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WNA Celebrates 110 Years

Wisconsin Nurses Association Timeline 1909-2008

This year marks the 110th anniversary of WNA. In 2009, the Centennial Committee published the one hundred year history of the Wisconsin Nurses Association. In this issue we will highlight that history by reprinting the timeline of significant events during those 100 years.1

1909 Wisconsin Association of Graduate Nurses (WAGN) first meeting is held at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee. Stella Mathews served as president.

Stella Mathews, founding member and President 1909, 1912-13

1911 WAGN is incorporated. Helen Kelly is elected President.

1912 The first Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act is signed into law by Governor Francis McGovern.

1914 Annual meetings rather than quarterly meetings begin.

Members of the 1914 State Board of Nursing (Left to right) Mary Stoeber, Ella McGovern, Gertrude McKee, Anna Haswell, and Anna Dastych

1915 The annual meeting is held in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol.

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ANA Convention held in Milwaukee.

1933

First WSNA Bulletin published.

1934

Silver (25th) Anniversary is celebrated. An Historical Sketch is published. Adda Eldridge resigns as Director of the Bureau of Nursing Education. Barbara Thompson is appointed Director.

1936

Edith Partridge appointed Executive Secretary of WSNA.

1940-1945  Over 2000 Wisconsin Nurses serve in World War II.

1943  U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps created. Amendments to the Nurse Practice Act provide for licensing of practical nurses.


1949  Wisconsin State Student Nurses Association organized. Nurse Practice Act amended to provide for a State Department of Nurses; Adele Stahl appointed first director. Code for Professional Nurses published by ANA Committee on Professional Ethics, chaired by Sister Berenice Beck from Marquette University.

1952  House of Delegates endorses a resolution calling for a 40 hour work week.

1955  Nurse Practice Act amended to provide for mandatory registration of professional nurses; previous law was a permissive one.

1956  Jeanette Welsch appointed Executive Secretary.

1957  Bulletin of the Wisconsin State Nurses Association Renamed STAT.


1959  House of Delegates endorses principles of expanding the Social Security Act to include care of the elderly and disabled. WNA celebrates its Golden Jubilee. Mary Dougherty appointed Executive Secretary.

1960  Attly Wade Boardman named WNA's first legal counsel.

1962-1972  Wisconsin nurses serve in Viet Nam War; Lt. Jerome Olmsted is only Wisconsin nurse to die from enemy fire.

1964  Federal Nurse Training Act offers Wisconsin nurses educational benefits.

1965  ANA Position Paper on education, proposing two levels of practice for nursing, published (WNA endorses it in 1966).

1966  Social Security Act is amended to extend medical care to the elderly (Medicare). WNA had supported its principles in 1959.


