):

Chioma C. Holland, BSN, RN



Present Position: Staff RN
Type of Position: Nurse
Area of Expertise: Nursing Education
Education: Bellarmine University—MSN (2019); Bellarmine University—BSN; Ambrose Alli University—BSC Biochemistry

Professional Organizational Activities:

Statement: I welcome an opportunity to contribute to the work of KNA by serving on the Ethics Committee. Although I am inexperienced, I love learning and believe that my strong interest in equal opportunity and human rights matters will help me foster collaborative relationships needed within KNA network. I am interested in this position because I would like a chance to serve as a resource and provide programs for nurses who need help resolving ethical concerns and dilemmas faced in everyday nursing practice.

My goals include practicing as a nurse practitioner, becoming a nursing faculty member and lending a constructive voice to local representatives to encourage legislation that will improve patients' rights and create better health care policies for nurses and the general population.

Tracy Littlehale, MSN, RN



Present Position: Associate Professor of Nursing
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Cultural Diversity and Leadership
Education: Eastern Kentucky University—Currently pursuing DNP; Northeastern University—MSN; University of Tennessee at

Chattanooga—BSN

Professional Organizational Activities: On the local level, I have served as chair and vice chair of a busy local non-profit for several years. For the past several years, I have also been a board member for a local program that connects Latina women and their children to health services. I am both co-director and a board member of an international non-profit organization that partners with villages in West Africa to foster self-reliance and reduce dependency on foreign aid through sustainable agriculture. On the national level, I have served on the Advisory Alliance for the National Education Progression in Nursing (NEPIN) Collaborative. Also, for the past year I served on the Nominating Committee for the

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Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN), which is a nationally elected position. Additionally, I serve on the Nominating Committee for KLN, which is an elected state position. I am also secretary of the faculty at Madisonville Community College and serve as co-chair of the college's Cultural Diversity Committee.

Statement:

Donna Mann, MSN



Present Position: Director of Cardiac Services
Type of Position: Nurse
Area of Expertise: Leadership Certification
Education: Western Kentucky University—MSN
Professional Organizational Activities:

Statement:

Kim Spahn, MSN, RNP-BC, RN, CHC



Present Position: Creator of Support Programs to Promote Wellness and Decrease Burnout
Type of Position: Nurse Practitioner
Area of Expertise: Wellness Coach
Education: Case Western Reserve University—DNP Candidate; University of Southern Indiana—MSN; University of Southern Indiana—BSN

Professional Organizational Activities: Chair KNA events planning committee for 2018 annual conference

Statement: I welcome any opportunity to contribute to Kentucky Nurses Association in a leadership position. I have a strong commitment to our profession's overall well-being. If elected, I plan to

use my passion for empowering nurses to provide support and serve as a resource for public and ethical concerns in health care. My unique background in health care would be an asset in developing and revising educational programs for nurses seeking assistance in resolving ethical dilemmas.

Nominating Committee (Vote for 3):

Teresa Huber, MSN, BSN, DNP, RN



Present Position: MSN Program Director
Type of Position: Nurse Educator
Area of Expertise: Nursing Education
Education: University of Kentucky—DNP; Northern Kentucky University—MSN; Bellarmine University—BSN;

Ashland Community College—ADN
Professional Organizational Activities: Immediate Past President KNA Northern KY Chapter; Member Board of Directors and former President KNA, chapter leadership experience (district president) and ANA taskforce experience; Currently serves on KNA Finance Committee; member Kentucky Center for Nursing and KBN board member
Statement: I have enjoyed serving the Kentucky Nurses Association in several capacities over the last 20 years. I have had the honor and privilege to serve as a state president, director-at-large for the board of directors, and member of the Finance Committee. I am the current KNA immediate past president. I have served as a district president for District #3 Northern Kentucky and have been appointed by the president to ANA taskforces. During my tenure on the Board of Directors, I have had the honor to work closely with KNA staff and board members to assist with developing a strategic plan for growth and relevance in the coming years. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve our professional nursing organization.

Ta'Neka Lindsay, DNP, APRN, WH/AGPC, NP-BC



Present Position: Assistant Professor of Nursing
Type of Position: Nurse Educator
Area of Expertise: Nursing Education
Education: University of Kentucky—DNP; Vanderbilt University—MSN; University of Louisville—BSN

Professional Organizational Activities: Member of KYANNA, Delta Sigma Theta: Physical and Mental Health Committee.

Statement: I am interested in becoming a member of the KNA Nominating Committee. As a nurse of 12 years, I understand that my service doesn't stop at the bedside. I am called to serve my community and my profession as well. As a member of the Nominating Committee, my goal would be to ensure that quality and qualified applicants are nominated, selected and appointed to other KNA committees and boards. Though I've never been involved with KNA before, I've been involved in other nursing organizations such as KYANNA Black Nurses of Kentucky.

Roxie Jeanette Rogers, MSN, RN



Present Position: Nurse Educator
Type of Position: Education
Area of Expertise: Emergency Medicine
Education: Indiana Wesleyan—MSN; Kentucky State University, BSN; KCTCS, ADN

Professional Organizational Activities: Serving on a workforce between the ANA and the CDC regarding antibiotic stewardship; serving on the Leadership Succession Committee for ET and am a member of Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

Statement: I am interested in serving with the KNA because I am passionate about nursing education. As a nurse educator, I believe in helping others attain their goals and become successful. I believe in lifelong learning and want to inspire others to do the same. Though I am relatively inexperienced with state organizations, I am a fast learner who is willing to learn and dedicate time to supporting the mission of the KNA.

