



Alaska Nurses
Association

Candidate Biographies

**Board of Directors
General Election**

FALL 2025

President

President

Shannon J. Davenport, MSN, BSN, RN

Present Employment Position:

RN on MHU PAMC and AaNA President, Providence Alaska Medical Center MHU unit

Residence:

Anchorage, AK

Years' experience as an RN:

16

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

- AaNA President , AaNA 2023-2025
- MHU RN PAMC 2/2025-present
- OR RN Creekside Surgery Center 03/2020-2/2025
- Hospice RN, Ancora Home Health & Hospice, 01/2020-present

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I have been involved with the AaNA for the past 5 years through various roles as President, Legislative Co-Chair, and working with the Editorial, Continuing Education, and Professional Practice areas of the organization. I have participated in both union and association activities to include Lift the Cap, creating a staffing bill to be presented to legislation, Solidarity events with the AFL-CIO, Narcan building kits, and working with various affiliates of the AaNA. Throughout the community I have been on the state wide Medicaid, SHARP, and AK Nursing Workforce Committees. I have been working with UAA, APU, and Charter college with their nursing programs and expansion to rural areas of the state along with the HOSA program for high school students looking for healthcare occupations. I have volunteered with the American cancer society, Alzheimer's Association, National Alliance for Mental Illness, Beans Cafe, Kid's Kitchen, and the Senior Citizen Advisory Board. I am a full time Mental Health Nurse at PAMC, a PRN hospice nurse for Ancora, and a faith based nurse. Education includes a PHD, MSN, BSN, and ADN in Nursing, with a Bachelors in Zoology and Microbiology.

AaNA President 2023-2025 HOSA Vice- President 2024-present AaNA Legislative Co-Chair 2021-2023

Statement of Interest:

As President of the Alaska Nurses Association, I believe we have a responsibility to represent every nurse across our state with integrity, strength, and vision. We are advocates for safer working conditions, champions for elevated standards of practice, and stewards of a professional environment where every nurse's voice is valued and heard. I believe that through collaboration, mutual respect, and continuous learning,

we can build a stronger, more unified organization, one that empowers individuals to stand up for the rights of nurses today and lays the foundation for future generations to thrive. Together, we can shape a better tomorrow for our profession, for our communities, and for the patients who depend on us. My Goals include:

1. I am committed to strengthening the partnership between the Board and the Labor Council to ensure that all aspects of the AaNA are represented with integrity and purpose.
2. I aim to proactively engage in legislative initiatives that address critical issues impacting nurses and patients, including safe staffing ratios, the establishment of staffing committees, responsible integration of artificial intelligence in healthcare, and comprehensive measures to combat workplace violence.
3. I believe that by forging alliances with our professional and nonprofit organizations throughout Alaska, we can elevate community health outcomes and reinforce the visibility and value of nurses in every sector.
4. I envision expanding our membership and cultivating a statewide network that supports both the professional development and personal well-being of nurses. By creating accessible platforms and resources, we empower our members to thrive and connect to each other.

Greater Alaska Director

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Jori Nicholson, RN BSN

Present Employment Position:

OB, PeaceHealth Ketchikan

Residence:

Ketchikan, AK

Years' experience as an RN:

13

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

- OB RN, Ketchikan
- ICU RN, Ketchikan

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I have held the position of Ketchikan Registered Nurses VP 2022-2024 and Ketchikan Registered Nurses President 2024-Present. I served on our negotiating team for our last contract and was a Delegate to the last AFT convention

Statement of Interest:

I am interested in representing and furthering nursing and nursing contracts in rural hospitals across the state.

Rural Director

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Brittany Mackey

Present Employment Position:

acute care nurse, PAMC Labor and Delivery Unit

Residence:

Wasilla, AK

Years' experience as an RN:

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

- Grievance officer AaNA oct 2019- current
- Board and Labor Council Director Oct 2020-2024
- AK AFLCIO Vice President Feb 2020-2023

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I first got my start with getting involved on the legislative committee, it let me see all of the hard work our union does for us. I then got more and more involved by getting elected as a grievance officer, a position I still hold. I then got elected to the Board of directors and the labor council. I had two kids and stepped back from the union for a bit, they are a bit older now and I am ready to get involved again!

Statement of Interest:

I wish to get the board aligned with what nurses across this state need, and our three represented bargaining units deserve!

Director at Large

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Marina Rae Banks, RN, BSN

Present Employment Position:

Registered Nurse, Providence Alaska Medical Center, 5W neuroscience

Residence:

Wasilla, AK

Years' experience as an RN:

8

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

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I currently have my bachelors in Nursing Science. My involvement with AaNA includes being unit captain for my department and I am currently a grievance officer for the AaNA. I have volunteered for many different jobs for the union, which included but not limited to: passing out buttons/flyers, participated in providing testimony for negotiations and for social media promotion purposes, etc.

Statement of Interest:

I am seeking the position of Director-at-Large with the Alaska Nurses Association to be a strong advocate for the voice of nurses across our state - especially our nurses at PAMC and to help shape policies that protect our profession and the patients we serve. My goal in this role is to foster open communication between frontline nurses and leadership, promote initiatives that support nurse retention and improve working conditions, as well as professional growth. In addition to, ensuring our association remains responsive to the evolving challenges in healthcare. I am committed to bringing collaboration, transparency, and advocating fiercely for the needs of our nursing community, along with advancing the mission of empowering Alaska's nurses and strengthening our collective impact on healthcare delivery.

Director at Large

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN

Present Employment Position:

primarily a Faith Community Nurse, volunteer

Residence:

Anchorage, AK

Years' experience as an RN:

45

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

- Staff RN, PACU, Providence Alaska Medical Center, September 1999-July 11, 2025
- Faith Community Nurse- Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, March 2016-present
- Director at Large, AaNA , October 2017-present
- Director of Professional Practice, AaNA, 2015- present

AaNA or Other Organizational Experience:

I have a BSN from Capital University.

I believe that nurses are uniquely qualified to provide comprehensive spiritual, psychological, and physical support, which aligns with our professional education and dedication to serving patients and their families. In today's evolving healthcare landscape, nurses must assume leadership roles to shape the future of our profession. Nurses are creative, innovative, compassionate, dedicated, and effective problem solvers. Engaging with young people about the nursing profession is essential to encourage future entrants to our field. The Alaska Nurses Association (AaNA) has long served as the voice for nurses across Alaska, and I am committed to continuing my contribution to advancing nursing.

Statement of Interest:

My past involvement with the AaNA includes assisting in the development of a white paper on safe staffing, volunteering on the legislative committee, and actively sharing AaNA's positions with legislators. Additionally, my previous service on the Board of Nursing enables me to support fellow nurses with their questions related to regulatory matters. I am dedicated to committing my time and expertise to the organization and to promoting the nursing profession through AaNA.

My goals are to increase AaNA membership, support AaNA legislative initiatives, support the leadership of AaNA and to increase participation of nurses in the AaNA.