1970  House of Delegates endorses the principle of extending Medicare to the nursing home.

1975  The Wisconsin Nurses Association becomes a founding member of the National League for Nursing (NLN).

1976  WNAC's first nursing exhibit at the National Congress of Nursing Education.

1980  The Nursing Education Act (PL 96-105) is passed.

1984  The 1980 Amendments to the Nurse Practice Act passed.


1993  The Wisconsin Nurses Association becomes a founding member of the American Nurses Association (ANA).

1996  The 1996 Amendments to the Nurse Practice Act passed.

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1970  Vernice Ferguson, DNS of VAMC Madison received the ANA Mary Mahoney Award. Was nominated by the Madison District.  
1970  Nurses Foundation of Wisconsin created. President E. Charlotte Theis. First donation given by Alice Weldy, $75.  
1973  ANA creates American Academy of Nursing. Rose Marie Chioni, Madison, named Wisconsin’s charter member. Seven Wisconsin Nurses are among the first 99 nurses certified by ANA. WNA’s Position Paper on Voluntary Continuing Education approved by House of Delegates.  
1975  WNA’s Continuing Education Approval and Recognition Program established. (CEARP, now CEAP)  
1977  Madison satellite office opened.  
1978-1982  Barbara Nichols, Madison, served as ANA President, the first African American.  
1979  Nurse Midwifery legislation creates separate scope of practice.  
1980  Workplace Advocacy added to Economic and General Welfare Program.  
1982  National Nurses Day established by an Act of Congress.  
1984  First Nurses Day at the Capitol held. WNA supported the establishment of doctoral programs in nursing in the UW System (Milwaukee & Madison).  
1985  WNA Open House for their new building at 617 Monona Dr. (November) WNA adopted Resolution: “Change of Long-Term Care to a Nursing Model.”  
1986  Special House of Delegates on October 18, 1986 at Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee met to address Scope of Practice issues.  
1987  WNA issued the Position Statement: “Use of Unlicensed Personnel.”  
1988  WNA provides leadership to establish the Wisconsin Tri-Council (WNA, WLN, WONE and WACSN). Judy Robson RN wins in a special election to become the second RN in the Wisconsin Legislature. WNA’s Entry into Practice Bill was introduced in Wisconsin Legislature.  
1990  WNA works with Council of Nurse Practitioners, Wisconsin Physician Service, ANA, and Wisconsin Congressional Delegation to provide reimbursement of nurse practitioners under Medicare Part B. WNA with Tri-Council issues the statement: “Unlicensed Assistive Personnel to The Registered Nurse.”  
1991  Legal Hotline established with Burton Wagner, WNA Attorney.  
1992  Walter Kunicki, RN, won the Wisconsin Assembly Speaker post.  
1993  Bylaws were passed that eliminated the Economic and General Welfare Commission.  
1994  Wisconsin N- STAT (Nurses Strategic Action Team) was created. Prescriptive Authority for Nurses (Act 138) was signed into law by Governor Tommy Thompson at Day at the Capitol.  
1994  WNA Peer Assistance Network was formed to provide support and advocacy for Wisconsin Nurses with chemical dependency. Special House of Delegates adopted restructuring plan for individual membership (One member = one vote). Nurses Foundation of Wisconsin (NFW) celebrates 25 years with its first year of funding research.  
1995  WNA on Internet: wna@execpc.com  
1998  WNA issues The Contemporary Scope of Professional Nursing Practice in Wisconsin.  
1999  WNA website established: www.wisconsinnurses.com  
2000  APNP rules were approved giving authority for APNPs to order laboratory, radiography and EKGs in their own names. Signe S. Cooper was inducted into ANA Hall of Fame.  
2003  WNA takes action with Wisconsin Nursing Consortium (WNRC) to develop solutions for the impending nursing shortage in Wisconsin. Injured Employee Access to APNP care and services was signed into law by Governor Jim Doyle.  
2005  WNA receives $10,000 Center for American Nurses Grant to work on workforce advocacy tools. WNA completed “The Wisconsin Nursing Community Agenda for Health Care Reform” with Wisconsin Nursing Coalition.  
2007  WNA initiates website posting of “Nursing Research and Education Speakers Bureau.”  
2008  There were six Registered Nurses running for the Wisconsin State Legislature.  

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On March 23, 2019, the Wisconsin Nurses Association hosted 70 attendees at the second annual Healthy Nurses for Wisconsin Conference at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center in the Wisconsin Dells.

The one-day program was filled with educational sessions and other activities for nurses and patients alike! Participants listened in on presentations including meal planning, emotional resiliency, using essential oils, and risks for hyperlipidemia. UW-Madison students performed blood pressure screenings and provided insight to participants’ results. Those that chose to have their blood pressures taken were given a ticket to a drawing to receive one of many prizes donated by the planning committee. The afternoon was filled with energy and movement in Zumba, body weight training, and QiGong. Events wrapped up in the afternoon and attendees were asked to put what they learned into action.

WNA would like to thank the planning committee, attendees, and presenters for helping to make the event such a success! A few of our fabulous participants

Diane R. Lauver, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAAN was awarded the WNA Norma Lang Excellence in Nursing Research Award on Saturday, March 23 during the 2019 WNA Healthy Nurse Conference in Wisconsin Dells.

She was recognized for her support of WNA’s efforts to improving the cardiovascular health of nurses in Wisconsin. She has presented at WNA’s Healthy Nurse conferences her research related to hypertension and application of self-determination strategies that include the use of mindfulness-related exercises.

Dr. Lauver is the Ph.D. Program Director at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Nursing.

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A few presenters and members of the Healthy Nurse Conference Planning Committee (left to right) Adrienne Ewald-Peterson, BSN, RN; Pam Myhre, APNP, CDE; Gina Demnik-Champion, RN, MSN, MSHA and WNA’s Executive Director; Diane Lauver, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Pam Sanberg, MS, RN, NEA-BC, NHA, and WNA’s Board of Directors Treasurer.
Twice a year, the WNA Awards Committee selects five graduates of schools and colleges of nursing in Wisconsin to receive the WNA Future Nursing Leader Award. The award is presented each Spring and Fall semesters at the school of nursing pinning ceremonies. Winners receive a complimentary year of membership in the Wisconsin Nurses Association, along with an appointment to a WNA council or committee of his or her choosing. He or she will also receive a certificate and lapel pin presented at their pinning ceremony.

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• Promote activity in nursing organizations, such as the National Student Nurses’ Association
• Make a significant contribution to the overall excellence of their school
• Set a healthy example and promote a healthy lifestyle
• Demonstrate a clear sense of direction for their future nursing careers

Congratulations, Awardees! We look forward to having you as members and working with you on the council of your choice!

