District II has not held meetings during the past year, but members have enjoyed networking and renewing friendships through their participation in the events that have been held.

Several questions specifically targeting the organization of our district have arisen are briefly noted as follows:

Will District II be dissolved with the changes occurring in the structure of the Nebraska Nurses Association?

The two-year pilot exploring the impact of realigning district boundaries and redefining their function nears completion. While data collected indicates an increased potential for engaging membership and providing fiduciary benefit for the security of our organization, no final decisions can be made without the consent of the current membership. Our members can only make an informed decision when they have the information at hand to understand how the restructuring will affect them.

I understand that District II is incorporated. What does that mean?

Articles of Incorporation exist for District II. The original purpose for drawing up the articles for this district and, apparently for no other district, remains mysterious. But the corporation must be dissolved, if district designations are ultimately realigned and redefined. The extant document for District II outlines the steps to be taken, should dissolution be engaged for any reason.

If there is no longer a District designation, can we still have meetings?

Of course you can! You can meet, hold events, and promote the ethical professionalism of nursing; you can interact with the MIGs (Mutual Interest Groups) of the Nebraska Nurses Association and even solicit assistance when it is needed.

There are many questions and concerns, but the best way to have them addressed is to bring them out into the open and ask them. Please feel free to do so. This is our nurses’ organization. We are responsible for its health and welfare and each of us needs to take part in strengthening its structure. Become involved. Attend the NNA Convention in October to learn more and support our Nebraska Nurses Association.
Call for Delegates to the 2015 NNA Convention

NNA is soliciting interested members to serve as District 2 delegates to the 2015 NNA House of Delegates. If you have any questions about serving as a delegate, please feel free to contact the GFMC Chair Lois Linden (llinden@csom.edu) or Anna Mackevicius (anna@nebraskanurses.org). The NNA website has opened a webpage for interested individuals to submit their name as a Delegate candidate. District 2 is allotted 33 Delegates for the 2015 NNA House of Delegates.

The NNA House of Delegates will be held on October 2-3, 2015 in Kearney; the Issues Forum and HOD. Registration for Convention will be on Saturday, October 2nd, in the afternoon. The House of Delegates voting will be on Sunday, October 3rd.

There is information on the proposed changes posted to the NNA website. Take a few minutes to read:

• State of the NNA Brochure
• State of the NNA: Governance Transition 2013-2016

Two webinars are scheduled in July (July 13 at 7:00 PM Central and July 28th at 1:00 PM Central) for further discussion of the proposed changes. Please check the NNA website for the meeting link or contact Melissa Florell at director@nebraskanurses.org.

Convention registration for NNA Members will be subsidized this year with donated funds, so there will never be a better chance to attend the Convention and HOD. Registration for Convention opens in mid-July; please check NNA’s website for more about the discount and other events being planned. A block of rooms for Convention are available at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney.

NNA Convention and
House of Delegates
October 2 - 3, 2015
Kearney Holiday Inn Convention Center

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Counsel confirms that we should be able to head down the pathway that was suggested. Let me summarize for you the suggested actions that we will consider over the summer and at the 2015 NNA House of Delegates (HOD).

• Membership category changes – We believe that we are “stronger together” and ANA-Only and NNA-Only membership categories are being considered for elimination. For our ANA/NNA Joint Members, dues rates and member benefits are being enhanced at the national and state level and membership in both associations will provide synergistic benefits and take us closer toward “single sign-on” streamlined access and information databases.

• Movement from a House of Delegates to an Annual Membership Meeting – A new Annual Membership Meeting would allow all members to fully participate in the decisions of the association. Those attending the meeting and webinars will define and finalize ballot information, and final decisions related to elected offices, bylaw amendments, and proposals will occur by electronic ballot, with ALL members encouraged to vote. Nominations from the floor will enhance our candidate pool and allow all eligible members the chance to serve and lead. The meeting will become our interactive “reference process” and allow all voices to be heard.

