



Ballot Approved at Spring Meeting

Michele Snow, CRNA, Chairman of the Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that the ALANA membership approved the 2004 slate of candidates for the upcoming election at the Annual Business Meeting of the ALANA during the Spring Meeting in Destin.

"It was my goal to fill the slate with highly motivated CRNA leaders from across the State. I think we have candidates from every geographic area and from both rural and metropolitan areas. Diversity in location and practice setting adds strength to the effectiveness of the Board to deal with complex issues. I am indeed pleased to offer this year's slate of candidates. Thanks to each of them for their willingness to serve the ALANA."

Michele Snow, CRNA

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**Student Report
from UAB**
Christine Carr, SRNA

Never so Proud!

It is almost too difficult for me to write to you, for I want to adequately express the amazing time I experienced at the AANA Mid-Year Assembly in Washington, D.C. Visiting the capitol is a dream come true for me. I was so moved to see the monuments to our distinguished leaders of the past and to see the original Constitution and Bill of Rights. I was never so proud to be an American! If this was not overwhelming enough, I had the honor of being in the presence of the national leadership of the AANA throughout the many sessions of the AANA Mid-Year Assembly. What a talented and energized group of distinguished CRNAs! I was never so proud to be a student anesthetist! Last, but not least, I also had the privilege of joining the ALANA Delegation: President-elect Jim Henderson, Director Tom Mallory, Executive Director Joe Knight, and Shannon Scaturro, who is running for ALANA Board of Directors in the coming ALANA election. Let me assure you, Alabama was well represented by this fine delegation. I was never so proud to be from Alabama! Thank you for the opportunity to represent all the wonderful CRNAs and SRNAs in Alabama.

From the Mid-year Assembly, I learned valuable lessons I hope to put to use in service in our state. My education consisted of the following: learning the basics of legislation, how to communicate well with representatives and their staff, and which Representative and/or Senator supports CRNA issues. I wish every CRNA and SRNA in the USA could attend this assembly. I was moved and empowered by: the respect the AANA receives on Capitol Hill, the power we have as a political voice, our astonishingly clear record of safety, and the effectiveness of just one CRNA making a difference. One Senator continues to ask fondly of a CRNA in Tuscaloosa because of her consistent efforts. My enthusiasm grows because I know our individual efforts are not in vein.

I encourage each CRNA and SRNA to do his or her part. Because there is more effort now required at the state level, any support is appreciated. We must remain vigilant in communicating our record of safety and cost-effectiveness as anesthesia providers. Fortunately, there are several issues that will build bridges and increase cooperation between the AANA and ASA, and all subsequent state groups. What can you do now? Develop a relationship with your state legislators. Become involved with the Career Day Teams. Support your ALA-CRNA PAC. Volunteer time to run for office on the ALANA Board of Directors or serve on a committee in the ALANA.

I am excited about the possibilities ahead. I believe we will continue to build upon the strong foundation laid by others and see a state organization full of active CRNAs and SRNAs! Please contact me if I can assist your involvement in any way.

God Bless, Christine C. Carr, SRNA



ALA-CRNA PAC
Is your name on the list?
Leigh Stevens, CRNA

Dear ALANA Members,

I wanted to take the time to acknowledge and personally "thank" each and every one of you who have contributed to the PAC. In February, we sponsored a student phone-a-thon and raised \$3,145.00. At the Destin Spring meeting, we received \$3,575.00 in contributions! Thank you for your contributions!

With this said, I have to also address those members who are not contributing. It is VITAL to our future practice, for ALL CRNAs to make contributions to the ALA-CRNA PAC. We have only a 5% participation in our state for the monthly contributions program and 4% participation for one-time donations. That's 9% of our state membership supporting the future of Nurse Anesthesia in Alabama. We are approaching election year quickly so there is a need to secure funds so we can support candidates who will support CRNA's.

Please feel free to contact me per mail, phone, or email if you have any questions concerning donations. We can accept checks, Visa/MasterCard debit cards, and credit cards for payment. Please take the time and fill out the pledge form! Thank you!

Sincerely,
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From the Office of the ALANA President *Brent Ledford, CRNA, MS*

I trust everyone is looking ahead to a great summer. This is my favorite time of year, as my family takes to either the pool or the lake at every opportunity. It is also historically a little bit of a resting time for a Board of Directors that has just finished hosting the Spring Meeting, as well as lobbying in Washington. We are by no means a lame duck board, just one that is enjoying a little down time. We do have at least three more meetings scheduled prior to the business meeting this fall in Birmingham, and I assure you we are working toward the goals we know are quite important to many of you.