This semester’s winners are:

Elizabeth Alleman
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Elizabeth Pempek
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Austin Busler
Wisconsin Lutheran College

Elizabeth Pempek receiving her award from WNA Board of Director, Laura Tidwell; also pictured, Dean Kim Litwack, PhD, RN, FAAN, APNP. Photo credit: Ryan Gross

Michael Jaeb
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

WNA Vice President, Beth Markham, PhD, RN, BSN, MSN presents Austin Busler, nursing student of Wisconsin Lutheran College, with his Future Nursing Leader Award on May 17, 2019. Photo credit: Courtesy of Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Hailey Rothstein
Carthage College
(Not Pictured)

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Other Opportunities
WNA Representative to ANA Membership Assembly

ABOUT THE WNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Board of Directors is the governing body of the association that exercises corporate responsibility and the fiduciary duties of WNA. It is made up of four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and five directors (Staff Nurse Representative, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Representative, and three Directors-at-Large). Currently, the WNA Board meets four times a year for an all-day meeting (9a-3p), typically on Fridays.

WNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – PRESIDENT
Role: The President provides leadership for the Wisconsin Nurses Association by directing ongoing activities of the Association in collaboration with the Board of Directors, and by planning future endeavors which will continue to meet the needs of the membership.

Qualifications:
1. Active member of WNA.
2. Adherence to WNA’s purposes and goals and is representative of the general attitude and values of the Association.
3. Will complete full term of office.
4. Experience as a group leader with skills in group process, problem solving, policy formulation, conflict management and working with the media.

 responsible to: WNA membership primarily through its elected leadership.

Term of Office: Is elected by the membership by mail/electronic ballot for a two (2) year term as President.

Basic Function: The President serves as the chief elected officer of the Association, representing the entire membership. With the Executive Director, represents WNA as an official spokesperson.

Responsibilities:
1. Serves as presiding officer at meetings of the membership, Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
2. Serves as ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the Nominations Committee.
3. Serves as one of the representatives to the ANA Membership Assembly Meeting.
4. Serves as a representative of WNA and to the ANA Leadership Council Meetings.
5. Offers guidance and counsel to the Executive Director, delegating appropriate duties.
6. Reports to the membership at the Annual Meeting and annually via the “President’s Message” in The Wisconsin Nurse.
7. Reports verbally and/or in writing to the Board of Directors at all regular meetings and reports by memorandum as necessary between meetings.
8. Prepares agendas for the Annual Meeting of the membership and Board of Directors, in collaboration with the Executive Director.
9. Represent the Wisconsin Nurses Association as official spokesperson on matters of policy, as provided in the bylaws of the Association and within the confines of the policies established by the membership and Board of Directors. Uses discretionary power to assign responsibility for such representation as necessary.
10. Represents and speaks for the profession with allied health organizations, other nursing groups, legislative and governmental bodies, and the public. It is within these arenas that the President carries out one of the more important functions of the office: the WNA President accepts the role of public relations ambassador for the nursing profession in Wisconsin.
11. Offers guidance and consultation to elected and appointed officials of the Association, constituents, and membership as required.
12. May bring to the attention of the Board of Directors expectations and recommendations for long-range planning, policy making, and setting priorities which would promote the purposes and goals of the Association; monitors goal attainment; orchestrates the review and updating of the Association goals and action plans at least biannually.
13. Participates in the review of the Executive Director’s performance, conducted at least once per year.
14. Promotes the fiscal solvency of the WNA in collaboration with the Treasurer, Executive Director, Finance Committee, and accountant.
15. Foster a positive relationship with WSNA through the WNA advisor to WSNA; be available for the WSNA spring convention.
16. Solicits members of the Board for various liaison activities and other responsibilities.
17. Call emergency meetings of the Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors.
18. Be knowledgeable of the major current nursing and health care issues.
19. Represent WNA at all official functions or designate a member of the Executive Committee or Board to carry out this duty.
20. Conducts WNA orientation/advisory; fosters leadership development activities.
21. Review and signs Statement of WNA Board Member Conflict of Interest annually.
22. Will work with Parliamentarian in preparation of meetings involving the full membership and in circumstances when consultation is required for Board meetings.

