



Alaska Nurses  
Association

# Candidate Biographies

**Board of Directors  
General Election**

**FALL 2024**



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Dear AaNA Member,

**The AaNA Board of Directors would like to thank you for taking the time to vote in this year's AaNA Board of Directors General Election.** This is an exciting time of year as we get ready to welcome new leaders and prepare for our annual conference and General Assembly.

For the first time, **this year's election will be conducted through a secure online voting platform.** [Voting invitations have been snail mailed and emailed to all eligible AaNA professional members.](#) This is your opportunity to cast your vote for members of AaNA's Board of Directors – leaders who will serve our association, our profession, and most importantly, our members.

**Candidate biographies are available to read in this packet.** Please take a moment to review your colleagues' qualifications and statements of interest.

Another way to be active in your association is by attending the **AaNA General Assembly**: our annual membership meeting designed to review the progress we've made in 2024 and set goals and priorities for 2025. This year, our General Assembly will be held in the afternoon on October 5th at Alaska Pacific University in Anchorage and via Zoom.

Along with our General Assembly, we will host several other important events in October. The **2024 Trending Topics in Nursing Conference** will be held October 3-5 in Anchorage. Register today for this exciting conference to explore the trending topics that matter to today's Alaskan nurses!

We will also host **Nursing Narratives**, an evening of storytelling at the Bear Tooth Theatrepub, on October 2 at 8 PM. It's a can't-miss event! Tickets are on sale now. The proceeds benefit the Foundation for Alaska Nurses.

Check out [www.aanaconference.org](http://www.aanaconference.org) for all things Trending Topics and visit [www.aknurse.org](http://www.aknurse.org) for info on our General Assembly and Nursing Narratives tickets.

We're grateful for your membership and continued support, and we thank you for taking the time to vote.

**Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office if you have questions or need assistance with voting.** You can get in touch with us via phone (907-274-0827) or email ([andrea@aknurse.org](mailto:andrea@aknurse.org)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Davenport, RN". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "D".

Shannon Davenport, MSN, BSN, RN, CHRN  
President, Board of Directors  
Alaska Nurses Association

**Secretary**

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**Caitlin Brady, RN**

**Present Employment Position:**

RN, Infusion/Oncology, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

**Residence:**

Ketchikan, AK

**Years' experience as an RN:**

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

- RN, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center, Dec. 2021 – Present
- RN, Bartlett Regional Hospital, Feb. 2020 – Dec. 2021

**AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:**

*Not provided by candidate.*

**Statement of Interest:**

I am interested in playing a larger role within our union and representing nurses from rural communities at the Alaska Nurses Association. I have a passion for healthcare in rural settings and am aware of the challenges regarding recruitment and retention of nurses in these areas. My goals for working as Secretary would include transparency of union activities, increasing union membership and engagement, and ensuring our organization is unified in its actions. I believe a union should be well organized and focused on serving its members. As such, a union should help its members understand the benefits they receive from their contract and ensure those benefits are realized. In my time off, I enjoy hiking, hunting, and spending time with my family.

# Greater Alaska Director

**Greater Alaska Director**

**Patrick Taylor, RN**

**Present Employment Position:**

House Supervisor, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

**Residence:**

Ketchikan, AK

**Years' experience as an RN:**

25+

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

- House Supervisor, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center
- Emergency Dept. Manager, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center
- Emergency Dept. Charge Nurse, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

**AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:**

- Past President, Ketchikan Bargaining Unit
- Greater Alaska Director, AaNA Board of Directors (2 terms)

**Statement of Interest:**

Served 2 terms as Greater Alaska Director and bring a different view point to the table as I represent rural Alaska. We are at a critical juncture and need a strong voice with leadership experience.

# Rural Director



**Rural Director**

**Jane Erickson, ADN, RN**

**Present Employment Position:**

Staff RN, ICU, Providence Alaska Medical Center

**Residence:**

Palmer, AK

**Years' experience as an RN:**

42

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

- Staff RN, ICU, Providence Alaska Medical Center, 1986 – Present

**AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:**

I have been active with the AaNA since 2014 holding various leadership roles from Rural Director to President of the Board of Directors. I am currently the interim Rural Director & would like to continue in that role to move this association forward in the community.

**Statement of Interest:**

For all nurses in the great state of Alaska to belong to the AaNA. With all nurses joining, our voice is heard on all matters of health & safety. As a Rural Director living in Palmer, I would be able to represent the AaNA at the health fairs & political functions bringing our vision for a healthier community forward.

**Rural Director**

**Alex MacGillivray, RN**

**Present Employment Position:**

Nurse II, State of Alaska Ketchikan Pioneer Home

**Residence:**

Ketchikan, AK

**Years' experience as an RN:**

34

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

- Nurse II, State of Alaska Ketchikan Pioneer Home, 1998 - Present

**AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:**

I don't have any history of involvement with the AaNA itself. However, I am active in the ongoing training of nursing staff at the Ketchikan Pioneer Home by improving the skill set of the staff that work there. This month (Sept. 2024) I am taking a section of our staff meeting to review infection control as well as simple procedures which are important to resident safety.

**Statement of Interest:**

I would like to take this position with the AaNA to support and improve the rural voices of my fellow nurses who may not be heard otherwise. As a small business owner of a successful vacation rental and brewery, I am in a very good position to accommodate nurse as well as host AaNA events.

# Director at Large

**Director at Large**

**Cynthia Booher, PhD, RN, CNE**

**Present Employment Position:**

Dean of Nursing, Charter College

**Residence:**

Anchorage, AK

**Years' experience as an RN:**

20

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

- Dean of Nursing, Charter College, July 2024 – Present
- Director of Nursing, Providence Health & Services, July 2021 – July 2024
- School Nurse, Anchorage School District, August 2019 – July 2021

**AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:**

- I have been the Director at Large with AaNA
- President, Sigma Theta Tau
- President Elect, Sigma Theta Tau
- Director at Large for Development Committee at the NWNOL
- President Elect of NCADN
- I help with vaccine clinics at ASD
- Help with the Alaska Health Fairs
- Volunteer at Special Olympics

**Statement of Interest:**

I am always interested in helping to create an organization that the nurses of Alaska can count on to look out for their best interest and to provide guidance in best practice principles. I want to work on creating as many educational opportunities for the nurses in here in Alaska so that we are at the forefront of practice and other states are looking at what we are doing. As someone that lives and works here in Alaska it is important for me to show support for all the nurses in the state.

**Director at Large**

**Wileina Rhodes, MPH, MHA, BS, BSN, RN, PhD Candidate**

**Present Employment Position:**

Nurse Manager, Hepatology Clinic, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

**Residence:**

Anchorage, AK

**Years' experience as an RN:**

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

- Nurse Manager, Hepatology Clinic, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- Nurse / Research Nurse, Hepatology Clinic, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

**AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:**

I currently volunteer with American Cancer Society and Best Beginning. I am part of ABOA. I hold a master degree in public health and health administration. I am currently a PhD candidate.

**Statement of Interest:**

I wish to hold the position of Director at Large with the AaNA because I am deeply committed to advancing the nursing profession and ensuring that our voices are heard in the legislative and regulatory arenas. The AaNA plays a crucial role in advocating for nurses' rights and improving practice standards, and I am passionate about contributing to these efforts. By leveraging my experience and insights, I aim to support initiatives that protect nurses' well-being, promote evidence-based practices, and enhance educational opportunities. I believe that through collaboration and proactive engagement, we can address the challenges facing our profession and advocate for policies that not only benefit nurses but also elevate the quality of care we provide to our patients.