Summary

The American Nurses Association (ANA) Membership Assembly held its annual meeting in Washington, DC on June 9-10, 2017. ANA President Pamela Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, presided.

Opening Session – Friday June 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
President Cipriano called the Opening Session of the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly to order at 8:02am on June 9, 2017.

Order of Business
A quorum1 for the transaction of business was established. ANA Secretary Patricia Travis, PhD, RN, CCRP presented a motion to approve the Standing Rules for the Conduct of Business.

Motion #1, The ANA Membership Assembly approves the Standing Rules for the Conduct of Business (Carried 100% in favor)

Secretary Travis presented a motion to approve the Agenda for the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly business meeting.

Motion #2, The ANA Membership Assembly approves the business meeting agenda for the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly, as presented in the Membership Assembly materials posted in advance on the Membership Assembly meeting workspace (Carried: 100% in favor)

Report of the Nominations and Elections Committee
Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Chris Rhodes, BSN, RN, reported that 12 candidates were placed on the initial slate; a second Call for Nominations was disseminated for the office of Vice President and for the Nominations and Elections Committee due to insufficient

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nominations; which yielded three additional nominations. Three candidates withdrew their candidacy: two prior to and one after the dissemination of the final slate and the Candidate Profile Guide.

President Cipriano called for nominations from the floor. Two nominations were received:

- Jennifer Mensik, PHD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN (Arizona), was nominated for the office of Treasurer
- Sabrina Lozier, BSN, RN (Florida), was nominated for the position of Director-at-Large, Recent graduate

President’s Address
President Cipriano presented her address.

Remarks from the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) President
NSNA President Jennifer Kalenkoski reported on the outcomes of NSNA’s 65th annual convention, reviewed planned initiatives for the year, and thanked ANA for its long-standing support of new graduates.

ADJOURN
Prior to adjourning the Opening Session of the Membership Assembly, President Cipriano made a brief statement about a potential conflict of interest that had been raised regarding Linda Stierle, Chair of ANA’s Committee on Bylaws, who also serves as the Chair of the Maryland Nurses Association’s Bylaws Committee. President Cipriano reported that she discussed the potential conflict with the Stierle, the Committee on Bylaws, and the staff liaisons to the Committee. Committee members stated that Stierle maintained neutrality at all times and should remain in her role as Chair. In addition, the ANA staff liaisons to the Committee also stated that Stierle maintained neutrality at all times.

President Cipriano solicited objections from the Membership Assembly to Stierle continuing in her role as Chair of the ANA Committee on Bylaws throughout the 2017 Membership Assembly. No objections were received.

President Cipriano adjourned the Opening Session of the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly at 9:32am on June 9, 2017.

Second Session – Friday June 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
President Cipriano called the Second Session of the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly to order at 1:02pm on June 9, 2017.
**Order of Business**
A quorum\(^2\) for the transaction of business was established.

**Treasurer’s Report**
Treasurer Gingy Harshey-Meade, MSN, RN, CAE, NEA-BC, presented the Report of the Treasurer and solicited questions from the Membership Assembly. No questions were raised.

**Report of the Chief Executive Officer**
Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Marla Weston, PhD, RN, FAAN, presented her report.

**Progress Report on the 2016 Dialogue Forum Recommendations**
ANA Executive Director Debbie Hatmaker, PhD, RN, FAAN, reported on ANA’s work to advance the recommendations from the 2016 Dialogue Forums.

**ADJOURN**
President Cipriano adjourned the Second Session of the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly at 1:52pm on June 9, 2017.

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**Third Session – Saturday June 10, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**
President Cipriano called the Third Session of the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly to order at 9:15am on June 10, 2017.

**Order of Business**
A quorum\(^3\) for the transaction of business was established.

**Nightingale Tribute**
ANA Member Duane Jaeger, MSN, RN, APRN, read the poem he authored, *She Was There*, to pay tribute to the nurses who had passed away since the 2016 ANA Membership Assembly.