Responsibilities:
1. Regularly participate in one-hour call meeting with Executive Director to receive updates and conducting any planning.
2. Lead the regularly scheduled WNA Board of Director Meetings. Meetings are every three months and 6-7 hours in length. (Usually in person at the WNA Office)
3. Lead in-between meetings of the Board of Directors. Meetings may be four times a year 1-2 hours in length. (Conference Call)
4. Lead WNA Executive Committee Meetings. Meetings may be four times per year 1-2 hours in length. (Conference Call)
5. Participate as an Ex-Officio, in meetings of the Finance (every three months 1-2 hours), Personnel (2-3 hours twice a year), and Bylaws (Months of June – October, five one-hour meetings) Committees. (Conference Calls)
6. Attend the WNA Fall Conference/Membership Assembly Meetings. Meetings are in person, for three days including a Friday and Saturday.
7. Lead the Annual WNA Annual Business Meeting which is part of the Membership Assembly. Usually on a Saturday in October for three hours, in person.
8. Chair the Wisconsin Nursing Coalition Meetings. Meeting are the fourth Thursday every other month from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, in person, at the WNA Office.

ANA Meetings:
1. Attend in person, the annual ANA Membership Assembly and other events/ meetings that coincide with the meeting. Usually in June for 3-4 days, Washington, DC.
2. Attend in person, the annual ANA Leadership Assembly meeting. Usually in the fall 1-2 days.
3. Participate in scheduled ANA Conference Calls that provides update of ANA activities. Occur quarterly, 1-1½ hours.
4. Participate in scheduled calls with ANA President. 1-2 times per year, one hour in length.

WNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - TREASURER
They will: demonstrate adherence to WNA’s purposes and goals and is representative of the general attitude and values of the Association. Willing to complete full term of office, chair Finance Committee, and actively participate in Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and other meetings as requested. Have interest and commitment to learning WNA budget policies and procedures and other financial aspects of importance to the Association. Serves as an officer of the WNA Board of Directors.

Role: The Treasurer provides leadership for the Wisconsin Nurses Association as a member of the Board of Directors, specifically with regard to financial implications of endeavors designed to meet the needs of the members.

Qualifications:
1. Active member of WNA.
2. Support of WNA’s purposes and goals as a representative of the Association.
3. Willing to complete full term of office, chair Finance Committee, and actively participate in Executive Committee, Board of Directors, district and structural unit liaison, and other meetings as requested.
4. Interest and commitment to learning WNA budget policies and procedures and other financial aspects of importance to the Association.

Responsible To: WNA membership through the Board of Directors.

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Term of Office: Elected by secret ballot of the entire membership to serve a for two (2) year term.

Basic Function: The Treasurer, in consultation with the President, Executive Director, WNA Finance Committee and contracted accounting firm, shall be responsible for monitoring the fiscal affairs of the Association. Treasurer shall provide reports and interpretation of the Association’s budget and financial condition to the Board of Directors and the membership.

Responsibilities:
1. Serves as chairperson of the Finance Committee. Prepares upcoming fiscal year operating budget, monitors and report on status of budget at every Board of Directors meeting, makes recommendations regarding resource investments and provides regular review of WNA policies and procedures that include a fiscal impact.
2. Communicates regularly and works with the Executive Director in drafting the upcoming fiscal year operating budget to be presented to the Finance Committee.
3. Remains a member on the Finance Committee for at least one year after their term of Treasurer has ended.
4. Prepares for Board meetings by reading materials provided and requests additional information when indicated.
5. Participates in Board deliberations and seeks additional information as needed.
6. Review and signs Statement of WNA Board Member Conflict of Interest annually.

Time Commitment
1. Attend all four meetings of the Board of Directors, usually scheduled for a full day on a Friday.
2. Chair Finance Committee, which meets every 1-2 months for a one hour conference call.
3. Review and be knowledgeable of all board related materials prior to board meeting, usually requires one hour.
4. Prepares financial update for board meeting. Approximately two hours, working in collaboration with WNA Executive Director.

*This position requires a fair time commitment. If you have questions, please contact WNA Membership & Communications Director Allison Champion: 608.221.0383 x. 291 or Allison@wisconsinnurses.org

WNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE REPRESENTATIVE

Role: The individual Board Member serves as a director of the WNA Board of Directors and provides a perspective of the APRN. A member running for this position must be an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

Responsible To: WNA Board of Directors and membership.

Term of Office: Is elected by membership by secret ballot for a two (2) year term.

Responsibilities:
1. Attends regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings and special meetings as called by the President.
2. Serves as a member-at-large and performs the duties as outlined in the WNA Bylaws.
3. Prepares for Board meetings by reading materials provided and requests additional information when indicated.
4. Participates in Board deliberations and seeks additional information as needed.
5. Review and signs Statement of WNA Board Member Conflict of Interest annually.
6. Serves as WNA Board Liaison to WNA APRN Forum Board of Directors. Attends APRN Board of Directors meetings, approximately five per year, held on Saturdays at the WNA offices in Madison.