• Creation of Mutual Interest Groups (MIGs) – These MIGs will provide a mechanism for geographically defined groups to continue in lieu of Districts and introduce a means to support other groups of members who are drawn together by common interests or issues. As few as three members will be able to apply for annual approval as a MIG, by outlining goals, activities, and needed support. Each of these groups will elect a Chair and these chairpersons will serve on the new MIG Oversight Committee. The NNA Vice President will serve as a non-voting member of this group and facilitate strong mentorship and support for the MIG leaders. The Chair of the MIG Oversight Committee (elected by committee members) will serve as a full voting member of the NNA Board of Directors, replacing the District presidents and bringing forward MIG needs and ideas.

This is a very streamlined description of the proposed changes and more discussion will occur to finalize the policy and procedure details prior to our decisions at Convention and HOD. Voting on these changes will occur at the 2015 NNA HOD and approved changes will take effect for the 2016 calendar and fiscal year.

Watch for meetings and webinars providing further information and dialogue around these ideas. Please attend a meeting or phone in to a webinar. The changes proposed for our association will determine our future success and growth. We need “all hands on deck” to help guide the ship through to calmer seas and a more meaningful voyage for all.

Mark your calendars for October 1 – 3, 2015 and plan to join us in Kearney for what could be our last House of Delegates. Join in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to observe shared governance history.
On April 25, 2015, District 2 NNA hosted the annual Celebrate Nursing! Breakfast and recognized a number of metro-area Registered Nurses as recipients of the Positive Image of Nursing Award. The annual award recognizes local registered nurses’ outstanding dedication and commitment to the profession of Nursing. Approximately one hundred seventy guests attended the 2015 breakfast, as we recognized a record seventy nurses with the Positive Image of Nursing! The theme for this year’s event was “Ethical Practice. Quality Care.”

Teresa Anderson, NNA President, opened the celebration. The guest speakers for the event was Shelly Schwedhelm, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Director of Nebraska Medicine’s Biocontainment Unit. Ms. Schwedhelm was joined by Kate Boulter, John Swanhorst, and Jeff Peters; each sharing their unique experience as a member of this extraordinary service.

Congratulations to all the honorees for their years of dedication, caring, knowledge, and expertise as the force behind the image of nursing in our communities. This year we recognized 70 local area nurses! Each Positive Image of Nursing honoree was presented with a certificate and a National Nurses Week themed gift.

See you in 2016 to celebrate again!

The Nurses honored this year are:

**Catholic Health Initiatives – Alegent Health**
- Jody Bayer, BSN, RN
- Beth Gibbs, MS, RN
- Alice Osborn, BSN, RN
- Natalie Bader Marshall, BSN, RN, COS-C
- Susan Rahra, BSN, RN
- Jamie Howell, BSN, RN
- Deb Saldi, MS, BSN, RN, LMHP, COS
- Keala Roy, BSN, RN
- Rita Zehl, RN
- Philicia Hancock, BSN, RN
- Julie Derrig, RN
- Amy Passauer, RN
- Alma Gochenour, RN
- Carrie Kanne, RN
- Peg Liska, RN
- Dennis Brown, RN

**Children’s Physician**
- Lindsay Whelan, RN, CPN

**Clarkson College**
- Amberly Wagner-Connolly, MSN, RN
- Linda Jensen, PhD, RN, RN

**College of Saint Mary**
- Anne Marie Schoening, PhD, RN, CNE

**Individual Honorees**
- Cynthia Tiedeman, RN
- Nebraska Nurse Practitioners

**Midland University**
- Diana Maxness, MSN, RN
- Holly Sandhurst, EdD, RN

**Nebraska Medicine**
- Bryan Bader, BSN, RN, CCRN
- Kate Bouler, RN, BSN
- Laura Capece, BSN, RN
- Lora Dosen, BSN, RN
- Mary Pat Durrie, BSN, RN
- Sarah Ferguson, BSN, RN
- Theresa Lampmann, BSN, RN-BN
- Peggy Mazzeo, BSN, RN
- Lauren O’Day, BSN, RN
- Lynnee Patrin, MHA, BSN, RN-BN
- Jenny Pucek, BSN, RN
- Andrea Rayner, BSN, RN, MSHP, BSeD
- Ellen Stuva, RN
- Valerie Yates, BSN, RN