I want to sincerely thank each of you that traveled to Destin to join us for the annual Spring Meeting at the San Destin Hilton. Patti Case, our Program Director, did an awesome job planning, organizing, and managing this event. She joins a distinguished list including previous directors Resa Culpepper, Ronnie Whorton, and Bruce Von Hagel, all of whom worked extremely hard to grow this from a small state meeting into a large regional event. I realize you have a choice when it comes to attending meetings at the beach, and I appreciate you choosing ours. You not only are participating in a well-run educational opportunity in a beautiful setting, but your registration fee helps support your ALANA in our efforts to represent you. If that alone is not enough incentive, please remember that if you attend just one of our state meetings a year you will have your pharmacy CEU's that are required for RN license renewal. We are an approved provider

for these credit hours, and we will print them on your certificate each and every time. With the sand and seafood in Destin (don't forget the beach party), and the shopping and golf available in Birmingham, why go anywhere else?

Not all of your Board was able to enjoy the Saturday afternoon beach party, as several members were in Washington DC for the Mid Year Assembly of the AANA. The first couple of days included lecture and open discussion forums relevant to CRNA issues such as how to lobby, funding for nurse anesthesia education, tort reform, continued support for reversal of cuts in provider reimbursement, and support for the patient safety act. Jim Henderson, Tom Mallory, Christine Carr, and Shannon Scaturro admirably represented Alabama in numerous visits to our senators and representatives. Shannon practices in Mobile, and gave up his



time to travel on our behalf to provide a much needed face from South Alabama. Shannon has already agreed to run for a Director

position in the upcoming election, so let me take this opportunity to thank him for going to work early for us. Joe Knight attended our BOD meetings and addressed our membership in Destin then left early Sunday to lead this group through the maze we call government in Washington. I have been to DC with Joe and he is a valuable resource and a well recognized face on the Hill. Thanks to all of you for helping our representatives "put a face" on nurse anesthesia in Alabama.

Let me reassure you that the officers of the ALANA are committed to the PAC. We are in the process of streamlining the PAC system and accounts, and were unable to run the numbers for the Spring Meeting. Leigh Stevens is doing a great job putting all of it together for us, and we will have this info for you in Birmingham. None of us enjoys the dinnertime call from the anonymous telemarketer, but I implore you that if you receive a call from a CRNA or student asking for a PAC donation, PLEASE GIVE. On whose behalf do you think these folks are calling anyway? I can testify that the monthly amount drafted from my credit card is never missed, and it is hassle free. Try giving about what you would spend for a meal out with your family, and I bet you won't miss it either.

The officers of the Alabama State Society of Anesthesiologists (ASSA) invited the ALANA officers to meet over dinner in an effort to get to know each other and to explore areas in which we might find mutual interest. My agenda for the first meeting was simply to spend time together in a peaceful manner and to see if we were encouraged enough by this interaction to schedule a second meeting. My goals were met, and perhaps even exceeded, as we lightly discussed areas such as AA's, reimbursement dilemmas, and securing regional experience for our students. We

are in the process of scheduling a second meeting, or series of meetings, to see if we can continue on this path in an effort to begin to work together to improve anesthesia delivery and patient safety in Alabama. Our National organizations have held several such meetings, and most recently have come out with the AANA-ASA Joint Statement Regarding Propofol Administration. I encourage you to go to www.aana.com to view this brief statement that states "whenever propofol is used for sedation/anesthesia, it should be administered only by persons trained in the administration of general anesthesia, who are not simultaneously involved in these surgical or diagnostic procedures." Please feel free to copy this, discuss it, and share it with other providers in your workplace.

I ask again that you take a moment, a "time out" if you will, and pray for our colleagues that are serving our country in support of action in Iraq and Afghanistan. Remember their families, as they are having to make do without the presence of someone very special to them.

Each day I practice, I recall just how lucky I am that God has placed me in this position of being there for my patients, at their side watching over them throughout one of the most stressful times of their life. I am proud to be a Nurse Anesthetist, and my plea to you is to be proud of your part in both the history and the advancement of nursing practice. We are blessed with the ability to ease another's suffering, and in doing so I find myself rewarded, and often renewed. I hope it is this way for you too.

Sincerely,

Brent Ledford, CRNA MS
President ALANA



From the Office of the Federal Political Director

John Morris, CRNA

MEDICAL LIABILITY BILL FAILS IN SENATE

A Senate bill that would cap non-economic damages at \$250,000 in medical liability lawsuits against OB/GYNs fell just short, (12 votes), of the 60 votes needed to move it toward passage. The malpractice legislation, sponsored by Senators Judd Gregg (R-NH) and John Ensign (R-NV), also would have capped punitive damages in malpractice lawsuits against OB/GYNs at \$250,000 or twice the amount of economic damages, whichever is higher.