Time Commitment
1. Attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, usually scheduled for a full day on a Friday four times a year.
2. Review and be knowledgeable of the Board of Directors agenda item materials, approximately one hour.
Councils, Mutual Interest Groups, and Task Forces support the professional image and practice of WNA's units. Their collective role is to advance Research, and Education, and Public Policy, Nursing Practice and Quality.

**Quarterly reports to WNA’s Board of Directors and an Annual Report to the membership.**

**RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION COUNCIL**

WNA's Research, and Education Council is responsible for reviewing the activities, work products, tools, and services offered through WNA's Workforce Advocacy Program, which promote WNA's professional practice advocacy services, including supporting the nurse's professional integrity, rights, and responsibilities, ethics, principles, advancement of practice standards, and personal well-being.

The Council collaborates with WNA's other Councils, Mutual Interest Groups, and Task Forces as appropriate. The Council provides quarterly reports to WNA's Board of Directors and an Annual Report to the membership.

You may be asked to help facilitate Rapid Response Conference Calls, which are opportunities for members to call in and give their feedback on important issues. It is expected that you will prepare for and attend all meetings, which annually consist of one face-to-face meeting (approximately five hours in length), and monthly or bi-monthly conference calls (one hour).

**NURSING PRACTICE AND QUALITY, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION COUNCIL**

WNA's Nursing Practice and Quality, Research, and Education Council identifies an agenda relating to nursing practice and quality, research, and education, based on WNA's goals and strategic plan. The Council reviews and promotes opportunities for nursing practice and quality, which may include promoting best practices and reviewing important documents pertaining to Nursing Practice Standards, Professional Standards, and WNA's Code of Ethics. While doing so, the Council helps provide a forum for discussion on issues related to nursing practice. The Council encourages and facilitates research opportunities.

The Council also helps guide WNA's educational agenda, which includes informing nurses of educational issues and opportunities.

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee provides nominees for the WNA Board of Directors (Officers and Directors), Councils, and Committees, as well as candidates for WNA Representative to ANA Membership Assembly. Committee members take the time to learn the role of positions that need to be filled and help prepare leaders for succession strategies. Committee members ensure appropriate diversity is represented throughout WNA's structural units. They select candidates who are understanding and tolerant of the viewpoints of others and who are willing to interact openly and directly with other members and WNA staff.

The Nominating Committee meets via conference call, typically one hour in duration, from April to August. A standard election season will require three to four conference calls. Committee members also make personal contact with members to inquire about their interest in running for office. A Committee member typically calls six to ten members per election cycle.

**WNA REPRESENTATIVE TO ANA MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY**

The Membership Assembly is the governing and official voting body of the American Nurses Association (ANA). It identifies and discusses issues of concern to members and provides direction to ANA's Board of Directors.

WNA members send two representatives to the ANA Membership Assembly. One representative is the WNA President, and the other is elected at-large. Please note that this position is a two-year position, which means that the elected representative will make two trips to Washington DC to conduct business at Membership Assembly.

Membership Assembly meetings are typically held in June or July. WNA will provide a stipend to the representative for each trip. If the elected representative is unable to attend, the next candidate with the highest vote total will serve as the representative.

WNA Board of Directors Adopts Healthy Meetings Policy

As part of WNA's Healthy Nurses for Wisconsin initiative, the WNA Board of Directors approved a policy that contains a set of guidelines for healthy meetings. These guidelines were developed by the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity. WNA believes that it is important to provide leadership and role modeling regarding the promotion of health-related behavior and choices. Some of the guidelines adopted include:

1. **Offer nutritious food and beverage options that follow the recommended servings of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, especially for all-day meetings.**
2. **Provide reasonable portions of foods and beverages (i.e., avoid large portions).**
3. **Provide a physical activity instead of serving food at breaks and help participants achieve at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day.**
4. **Prioritize sustainable practices when possible, by minimizing waste, encouraging recycling, and sourcing products from sustainable producers.**
5. **Evaluate efforts to hold healthy meetings and conferences and make adjustments over time to continue to improve the acceptability and healthfulness of choices.**

Legislative Updates

WNA Working for You – Spring 2019

WNA provides political advocacy, professional development and strategies that support nursing practice, competence, and personal health.

