

**2021 AaNA Board of Directors
General Election
Biographical Information**

President /AFT Delegate

Jane Erickson, ADN, RN, CCRN

Present Employment Position:

Staff Nurse, ICU, Providence Alaska Medical Center

Residence:

Palmer, AK

Years' experience as an RN:

38

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:

Under the current leadership of the AaNA we have expanded our continuing education department, our magazine continues to grow, our involvement in both student nurses associations continues to be active, our involvement with the School Nurse Assoc. has grown and our membership has continued to increase. Our organization has stepped up to the plate in these last few months of Covid-19 with virtual conferences, general assemblies, meetings and classes. We are striving to be the Go-To place for accurate information on Nursing education, information and issues I would greatly appreciate being able to continue as your president in these ever changing times, to be an integral part of those changes and see where we can expand and grow as an organization.

Greater Alaska Director/AFT Delegate

Sara Massmann, RN, PCCN

Present Employment Position:

RN ICU & M/S, PeaceHealth Ketchikan

Residence:

Ketchikan

Years' experience as an RN:

14

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

RN, PCCN ICU & M/S, Ketchikan Medical Center June 2018 – Present

RN, PCCN ICU & PCU, Unity Hospital Fridley, MN, July 2007 - June 2018

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

In MN I was a member of the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) and served as a Steward for both the PCU & the ICU. I participated and help organize "Lobby Days" at the MN State Capitol for MNA. I also served as a strike captain when my hospital & the 3 other "city" hospitals owned by the company I worked for were on strike in Minneapolis for 6 weeks. I have 30 years of experience in working with Labor Unions through political, legislative & union activities. I have been a member of a Nurses Union my entire 14 year career.

Statement of Interest:

Greater Alaska Director-I would like to learn more about how the AaNA functions in serving our membership. I only see one side of it and I know that it would be helpful to my legislative work to know more about what is going on in the other areas in the Union. Living in Ketchikan, I know the importance of a state-wide voice. I will also bring a small hospital & SE perspective to the board. I have some ideas about state-wide outreach that I would love to explore with the entire board.

AFT Delegate- I have been a delegate to many political & labor union Conventions at a precinct, county, congressional & state level, I have attended national conventions for another labor unions as a visitor. I understand the process of business at union and political conventions and I feel I would quickly pick up the nuances of the AFT. I am also very excited to learn more about the AFT and to network with members from across the country.

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:

41 years

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

Staff RN, PACU, Providence Alaska Medical Center – September 1999 to Present
Nurse Consultant, Alaska State Board of Nursing 2017-2019

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

Member since moving to Alaska in 1999
Director at Large 2017-current
Legislative Committee member, 2014 to 2016
Director of Professional Practice, 2014 to Present
Contributing author to The Alaska Nurse

Statement of Interest:

Nurses are the most trusted profession and this is so evident as we experience the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe nurses need to take the lead in healthcare in Alaska. AaNA is recognized as the voice of nurses in Alaska. MY goal is to continue to support Alaska nurses to speak up for our current health issues. Nurses need to be actively involved in public policy that affects our profession. I want to continue you to grow membership in AaNA. LPNs are able to be full members, but many have not taken advantage of this bylaw change to be full members of AaNA. I will also promote nurses to be appointed to Alaska and Anchorage Boards and Commissions.

Rural Director

Karlene Detwiller, BSN, RN

Present Employment Position:

Nurse Manager, Primary Care, Alaska VA Healthcare System

Residence:

Willow, Alaska

Years' experience as an RN:

9 years

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

Nurse Manager, Alaska VA 2019-present

Assistant Nurse Manager, Alaska VA December 2018-September 2019

Interim Associate Chief Nurse Joint Venture, VA 2018

Care Manager Primary Care, VA 2018

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I have been a member of the Alaska Nurses Association since May 2018, when I had the opportunity to attend a monthly board meeting. Seeing the team together, collaborating, and advocating for nurses made me want to be part of such a fantastic group of personnel and nurses! The staff want to ensure that nurses are well cared for and that nursing is a celebrated profession. Since 2019, I have had the amazing opportunity to serve as the Rural Director for the AaNA and contribute to the profession of nursing; thanks to all of you! I am also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and have been part of multiple organizations in my career. I have a myriad of experiences in leadership, serving on various committees and leading teams. This experience has helped me serve in this position in the last two years. My experience will continue to help me excel and advocate for nurses all across our state

Statement of Interest:

As the current Rural Director for the Alaska Nurses Association, I hope to have the opportunity to serve another two-year team and advocate for the profession of nursing all over Alaska. Through collaboration, persistence, networking, engagement, and drive, it is my personal goal to continue to help nurses bond across the state and make a better tomorrow for nurses. The last year and a half has been a challenge for our profession; together, the AaNA board has helped and continues to help uplift, motivate, and advocate for nurses to ensure nurses are safe and receiving quality treatment throughout the state. It has been an honor to sit on the board and see the team problem solve, advocate, and spend countless hours ensuring that nurses have a voice and that our profession upholds nursing values. My goals for the position include increased community outreach and advocating for all nurses in Alaska. I believe that if selected, I can help advocate and continue to strengthen the bond of our profession.

Secretary

Quinn Sharkey, MA, RN-BC, CCDS, NHDP- BC

Present Employment Position:

Residence:

Anchorage, Alaska

Years' experience as an RN:

26 years

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

Clinical Documentation Specialist RN – PAMC 2014-2020

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

Served as Director At Large for 1.5 terms

Serving as BOD Secretary

Statement of Interest:

I believe in the goals of the organization and if I can continue to be of service, I am happy to do so.