FDA INTRODUCES NEW DRUG TRACKING PLAN

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently released a final rule that requires drug manufacturers and distributors to apply bar codes to prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs dispensed in hospitals. Drug manufacturers and distributors have two years to comply. While hospitals are not yet required to implement bar coding technology, the ultimate intention of the regulations is to encourage hospitals to voluntarily put into place this 24-year old technology. Once fully implemented the bar-coding system would "help healthcare providers avoid hundreds of thousands of medical errors," said FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan in an FDA press release. The FDA estimated that system-wide bar-coding will prevent nearly 500,000 medical errors over a 20-year period. For CRNAs a fully executed bar code system is consistent with AANA's efforts to insure patient safety. A bar coding system means more dependable and efficient mechanisms for monitoring the appropriate drugs and fluids for the safety of patients. Eventually, bar codes could also help CRNAs monitor and track a patient's drug history.

SENATE CONFIRMS McCLELLAN TO HEAD CMS

The Senate confirmed Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Mark McClellan, MD, PhD as the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) administrator. The post is important to CRNAs because it oversees both the Medicare and Medicaid healthcare programs, and will play a critical role in implementation of the new Medicare law.

SUPREME COURT HEARS CASE ON HMO LAWSUIT

The Supreme Court on Tuesday (March 23rd) heard opening oral arguments in a case related to a 1997 Texas law that allows patients to file suit against HMOs in state court when they experience injuries as a result of administrative decisions related to treatment. The case could determine whether the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974 preempts state laws that allow patients to file suit against HMOs for administrative decisions related to treatment that resulted in injuries. Some of you may remember that two (2) lawsuits against Blue Cross in Alabama were lost in Federal court due to the application of ERISA statutes in the past.

CMS ANNOUNCES INCREASE IN PAYMENTS TO SMALL RURAL AND URBAN HOSPITALS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced March 31 that it is implementing changes under the new Medicare law that will increase payment rates for rural and small urban hospitals. Rural hospitals and urban hospitals with fewer than 100 beds, in addition to other hospital types that serve a disproportionate share of low-income Medicare and Medicaid patients, will receive an increase in their disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments for discharges beginning on or after April 1, 2004. According to CMS, the cap on DSH payment adjustments will increase from 5.25% to 12%. The new law takes several significant steps to eliminate reimbursement differences between urban and rural hospitals. These steps are expected to provide \$25 billion in additional payments to hospitals in rural and small urban areas. Beginning in 2004, Medicare will pay hospitals in rural and small urban settings at the same rates as hospitals in large urban areas. Rural hospitals and small urban hospitals will receive the same Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) reimbursement formula as large urban hospitals; and the measure will increase payments for hospitals with a low number of discharges if the hospital is more than 25 miles away from a similar hospital. See our website for more FPD News.



From the Office of the Executive Director

Joe Knight, CRNA, JD

In the coming months we will be saturated with political ads as 2004 is a presidential election year in the United States. Can President George W. Bush maintain his presidency for a second term in wake of the increasing problems in Iraq and in view of skyrocketing gasoline prices or will John Kerry be able to limit Bush to one term? These and other questions will finally be answered in November and by then, I am quite confident that we will all be tired of the phrase "I approve of this message."

I wish to comment on another upcoming election in the United States. The election of which I speak is the AANA national election and it is occurring right now between the dates of May 14, 2004 and July 1, 2004. We are choosing those CRNAs who will plot the future of the CRNA profession.

In the past, only about 20% of Alabama CRNAs vote in the national election. We peaked a few years ago when Larry Hornsby ran for and won the AANA presidency. We had a whopping 35% turnout that year.

This year is different. Due to the ideas of a couple of CRNAs a few years ago, the AANA has instituted online voting this year. It is so easy and only takes a few minutes of your time. Here is how it works:

Turn on your computer.
Go online.
Type these exact words in your search:
<https://www.directvote.net/aana2004>
A log-in screen will come up and ask for two things:
1. your AANA member number
2. your e-signature (6 character)
Most CRNAs will not know their 6-digit e-signature number, so.....
Right above the two boxes is a phrase that says email my login credentials to me.

Click on this box and type in your e-mail address.

In 30 seconds you will receive an e-mail.

Click on your read mail icon.

You will have an e-mail from aana@directvote.net and it will provide you your membership number and e-signature code.

Go back to the login screen and type in your number and e-signature.

A ballot will appear.

Click beside the name of your choice.

If you do not know the candidates, a photograph and a short bio is available by clicking next to each candidate's name.