**Nurse Workforce Health, Rights, & Safety**

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<td>Launched Co-Sponsorship Action Alert requesting members to contact legislators asking that they sign-on to legislative proposal, APRN Modernization Act.</td>
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<td>Workplace Violence Legislation</td>
<td>Public Hearings pending related to legislative bills, AB and SB, “Criminalization for Battery to a Nurse,” were introduced and assigned to the Criminal Justice Committees of the legislature.</td>
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<td>Healthy Nurses for Wisconsin MIG</td>
<td>WNA’s Healthy Nurses is a Mutual Interest Group (MIG) is interested in supporting nurse health. Join WNA’s Healthy Nurses for Wisconsin Mutual Interest Group.</td>
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<td>APRN Roundtable</td>
<td>Developed to bring APRNs together to identify the common education, practice, administrative, policy and legal issues and possible solutions.</td>
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**Appropriate Nurse Staffing & Nurse Shortage**

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<td>The Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce (WCMEW), of which WNA is a member, focuses on healthcare workforce data and health care delivery design models.</td>
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<td>Preserving the Nurse Workforce Survey</td>
<td>Continue to work on preventing the repeal of the Nursing Workforce Survey in order to sustain a workforce for the future.</td>
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<td>RN Workforce Report</td>
<td>The Wisconsin Center for Nursing’s 2018 RN Workforce Report can be found including trends.</td>
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<td>Patient-Centered Team-Based Care</td>
<td>WNA developed a conceptual model that describes the benefits of using team based care for the care of hypertension. WNA is currently working on hyperlipidemia.</td>
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<td>Future Nursing Leader Award</td>
<td>WNA selected five undergraduates nursing students to receive the WNA Future Nurse Leader Award.</td>
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<td>Nurse Faculty</td>
<td>Governor’s proposed 2019-2020 State Budget included $10 million to support the education of nurse educators.</td>
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**Patient Safety/Advocacy**

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<td>Medicaid Expansion Funds</td>
<td>Implementing an informational campaign on the benefits of gaining access to additional Medicaid funding that will increase access to quality health services for Wisconsin’s population.</td>
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<td>Opioid Epidemic</td>
<td>WNA planning a fall Nurse Summit on WNA’s role in Addressing the Opioid Epidemic.</td>
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Below is a summary of WNA’s positions on proposed legislation as of May 30, 2019.

2019 Assembly Bill 76 & Senate Bill 103: Relating to: standards of instructional program for nurse aides.

**WNA Position:** WNA has not taken a position on this legislation.

The healthcare industry is very concerned about the shortage of certified nurse assistants (CNAs) available to work in long-term care settings. The industry is identifying solutions to increase the supply by returning to the training hours that are required in the federal regulations. WNA assumes that the industry will provide the additional training that supports CNA competencies. Failure to do so will result in violations with monetary penalties to the facility for poor care. Data will show the impact of reducing these hours.

**Status:**
- 3/13/2019, Introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.
- 3/26/2019, Public hearing held.
- 4/30/2019, Executive action taken.
- 5/15/19, Received by the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

2019 Assembly Bill 175 & Senate Bill 163: Relating to: causing bodily harm to a nurse and providing a penalty.

**WNA Position:** Strongly Support.

This bill is one of WNA’s top priorities for this legislative biennium. This legislation will standardize the criminal penalty for those individuals who cause battery to a nurse regardless of the practice setting. The penalty is a Level H felony which can result in six years of incarceration and/or up to $10,000 fine.

**Status:**
- 4/11/19, Introduced by Senators Kooypenga, Carpenter, Cowles, Feyen, Jacque, Marklein, Nass and Testin; cosponsored by Representatves Magnifici, Duchow, Tittl, Kuglitsch, Brooks, Dittrich, Horlacher, James, Kerkman, Kulp, Kurtz, Murphy, Novak, Ohnstad, Ott, Petersen, Rohrkaste, Sinicki, Skorowinski, Spinos, Thiesfeldt, Tranel, Tusler, Wichgers and Quinn.
- Senate Action: 4/11/19, Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.
- Assembly Action: 4/18/19, Introduced and read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

**Thanks to all who contacted your legislator asking that they sign on as a co-sponsor! This resulted in 33 legislators signing on!**

Budget Bill 2019-2021 – Overview:
The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) held public hearings across the state and has begun taking votes on the 2019-21 state budget. JFC will continue to meet throughout May, taking up the budget agency by agency. Then, the JFC will send its amended budget to the Legislature for approval.

Assembly Bill 56 & Senate Bill 59: Relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2019 legislature.