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**Subsidiary Reports**
Patricia Reid Ponte, DNSc, RN, FAAN, NEA-BC, President, American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC); Tim Porter O’Grady DM, EdD, APRN, FAAN, FACCWS, Chair, American Nurses Foundation (Foundation); and Karen Cox, PhD, RN, PPCNP-BC, FAHE, FAAN, President Elect, American Academy of Nursing (Academy), highlighted the work of ANCC, the Foundation, and the Academy respectively, as well as the strides that have been made to better position the nursing profession for the future by maximizing synergies and identifying opportunities for collaboration across the subsidiaries.

**Report of the Committee on Bylaws**
Linda Stierle, MSN, RN, Chair of ANA’s Committee on Bylaws, presented the motion to reauthorize the Membership Assembly, mandated by a bylaws proviso to Article III (ANA Bylaws, as amended June 25, 2016).

President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of the motion to reauthorize the Membership Assembly. A motion to “Call the Question” was made and seconded.

**Motion #3, The ANA Membership Assembly supports ending discussion on the motion to reauthorize the Membership Assembly** *(Carried: 97.5% for; 2.5% against)*

The Membership Assembly considered the motion to reauthorize the Membership Assembly.

**Motion #4, The ANA Membership Assembly approves reauthorization of the Membership Assembly** *(Failed: 62.1% for; 37.9% against)*

Chair Stierle presented the Conditional Amendments submitted by the ANA Board of Directors.

- **Group 1A:** Amend Article III, Sections 3.a, 3.a.1, and 3.b of the ANA bylaws to establish the total number of representatives that would comprise ANA’s governing body; and to add a new proviso stating that amendments to ANA’s bylaws that are adopted by the 2017 Membership Assembly shall become effective only after the 2017 Membership Assembly has been concluded.

President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of the Conditional Amendments – Group 1A. A motion to amend one proposed amendment in Group 1A, namely the proposed amendment to Article III, Section 3.a, was made and seconded.

**Motion #5, The Membership Assembly approves the amendment to the proposed amendment to Article III, Section 3.a: “The Membership Assembly shall be comprised of a total of 200 300 representatives, including:”** *(Carried: 92.4% for; 7.6% against)*

The Membership Assembly considered the proposed amendment to Article III, Section 3.a, as amended.
Motion #6, The Membership Assembly approves Article III, Section 3.a, as amended: “The Membership Assembly shall be comprised of a total of 300 representatives, including:” (Failed: 37.7% for; 62.3% against)

The Membership Assembly considered the Conditional Amendments – Group 1A.

Motion #7, The Membership Assembly approves the Conditional Amendments – Group 1A, to amend Article III, Sections 3.a, 3.a.1, and 3.b of the ANA bylaws and to add a new proviso, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 93.5% for; 6.5% against)

Chair Stierle presented the General Amendments submitted by the ANA Board of Directors.

- **General Amendments – Group G1**: Amend Article II, Sections 1.b.4; 1.c.1.b; 1.c.2.a; 1.c.2.i, iii, and iv; 1.c.2.b; 1.c.2.e; and 1.d.2 of the ANA bylaws to implement the recommendations of the Non-RN Task Force which would allow states flexibility to include non-RNs in their membership.

President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendments – Group G1. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendments – Group G1.

Motion, #8, The ANA Membership Assembly approves General Amendments – Group G1, to amend Article II, Sections 1.b.4; 1.c.1.b; 1.c.2.a; 1.c.2.i, iii, and iv; 1.c.2.b; 1.c.2.e; and 1.d.2 of the ANA bylaws, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 90.5% for; 9.5% against)

- **General Amendment – G2**: Amend Article III, Section 8 to provide greater flexibility in scheduling meetings as needed to reduce expenses associated with face-to-face meetings, allow for maximum participation by C/SNAs and members, and enable meetings to take place virtually in certain circumstances. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G2. During discussion, a motion to “Call the Question” was made and seconded.

Motion #9, The ANA Membership Assembly supports ending discussion on General Amendment – G2 (Carried: 95% for; 5% against)

The Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G2.