**Nebraska Methodist College**
- Cassandra Frost, MSN, RN
- Meg Blair, PhD, RN

**Nebraska Methodist and Women’s Hospitals**
- Alicia Abboud, BSN, RN, CCRN
- Toni Brown, RN
- Kelsey Claar, BSN, RN
- Melissa Coffin, MSN, RN
- Kathy Davidson, BSN, RN
- Janet Denham, BSN, RN
- Benay Edens, RN
- Shelby Fox, BSN, RN
- Jodi Gute, MSN, APN
- Lilia Hansen, MSN, RN
- Susan Hanson, BSN, RN
- Rebecca Juba, BSN, RN, OCN
- Emily McGuire, MBA, BSN, RN, CAPA
- Stacey Miskie, BSN, RN, OCN, CBN
- Nancy Murray, MSN, RN
- Scott Nielsen, BSN, RN
- Sara Oxtoby, BSN, RN
- Kim Pettigrew, BSN, RN, TNCC
- Maia Poutre, BSN, RN, EFM
- Tom Sewick, BSN, RN
- Susanne Simms, RN
- Pamela Stout, BSN, RN
- Susie Vandermuss, BSN, RN

**One World One Community**
- Pat O’Hanlon, RN

**VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System**
- Amyelightfoot, BSN, RN
- Hannah Stephenson, RN
- Jamie Swets, BSN, RN
- Ronda Fritz, MA, BSN, RN
- Katie Roshone, BSN, RN
# NEBRASKA NURSES ASSOCIATION

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### HOW DO I JOIN NNA?
- Step 1: Complete Demographic Information
- Step 2: Select Membership Option
- Step 3: Calculate Total Fees Due
- Step 4: Select Payment Option
- Step 5: Return Completed Application and Payment

## STEP 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## STEP 2 MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Choose one annual or monthly membership option.

- Monthly payments include a $5.00/month service fee to ANA for installment payment processing.

### FULL MEMBERSHIP – NNA/ANA
Includes membership to NNA, your NNA District, and ANA.
- $279.00/Year or $23.75/Monthly Epay*

### NEBRASKA ONLY MEMBERSHIP – NNA
Includes membership to NNA and your NNA District. Member benefits limited to state only.
- $189.00/Year or $16.25/Monthly Epay*

THE FOLLOWING Discounted Memberships are available if one of the following criteria is met and proof of eligibility is provided.

- Reduced and Special Membership include membership to NNA, your NNA District, and ANA.

### REDUCED MEMBERSHIP – NNA/ANA
- $139.50/Year or $12.13/Monthly Epay*
  - Must meet one of the following criteria and provide proof:
    - Not employed
    - Full-time student (must be a RN)
    - New graduate from basic nursing program within 6 months of graduation (first membership year only)
    - 62 years of age or over and not earning more than Social Security allows

### SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP – NNA/ANA
- $69.75/Year or $6.31/Monthly Epay*
  - Must meet one of the following criteria and provide proof:
    - 62 years of age and not employed
    - Totally disabled

### TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $___________

### STEP 4 PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Check (payable to American Nurses Association)
- MasterCard or Visa

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*Monthly Epay Authorization

All members paying monthly must complete this section

This is to authorize electronic payments to American Nurses Association (ANA). By signing on the line, I authorize ANA to withdraw 1/12 of my annual dues and any additional service fees from my account. Charges may be adjusted by ANA only following written 30-day prior notice to me. Membership and payments will continue unless NNA/ANA receives 20-day prior written notice from me.

**Checking**: Please enclose a check for the first month’s payment; the account designated by the enclosed check will be drafted on or after the 15th of each month.

**Debit/Credit Card**: Please complete the credit card information above. This card will be debited 1/12 of annual dues on or after the 1st of each month.

### STEP 5 SUBMIT APPLICATION

Return completed application and payment to:

NEBRASKA NURSES ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 3107, KEARNEY, NE 68848-3107

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**QUESTIONS?** Call NNA 888-885-7025 or visit our website www.nebraskanurses.org

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