Click on "submit ballot" and you are done.

If you have any questions, call your state association for info 1-877-ALA-CRNA or 1-877-252-2762 (toll free).

This is incredibly easy way to vote for your next generation of CRNA leaders. It only takes a

couple of minutes, however, it could decide your future for years to come.

A few weeks ago while at Mid-Year Assembly in Washington, D.C. with an outstanding Alabama CRNA delegation who did an excellent job representing Alabama CRNAs on "The Hill", I was discussing the upcoming AANA elections with some CRNAs from different parts of the country. I very boldly bragged that Alabama CRNAs were on the leading edge of things political and bet several of them that Alabama CRNAs would almost double their previous voting responses with the new online system. I hope each of you will back me up on this, as I understand that "CROW" is most distasteful at this time of the year. Good luck.

Joe Knight, CRNA, JD
Executive Director

Electronic voting makes casting your vote in the upcoming AANA National Election easier than ever.

Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
November 15, 2003

Call to Order

President Ledford called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Brent Ledford, Frank Saliba, Joe Williams, Patti Case, Tracy Hall, Jim Henderson, David Neal, David Osborne, Leigh Stevens, Michele Snow, Joe Knight, Tom Mallory, Chris Campanotta, Christine Carr
Members Absent: Ken Langley

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Leigh Stevens to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 17, 2003 board meeting, minutes of the fall business meeting on October 18, 2003, and minutes of the October 19, 2003 board meeting. (The minutes had been sent to all board members prior to the meeting). The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Chris Campanotta made a motion to accept all minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws: No Report.

Chemical Dependency: Tom Mallory is planning on having a speaker to speak on this subject at a State Educational meeting.

Finance: Joe Williams gave a brief discussion of the current financial status of the organizations and invited questions from the board members.

Continuing Education: Leigh Stevens discussed having a telephone fundraiser for the PAC to be conducted by the students of UAB and Samford Nurse Anesthesia Schools.
Government Relations: Tracy Hall reported on the GRC workshop in San Diego. Tracy Hall informed the Board she and her committee are working on ways to make the GRC a more effective Political Tool. Tracy also informed the Board the new rules adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners for office-based surgery will go into effect November 21, 2003.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Program: Patti Case discussed ways for the State Educational programs to be run more effectively.

Public Relations/Publications: Jim Henderson discussed on how he would like to increase the amount and the variability of information that is in the newsletter. Jim encouraged the board to submit items of interest to him to publish in the newsletter.

Scholarship: No report.

Welcoming: No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

BC/BS: Jim Henderson discussed the most recent activity that this committee has had with Blue Cross.

Office-Based Anesthesia: Brent Ledford and Joe Knight discussed the new rules for office-based surgery that the Board of Medical Examiners has adopted. These new rules will go into effect November 21, 2003.

Executive Director's Report: Joe Knight discussed current issues affecting CRNA's in Alabama and how he was trying to initiate a monthly email activity report to all Board members.

Student Representative Report: Christine Carr discussed ideas to increase student interaction with the ALANA and the public.

Unfinished Business

Program Committee Recommendations: A motion was made by David Osbourne to increase the registration fee by \$75.00 for Non-AANA members to attend ALANA

educational meetings. The motion was seconded and was passed by unanimous vote. A motion was made by David Osbourne for Bruce Von Hagel and Ronnie Whorton to be program directors for the fall meeting in Birmingham. The meeting will be October 8, 9, and 10th, 2004 in Birmingham at the Wynfrey Hotel. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made by David Osbourne to accept the contract from the Wynfrey Hotel for the fall meeting in October 2004. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Patti Case for Bruce Von Hagel and Ronnie Whorton to assist Patti Case in conducting the ALANA spring meeting at the Sandestin Hilton in Sandestin, Florida and for their meeting expenses to be reimbursed by the ALANA according to the ALANA guidelines. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Patti Case for the program directors of the Samford and UAB Anesthesia Schools to provide vouchers for outstanding clinical faculty to attend ALANA State Educational meetings. The number and value of the vouchers to be distributed would be determined by the program committee. The recipients of the vouchers would be determined by each respective school's program director. The vouchers would have a two-year expiration date. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

Budget Discussion and Adoption: Brent Ledford discussed the current revenue and expenses in relation to next years budget. Leigh Stevens made a motion to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Executive Directors Contract: Joe Knight presented his contract for continued service as Executive Director for the ALANA. Frank Saliba made a motion to accept the contract submitted by Joe Knight as executive director of the ALANA as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the ALANA Board will be Saturday, February 7, 2004 at 9:00 a.m at Joe Knight's office.