Motion #10, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G2, to amend Article III, Section 8, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 96.1% for; 3.9% against)
• General Amendment – G3: Amend Article VI, Section 2.b to allow ANA to continue to leverage the unique perspective provided by the ANA President while limiting the perception of undue influence of the ANA President on the work of ANA’s standing committees. The Committee on Bylaws recommended that General Amendment – G3 be adopted. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G3. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G3.

  **Motion #11, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G3 to amend Article IV, Section 2.b, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 97.4% for; 2.6% against)**

• General Amendment – G4: Amend Article IV, Section 3.c to reflect that the Membership Assembly approves certain ANA policies and positions. The Committee on Bylaws recommended that General Amendment – G4 be adopted. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G4. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G4.

  **Motion #11, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G4, to amend Article IV, Section 3.c, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 100% for; 0% against)**

• General Amendment – G5: Amend Article IV, Section 7 to clarify and broaden the ANA Board of Directors’ overall authority to determine the size, structure, and composition of the Committee on Appointments. The Committee on Bylaws recommended that General Amendment – G5 be adopted. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G5. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G5.

  **Motion #12, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G5, to amend Article IV, Section 7, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 96.7% for; 3.3% against)**

• General Amendment – G6: Amend Article V, Section 1 to change the name of the Reference Committee to more accurately that the Committee’s primary responsibility is to facilitate the development of professional policies. The Committee on Bylaws recommended that General Amendment – G6 be adopted. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G6. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G6.
Motion #13, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G6, to amend Article V, Section 1, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 96.7% for; 3.3% against)

- General Amendment – G7: Amend Article V, Section 2.a to clarify that the role of the President is that of an ex officio member without vote on the Committee on Bylaws and the Reference Committee. The Committee on Bylaws recommended that General Amendment – G7 be adopted. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G7. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G7.

Motion #14, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G7, to amend Article V, Section 2.a, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 98.5% for; 1.5% against)

- General Amendment – G8: Amend Article V, Section 3.b to clarify the process for determining who will serve as the chairperson-elect on the Nominations and Elections Committee. The Committee on Bylaws recommended that General Amendment – G8 be adopted. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G8. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G8.

Motion #15, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G8, to amend Article V, Section 3.b, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 100% for; 0% against)

- General Amendment – G9: Amend Article X to update the name of ANA’s periodical and to ensure that only members that are joint members of both ANA and the C/SNA are entitled to receive the ANA Member periodical. The Committee on Bylaws recommended that General Amendment – G9 be adopted. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G9. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G9.

Motion #16, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G9, to amend Article X, as submitted by the ANA Board of Directors (Carried: 100% for; 0% against)

- General Amendment – G10: Amend Article XII, Section 1.d to streamline the process for the dissemination of information regarding the annual meeting of the Membership Assembly. The Committee on Bylaws recommended that General Amendment – G10 be adopted. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G10. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G10.
Chair Stierle presented the General Amendments submitted by 10 C/SNAs and the Individual Member Division (IMD).

- **General Amendment – G11**: Amend Article III, Section 1, to add a specific authority to ANA’s highest governing body. The Committee on Bylaws moved adoption of General Amendment – G11. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G11. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G11.

- **General Amendments – G12**: Amend Article III, Section 2, to add two additional responsibilities to ANA’s governing body. Namely, to:
  1. Give the governing body the authority to establish its own rules regarding the meetings of the governing body (new letter “m” under Article III, Section 2); and
  2. Restore the involvement of the governing body with nursing standards and the ANA Code of Ethics (new letter “n” under Article III, Section 2).

The Committee on Bylaws moved adoption of General Amendment – G12. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G12. The Membership Assembly decided to consider each proposed amendment within the General Amendments – G12 separately.

- **Motion #19, The ANA Membership Assembly supports the first amendment within General Amendment – G12 to amend Article III, Section 2 by adding a new letter “m” (Establish rules of procedure for meetings of the ANA Membership Assembly), as submitted by 10 C/SNAs and the IMD (Carried: 79.9% for; 20.1% against)**

The Membership Assembly then considered the second amendment within the General Amendments – G12.