**Status:** Introduced and referred to the Joint Committee on Finance

**Position:** Strongly Support two formal positions related to the legislative budget.

1. **Increase supply of nurse faculty in Wisconsin Nursing Programs.** The Governor’s proposed budget of $10 million was earmarked for the UW System nursing programs. WNA is partnering with ANEW to advocate for the expansion the available dollars for UW system, Technical College systems and private colleges that offer a nursing degree. The dollars would: Establish a program that provides 1) fellowships to students who enroll in certain advanced nursing degree programs; 2) postdoctoral fellowships to recruit faculty for nursing programs; and 3) educational loan repayment assistance to recruit and retain faculty for nursing programs. In addition, the program would require individuals who receive fellowships or educational assistance to make a three-year commitment to teaching in one of the identified nursing programs. As of May 20, WNA is working with Joint Finance Committee to amend the proposal to include all of the programs and move the administration of the dollars to the Higher Education Aids Board.

2. **Procurement of Waiver for Medicaid Expansion available at the Federal level.** This bill changes the family income eligibility level to up to 133 percent of the federal poverty line for parents and caretaker relatives under BadgerCare Plus and for childless adults currently covered under BadgerCare Plus Core and who are incorporated into BadgerCare Plus in this bill. BadgerCare Plus and BadgerCare Plus Core are programs under the state’s Medical Assistance program which provides health services to individuals who have limited financial resources. The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act allow a state to receive an enhanced federal medical assistance percentage payment for providing benefits to certain individuals through a state’s Medical Assistance program. The bill requires DHS to comply with all federal requirements and to request any amendment to the state Medical Assistance plan, waiver of Medicaid law, or other federal approval necessary to qualify for the highest available enhanced federal medical assistance percentage for childless adults under the BadgerCare Plus program. For more information on the benefits of obtaining additional Medicaid funding go to: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/budget/resources.htm

**Update on the APRN Modernization Act**

During the week of May 13-17, 2019, members and other nursing groups were requested to contact their legislators asking that they sign-on as a co-sponsor to the APRN Modernization Act. Thanks to your efforts, legislator response was amazing! Over 40 legislators signed on. Thanks again to all who contacted their legislators.
WNA elected representatives to the ANA Membership Assembly, Linda Gobis, Gail Hanson Brenner, Pam Macari Sanberg and Maggie Wolf have met to review and discuss the action items that will be presented at the ANA Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held in Washington D.C. June 21–22, 2019. The representatives will fly out one day early to join their other nurse colleagues to spend a day meeting with their elected Congressperson and Senators. ANA will schedule the meetings and provide talking points on their identified issues.

Actions items that will be presented and discussed include the following:

**Dialogue Forums**
- Removal of Outdated ANA Language to Increasing Access to Vaccination Compliance
- DACA and NCLEX
- Visibility of Nurses in the Media
- Human Trafficking: A Nursing Perspective on Solving a Public Health Crisis
- Care of the Older Adult
- Consideration of ANA’s Presidential Endorsement Process
- Consideration of ANA’s Revised Position Statement: The Nurse’s Role When a Patient Requests Medical Aid in Dying
- Consideration of Value Pricing and the Revised Membership Assembly Policy: Assessment of ANA Dues from C/SNAs and Direct Members (“Dues Policy”)

**Proposed Changes to ANA Bylaws**
- Inclusion of international nursing associations/organizations to join ANA’s Organizational Affiliate.
- Eliminates secret ballot requirement, as ANA is no longer designated as a labor organization.
- Allows for regular meetings to be held virtually in future years.
- Eliminates ANA’s control over C/SNA governance and ANA’s disciplinary powers.

**Other opportunities**
1. WNA Representatives will participate in a variety of Saturday Luncheon Discussions that include:
   - Revision of Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice
   - Healthy Nurse Healthy Nation
   - Occupational Licensure Reform and Potential Implications for Nursing
   - Lunch with ANCC Credentialing Program Leaders
2. Election of Officers and other Leadership positions
3. ANA-PAC High Donor Events
4. ANF Donor Luncheon

A summary of the events and action items will be provided in the next issue of the Wisconsin Nurse.
Wisconsin Faith Community Nurse Coalition is looking for practicing Faith Community Nurses (FCN) who may also be referred to as Parish Nurses. If you are a FCN working in Wisconsin or managing FCNs in Wisconsin please contact the WNA or myself (Deborah Ziebarth) at 414-315-5456.

We are hoping to update the FCN directory for the purpose of sharing information and networking.

The Westberg Symposium for Faith Community Nurses was held in Memphis, Tennessee this year with nearly 300 participants. Some of the highlights included the revealing of the 2019 FCN Mutual Interest Groups (MIG) Updates.

Wisconsin Faith Community Nurse Coalition

Wisconsin Faith Community Nurse Coalition is a mutual interest group of the Wisconsin Nurses Association. Save the date for the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course scheduled for August 2-3 and 16-17 at the WNA Office. Please go to wisconsinnurses.org for updates and registration information!