AFT Delegate

Terra Colegrove, RN

Present Employment Position:

PAMC Staff RN

Residence:

Anchorage, Alaska

Years' experience as an RN:

26 years

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

Staff RN- PAMC 1987- current

Staff RN, SCoA, 2011-current

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I began my nursing career in 1987 at PAMC and consider myself invested in the PAMC work environment. Twenty one years ago, I was just one of many PAMC nurse supporting the idea of AaNA and it is my desire now to contribute more directly to the AaNA practice of educating and empowering nurses. I have held the position of President of Providence Registered Nurses since 2013.

Statement of Interest:

As an elected leader of PRN any vision and strategic goals would focus on formulating effective communication across the entire organization. A clear and consistent message, that each member's contribution becomes the collective benefit, is best represented through AaNA's organizational structure and its management.

AFT Delegate

Jessy Hilliard, RN

Present Employment Position:

PAMC Resource Pool RN

Residence:

Palmer, Alaska

Years' experience as an RN:

11 years

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

Resource Pool, RN PAMC- 2010-current

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I am currently a grievance officer for the PRN Union. I am a member of the 2021-2024 Contract Negotiations Team.

Statement of Interest:

I have reached a place in my life where I am able to take a more active role in the AaNA. In 2010, I graduated from UAA with an AAS in nursing. I also have a BS in Business Administration with an option in management from the University of Montana. I accepted my first RN job in November 2010 with the Resource Pool at PAMC. I look forward to learning more about our organization and serving as a member of the leadership team.

AFT Delegate

Donna Phillips, RN, BSN

Present Employment Position:

Staff RN Registry PAMC

Residence:

Girdwood, Alaska

Years' experience as an RN:

43 years

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

PAMC-Adult Critical Care_1994-present

Labor Council Chair 2002-2011 and 2012-present

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

PAMC ICU 1994-present •

Hearing officer for State of Alaska-Workers Compensation Board--2014-2020 •

AaNA Labor Council 2000 – Present •

AaNA Labor Council, Chair 2002 – 2011 & 2012 - Present •

Negotiating Table and Strategy Team - PAMC several Contracts • AaNA Legislative Committee (ongoing)

Lobbying in Juneau • PRN Treasurer - 1997 - 2000 & 2002-2008, 2009-present

• AaNA Treasurer – 2007-2011 •

Central Labor Council Delegate, Anchorage, 2003-present •

AK State Federation of Labor, VP for AaNA 2/2003-2005, 2009-present •

Various committees at PAMC, including Safe Pt. Handling, Environment of Care and Policy & Procedures, Pharmacy & Therapeutics • Treasurer Alaska Nurses-PAC (political action committee) AFT Program and Policy Council for AaNA, 2014-present

Statement of Interest:

As chair of the labor program of the AaNA, I remain committed to the values of the AaNA. Quality healthcare for all Alaskans can be achieved in many ways. A nurse's work environment is a patient's healing environment. This has been a particularly challenging several months for our union of nurses. Changes in standards related to COVID-19 due to supply chain disruption has been concerning. As a union we continue to press for the Alaska OSHA (AKOSH) create a temporary standard related to respiratory/ infectious diseases that would hold employers accountable to a standard that protects all workers. I will also continue to promote education and representing nurses at their work site, as well as in the legislative and political process. As nurses and community members, we have the opportunity to help Alaskans in many ways through our Union.

I am proud to serve in my appointment by President Randi Weingarten on the Program and Policy Council for Nurses and Health Professionals of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), our national union home. This council sets the body of work to take to the AFT Convention for all AFT Affiliates to vote on and then works on the implementation. Stay tuned for the AaNA's first virtual 2021 General Assembly where the members will vote on the priorities for 2022

Your vote is important in all elections. Get to know your representatives running for State house and Senate, as well as our National representative candidates. We have the opportunity to get to know people who are elected to serve us. This is a great time for candidates hear from the people who actually live, work and spend our time in this great state. I would be proud to continue to serve the nurses of Alaska by being elected to the Alaska Nurses Association-Labor Council Chair position. I hope to hear your thoughts and ideas at our next Labor Council meeting, or the General Assembly, Oct 9th.

AFT Delegate

Kathryn Shull, RN, BSN

Present Employment Position:

LDRP RN

Residence:

Ward Cove, Alaska

Years' experience as an RN:

5 years

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

Clinical Instructor – UAA Jan 2021- current

PeaceHealth LDRP RN- May 2019- current

PeaceHealth – OR/Perioperative RN May 2016-May 2019

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

Local Elected positions: Secretary 2016-current, Labor Council Rep 2017-present, negotiating Team 2016-2017 & 2020-2021

AFT Delegate to multiple previous conferences.

Statement of Interest:

I am an RN with my BSN and I am working to complete my MSN- Ed. I am very passionate about labor relations and work hard to make a positive change in Ketchikan.

I always learn so much at AFT vents and I am excited to use that knowledge to empower our local, improve negotiations and our CBA, and to better support and advocate for our members.

AFT Delegate

Brittany Mackey RNC-OB

Present Employment Position:

RN, Labor & Delivery PAMC

Residence:

Wasilla, Alaska

Years' experience as an RN:

8

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

Director at Large- AaNA Labor Council/BOD 2020-current

PRN Bargaining Team 2021-present

Grievance Officer, AaNA 2017- current

Nurse, RNC-OB, PAMC 2016-current

Nurse. RN, Northstar Behavioral Health 2014-2016

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

Grievance officer with AaNA, participates in legislative committee and lobbies in Juneau and Washington DC. I'm a VP for the AK AFL-CIO.

Statement of Interest:

I wish to hold this position to grow in my duties and responsibilities within the AaNA. I feel the more I can participate and support my union, the more I can help my fellow nurses. My goals in this position are to see the working of the association behind the PRN meetings and grievances and learn from the people already on the labor council.