- **Motion #20, The ANA Membership Assembly supports the second amendment within General Amendment – G12 to amend Article III, Section 2 by adding a new letter “n”**

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(Advance the development and promulgation of nursing standards and the Code of Ethics), as submitted by 10 C/SNAs and the IMD (Failed: 21.7% for; 78.3% against)

- **General Amendment – G13:** Amend Article III, Section 8, to add language a) clarifying who determines the time and place of the annual meeting of the governing body; b) addressing who may call for a special meeting of the governing body; and c) addressing the manner in which special meetings may be convened.

  The Committee on Bylaws moved adoption of General Amendment – G13. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G13. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G13.

  **Motion #21,** The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G13 to amend Article III, Section 8, as submitted by 10 C/SNAs and the IMD (Carried: 90.2% for; 9.8% against)

- **General Amendment - G14:** Amend Article VII, Section 2.f to modify the start of the term of office for all elective offices. Chair Stierle informed the Membership Assembly that the law governing ANA as a non-profit corporation expressly prohibits shortening the term of service of duly elected directors after they have been elected and therefore, if approved, this amendment could not be implemented in a way that would shorten the term of service for which existing members of the ANA Board of Directors were elected.

  The Committee on Bylaws moved adoption of General Amendment - G14 to become effective after the close of the 2017 Membership Assembly annual meeting. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G14. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G14.

  **Motion #22,** The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G14 to amend Article VII, Section 2.f, as submitted by 10 C/SNAs and the IMD (Failed: 21.9% for; 78.1% against)

- **General Amendment – G15:** Amend Article XII, Section 1.c, to allow more time for the Committee on Bylaws to receive proposed amendments to the ANA bylaws. Chair Stierle reported that the Committee on Bylaws proposed a similar amendment and that General Amendment – G15 was merged with the amendment proposed by the Committee on Bylaws and would be considered later.

  Chair Stierle presented the General Amendments submitted by the Committee on Bylaws.
• **General Amendment - G16:** Amend Article V, Section 5.a, to establish a time limit by which C/SNAs and the IMD must submit their bylaws to the ANA Committee on Bylaws for review after amendments or revisions to ANA’s bylaws.

The Committee on Bylaws modified the language of this amendment as follows in response to feedback received at the Bylaws Hearing to read: *5) receive amended bylaws from the C/SNAs and IMD within two (2) years of amendment to or revision of the ANA Bylaws that are harmonious with the ANA Bylaws. After review, a report of the committee’s findings will be submitted to the ANA Board of Directors.*

The Committee on Bylaws recommended adoption of General Amendment – G16, as modified. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G16. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered General Amendment – G16.

*Motion #23, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G16 to amend Article V, Section 5.a: 5) receive amended bylaws from the C/SNAs and IMD within two (2) years of amendment to or revision of the ANA Bylaws that are harmonious with the ANA Bylaws. After review, a report of the committee’s findings will be submitted to the ANA Board of Directors. (Carried: 98.3% for; 1.7% against)*

• **General Amendment – G17:** Amend Article XII, Section 1.c, to codify that the Committee on Bylaws has the authority to set the schedule for the submission of proposals and to push forward the deadline for submission of proposed amendments to ANA’s bylaws.

Chair Stierle reported that the 10 C/SNA and the IMD also proposed amending Article XII, Section 1.c, to allow more time for the Committee on Bylaws to receive proposed amendments to ANA’s bylaws. The Committee on Bylaws recommended adoption of General Amendment – G17. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of General Amendment – G17.

*Motion #24, The ANA Membership Assembly supports General Amendment – G17 to amend Article XII, Section 1.c, as submitted by 10 C/SNAs and the IMD (Carried: 88.8% for; 11.2% against)*

**ADJOURN**

President Cipriano adjourned the Third Session of the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly at 11:43am on June 10, 2017.

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**Fourth Session – Saturday June 10, 2017**
CALL TO ORDER
President Cipriano called the Fourth Session of the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly to order at 1:30pm on June 10, 2017.

Order of Business
A quorum for the transaction of business was established.