Register Today

There were 48 educational topics that were presented at the 33rd Annual WNA Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Pharmacology and Clinical Update. The 300-plus attendees spent their time at the April 11-13th conference learning about the latest policy topics, reimbursement, research and pharmacologic/therapeutic practices. The highlights of the three days are as follows:

- Education-related safe prescribing practice and strategies for optimal therapeutic outcomes.
- Strategies for supporting personal health and well-being.
- “Hands-on” training.
- Presentation of posters.

There were two keynote speakers this year, Donna Friedsam, MPH and Director of Health Policy at the UW Population Health Institute, provided an update on Healthcare Reform. Michael McNett, MD, Medical Director for Chronic Pain at Aurora Healthcare GMS, presented on the topic titled, Identification of Opioid Abuse Risk in Chronic Pain Patients.

Time was set aside for poster presentations on Saturday. Four advanced practice registered nurses presented their research projects. The quality of the posters and the discussion time was appreciated by all.

Other highlights included the presentation of the Mary Barker APRN Scholarship that was awarded to Ashley Lukes and Sarah Adams. The fundraising goal for supporting WNA’s lobbying efforts exceeded expectations. Thanks to all who contributed.

Please mark your calendar for next year’s WNA Pharmacology and Clinical Update scheduled for April 23-25, 2020 at the Monona Terrace in Madison.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses attend 33nd Annual WNA APRN Forum Pharmacology and Clinical Update
Upcoming Conferences

SAVE THE DATE
WNA Annual Meeting and Leadership Summit
Friday January 17, 2020

Preparation is underway for the 2020 WNA Annual Meeting and the Leadership Summit which will be held on Friday January 17, 2020 in the Madison area from 12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm. Members are invited to join virtually or in person. This meeting will coincide with WNA’s Leadership Summit. The Leadership Summit will bring together the outgoing and the incoming leadership for the purposes of knowledge transfer and a smooth transition.

The Annual Meeting items include any proposed Bylaw changes, Professional Policy Recommendations, informational reports and results of the WNA Elections.

Proposed changes to the WNA Bylaws must be submitted to WNA’s Committee on Bylaws no later than September 1, 2019.

Proposed Professional Policy Recommendations which will be in a Dialogue Forum format need to be submitted to WNA’s Professional Policy Committee before August 1, 2019.

More information regarding the process for submitting proposed Bylaw and Dialogue Forum topics is available on WNA’s website or you can contact WNA at info@wisconsinnurses.org.
Welcome 2019-2021 Nurse Practitioner Board of Directors

This past April, members of WNA who are also Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners cast their vote for the Nurse Practitioner Forum Board of Directors. Thank you to those that took the time to run in this year’s election. The 2019-2021 Board is as follows:

President: Tina Bettin (reelected 2019)

Vice President: Andrea Pollema

Secretary/Treasurer: Jean Roedl (reelected 2019) Not Pictured

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WNA Board of Directors APRN Representative: Lisa Pisney

**Surgery of the Biliary Tract, Pancreas, Liver, and Spleen**

To complete this activity, the participant will need to access and read Neil, J.A. (2010). Surgery of the Biliary Tract, Pancreas, Liver, and Spleen. In J.C. Rutkow (Ed.), Alexander’s Care of the Patient in Surgery (pp. 342-375), St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.

* Answer Key can be found on WNA’s website, wisconsinnurses.org.

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is a 501c3 non-profit organization that was created in 2006 to engage nurse and healthcare organizations, public and private academic programs, government agencies and related service providers to work together as collaborative partners in an effort to ensure an adequate, competent and diverse nursing workforce for the people of Wisconsin. Through partnerships with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, it strives to accurately and continually collect, analyze and disseminate nursing workforce data to assist healthcare organizations and academic institutions to fully assess both nursing resources and nursing education so they are utilized effectively now, and in the future.

Work of the Center

1. The Center conducts educational surveys with the assistance of the Administration of Nursing Education of Wisconsin (ANEW) that assess program specific data for approved and accredited nursing programs in the State including recruitment and retention of faculty and students.

2. Analyzes nurse licensure data on a biennial basis:
   - Even numbered years, Registered Nurses (RNs)
   - Uneven numbered years, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPNs)

3. Determines key trends in education, employment and practice

4. Identifies implications for nursing practice and policy

5. Collaborates with key stakeholders to sustain statewide infrastructure to address nursing workforce issues

6. Develops policy recommendations across industry sectors to improve Wisconsin’s health workforce

The fourth biennial 2017 Wisconsin LPN Workforce Survey was completed by 11,264 Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). The LPN Workforce Survey is required by the Wisconsin State Legislature and conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and the Wisconsin Center for Nursing (WCN). The full report is available at wisconsincenterfornursing.org.
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