Adjournment

President Ledford entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Jim Henderson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45p.m.

Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
February 7, 2004

Call to Order

President Brent Ledford called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Brent Ledford, Frank Saliba, Joe Williams, Patti Case, Tracy Hall, Jim Henderson, David Neal, David Osborne, Michelle Snow, Joe Knight, Tom Mallory, Christine Carr
Members Absent: Ken Langley, Leigh Stevens, Chris Campanotta

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Henderson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 15, 2003 board meeting. (The minutes had been sent to all board members prior to the meeting). The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Patti Case made a motion

to accept all minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws: No Report.

Chemical Dependency: Tom Mallory is planning on having Gennel Lee from the Alabama Board of Nursing to speak on chemical dependency at the State Educational meeting in Sandestin.

Finance: Joe Williams informed the board of the current financial status of the organizations and invited questions from the board members. Joe expressed the need for association finances to be reported in a detailed manner.

PAC: Christine Carr discussed the telephone fundraiser for the PAC to be conducted by the students of UAB and Samford Nurse Anesthesia Schools. The phonathon will be held in Birmingham, Mobile, and Dothan on February 29, 2004.

Government Relations: Tracy Hall reported to the board the legislative packets are ready to be hand delivered to each state legislator at a date to be determined.

Nominating Committee: Michele Snow reported to the board she is actively recruiting members to run for statewide office and encouraged each board member to help her in this effort.

Program: Patti Case discussed the educational meeting to be held in Sandestin April 30 - May 2, 2004. Patti is trying to obtain more vendor sponsors for the meeting and asked all board members to inform her if they were aware of any vendors willing to help sponsor the

meeting.

Public Relations/Publications: Brent Ledford informed the board that Ken Langley sent an information packet to the Alabama Press Organization regarding National Nurse Anesthesia week January 25-31. This letter was made available to all Alabama newspapers.

Scholarship: No report.

Welcoming: No report.

Ad Hoc Committees

BC/BS: Jim Henderson discussed the most recent activity that this committee has had with Blue Cross.

Executive Director's Report: Joe Knight read to the board the Proclamation from Governor Bob Riley designating January 25-31 Nurse Anesthesia Week in Alabama. Brent Ledford made a motion to authorize Joe Knight to be the Registered Agent for the ALANA and to record this with the Secretary of State. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Jim Henderson made a motion to accept the PAC Charter as submitted by Joe Knight. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Student Representative Report:

Christine Carr discussed her proposal for having CRNA's participate in career days at high schools and nursing schools. Christine presented to the board a proposal for students to meet with board members to discuss the professional world of Nurse Anesthesia.

Unfinished Business

Brent Ledford informed the Board the Mid-Year Assembly in Washington D.C. would conflict

with the Spring Meeting in Sandestin. Brent asked Jim Henderson, Tom Mallory, Christine Carr and Joe Knight to attend the Mid-Year Assembly. All four agreed to miss the meeting in Sandestin and attend the Mid-Year Assembly. Joe Knight will attend the meeting in Sandestin and will meet the group in Washington on Sunday.

New Business

Brent Ledford reported to the Board that he had received an invitation from Dr. Gosney of the Alabama State Society of Anesthesiologists to participate in a dinner meeting with the officers of both associations. Brent accepted the offer at a to be determined date.

Executive Session

Brent Ledford made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 11:53 a.m. Brent Ledford made a motion to exit executive session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 12:34 p.m.

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the ALANA Board will be Friday, April 30, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sandestin Hilton.

Adjournment

President Ledford entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Patti Case to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

New Format for ALANA Fall Meeting This Year

Ronnie Whorton and Bruce Von Hagel are already hard at work planning another spectacular meeting for the ALANA Fall Meeting in Birmingham at the Wynfrey on October 8 - 10, 2004. In the past the Friday session was an evening session. This year the Friday session will run all day, adding more CEU opportunities to this meeting. ACLS will be offered Friday morning from 8AM - 12PM. PALS will be offered from 1PM - 4PM. The Friday evening session will follow. The Saturday and Sunday sessions will continue as in the past. Please note that ACLS and PALS will be limited to the first 50 participants who

register for these sessions. Also new this year will be a session devoted to meeting the learning needs of CRNAs when we function as a clinical preceptor for CRNA students. In addition, there will be plenty of courses to meet your Alabama Board of Nursing requirement for 6 hours of anesthesia-related pharmacology courses each renewal period. So mark your calendar and make plans to attend this great meeting. The registration form will be available on the ALA-CRNA.org web site no later than August 1st and each ALANA member will receive a brochure shortly thereafter. See you at the Wynfrey!



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