

**2017 AaNA Board of Directors
General Election
Biographical Information**

President

Jane Erickson, ADN, RN, CCRN

Present Employment Position:

Staff Nurse, ICU, Providence Alaska Medical Center

Residence:

Palmer, AK

Years' experience as an RN:

35

Past 5 years of Professional Experience in Nursing or Related Positions:

Staff Nurse, ICU, Providence Alaska Medical Center – 1986 to Present

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I have been a proud member since 1999. I am also a member of the AACN and currently CCRN certified.

Statement of Interest:

I am currently the president of the Alaska Nurses Association. The Association has greatly expanded our education department, our magazine continues to grow, we are involved in both student nurse associations, and our membership continues to grow also. This is an exciting time for our organization and I would greatly appreciate being able to continue as your president and to continue to see how and where we can expand.

Rural Director

Karen Keeble, RN

Present Employment Position:

Night Shift RN, Heritage Place

Residence:

Soldotna, AK

Years' experience as an RN:

23 (33 total as a nurse)

Past 5 years of Professional Experience in Nursing or Related Positions:

Night Shift RN, Heritage Place – 2016 to Present

Regional QA/PI Nurse, North American Health Care – 2014 to 2016

Director of Nurses, LifeHOUSE Health Services – 2012 to 2014

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I've been a part of the union in Alaska as a member. My other years of nursing as QA/PI and D.O.N. involved being an active advocate for nurses to collaborate for the progress of the nursing profession and promote the deliverance of quality care while maintaining the nurse as a whole person in the community as well as in the workplace.

Statement of Interest:

I have great interest in promoting our profession and making sure nurses' needs are met to properly provide quality care in a safe working environment and promote the wellbeing of nurses as a group and individually. To be able to leave my mark for promoting the profession for active members now and for those nurses that will follow in our profession.

Director at Large

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN

Present Employment Position:

Staff Nurse, Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Providence Alaska Medical Center

Residence:

Anchorage, Alaska

Years' experience as an RN:

37 years

Past 5 years of Professional Experience in Nursing or Related Positions:

Staff RN, PACU, Providence Alaska Medical Center – September 1999 to Present

Faith Community Nurse, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church – April 2016 to Present

Member & Chair, Alaska Board of Nursing, State of Alaska – 2007 to 2014

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

Member since moving to Alaska in 1999

Legislative Committee member, 2014 to Present

Director of Professional Practice, 2014 to Present

Contributing author to The Alaska Nurse

Statement of Interest:

I believe every nurse should belong to the professional organization, the Alaska Nurses Association. The Alaska legislators and citizens of Alaska look to the Alaska Nurses Association to be the voice of nurses. The AaNA promotes holistic standards to provide for the health of the public. The AaNA is a resource for nurses about ethics, continuing education offerings, promotes the advancement of nursing and supports members to be leaders in the healthcare field. My goal is to grow membership.

Director at Large

Janet Pasternak, BA, BSN, RN, WCC

Present Employment Position:

RN, Home Health Care, Maxim Healthcare Services

Residence:

Anchorage, Alaska

Years' experience as an RN:

17 years

Past 5 years of Professional Experience in Nursing or Related Positions:

RN, Home Health Care, Maxim Healthcare Services – 2017 to Present

RN, St. Elias Specialty Hospital – 2016 to 2017

RN, State of Alaska, Department of Corrections – 2015 to 2016

RN, Providence Alaska Medical Center – 2008 to 2014

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

Previous position as Director at Large x 2 terms

PRN Vice President x 2 terms

Statement of Interest:

I love working and contributing to enhancement of professional nurses. Advocating for new nurses and old ones is my passion. I've been involved with this organization for a number of years and I'm dedicated to making sure it improves and continues to serve its members, the profession and the community it serves.