Report of the Reference Committee
Reference Committee Chair, Mary Tanner, PhD, RN, reported that the Reference Committee facilitated Dialogue Forums on two topics: Fostering Member Engagement in Association Policy Development and Preparing Nurses to be Effective Advocates in an Uncertain Health Care Environment. Chair Tanner also reported that after hearing the discussion and reviewing the feedback from both Dialogue Forums, the Reference Committee found that there was considerable overlap in the findings and in the feedback provided.

Therefore, the Reference Committee developed a single set of recommendations for both Dialogue Forums. Chair Tanner moved adoption of the Reference Committee’s recommendations:
1. Highlight and promote the use of policy and advocacy resources.
2. Emphasize policy development and advocacy as central to the role of all registered nurses.
3. Advance mechanisms to heighten the involvement of individual registered nurse members in the generation of policy and advocacy topics.

President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion of Reference Committee’s recommendations. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered the Reference Committee’s recommendations related to the Dialogue Forums.

Motion #25, The ANA Membership Assembly approves the following recommendations for the Dialogue Forums Fostering Member Engagement in Association Policy Development and Preparing Nurses to be Effective Advocates in an Uncertain Health Care Environment:
1. Highlight and promote the use of policy and advocacy resources.
2. Emphasize policy development and advocacy as central to the role of all registered nurses.
3. Advance mechanisms to heighten the involvement of individual registered nurse members in the generation of policy and advocacy topics.
(Carried: 95.2% in favor)

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**New Business**
President Cipriano solicited any new business to come before the Membership Assembly. Representative Rosemary Mortimer (MD) introduced a motion directing the ANA Board of Directors to continue to aggressively oppose the proposed American Health Care Act and provide timely reports and updates to the C/SNAs and the IMD. President Cipriano opened the floor for discussion. Following discussion, the Membership Assembly considered a revised motion.

**Motion #26, The ANA Membership Assembly supports being on record as firmly opposing the American Health Care Act (AHCA) and directs the ANA Board of Directors to continue to:**

1. **Aggressively oppose the AHCA as passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 4, 2017;**
2. **Propose provisions based on ANA’s Principles for Health Care Transformation; and**
3. **Provide timely reports and updates to the C/SNAs and the IMD.**
   
   *(Carried: 93.7% for; 6.3% against)*

**Report of the Head Teller**
Chris Rhodes, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee and Head Teller, announced the results of the elections, which were conducted and certified by Election America. Those candidates whose names appear in bolded font followed by an asterisk were elected to serve.

**Vice President (elect one)**
- Daisy Galindo-Ciocon
- **Ernest Grant**

**Treasurer (elect one)**
- **Jennifer Mensik**
- Sarah Moody

**Director-at-Large, (elect one)**
- Elizabeth Fildes
- **MaryLee Pakieser**
- Norma Rodgers

**Director-at-Large, Recent Graduate (elect one)**
- **Amanda Buechel**
- Kelly Hunt
- Sabrina Lozier

**Nominations and Elections Committee (elect four)**
- Anthony King
- **Thomas Stenvig** *(as the candidate with the highest number of votes, will serve as chair-elect)*
Recognition of Newly-Elected Officials
President Cipriano invited newly-elected officials to the lower dais to be recognized and noted that since terms of service do not begin until January 1, 2018, newly-elected board members will be installed at the first meeting of the ANA Board of Directors in 2018 and will be engaged in orientation between now and January.

Recognition: Outgoing Members of the ANA Board of Directors
ANA Executive Director Debbie Hatmaker acknowledged Treasurer Gingy Harshey-Meade, MSN, RN, CAE, NEA-BC; Director Elizabeth Fildes, EdD, RN, CNE, CARN-AP, APHN-BC, FIAAN; and Director Jesse Kennedy, BSN, RN, who will end their terms of service on the ANA Board of Directors on December 31, 2017.

Remarks from the ANA President
President Cipriano acknowledged the work of Membership Assembly Representatives and highlighted various activities that took place over the five-day period.

Closing
Representatives viewed a video highlighting the work accomplished during the Membership Assembly.

ADJOURN
President Cipriano adjourned the Fourth Session of the 2017 ANA Membership Assembly at 3:18pm.