
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2014-2016)
(Vote for Three)

Debra Adornetto-Garcia, DNP, RN, AOCN, NEA-BC, CNL

Present Position:

Executive Director, Nursing Professional Practice, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Past Positions:

Clinical Administrative Director, Nursing Director, Clinical Manager

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Member, Houston Organization of Nurse Executives

Member, Texas Organization of Nurse Executives

Member, American Organization of Nurse Executives

Member, Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society of Nursing

Member, Houston Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society

Member, Oncology Nursing Society

Member, Clinical Nurse Leader Association

Past:

HCONS-Past Treasurer, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, Newsletter Co-Chair, President, President-Elect,

Membership Committee Chair

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Co-Chair, Parent-Teacher Committee Sienna Lutheran School

Houston Area Representative, Pajama Program for Kids

Medical Committee Volunteer, Houston Livestock and Rodeo

Past:

Chair, Survivor's Day Event Committee, Houston Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society (Planning and Financial Responsibility)

Co-Chair, BMT Survivor's Day Event (Planning and Financial Responsibility)

Volunteer, Susan Komen Foundation

Volunteer, BMW Driven for the Cure

Volunteer, Second Mile Mission Center Hurricane Katrina Outreach

Coordinator, Houston Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society National Nurses Week Events

Personal Statement:

As a former recipient of the TNA District 9 Nursing Excellence Award I have experienced firsthand the impact that The TNA has on recognizing and supporting the work of nurses. Now, as an Executive Director of Nursing Professional Practice, I feel that I am well positioned and have the influential ability to both advocate for the thousands of nurses throughout District 9, as well as to share the efforts and mission of the Texas Nurses Association with a large nursing audience. During this time of continually

evolving healthcare provision, delivery and funding, it is critical that nurses has a strong voice at the local, state and national level to advocate for our role and responsibilities and to demonstrate the value of our profession as expert clinicians and compassionate caregivers across practice settings. I believe the District 9 TNA is at the forefront of providing education, mentoring and recognition for nurses that enhances nurses' professional practice and personal development. As an advocate for the professional development of our nursing workforce I am interested in serving on the TNA District 9 Board to further my commitment not only to nurses within my institution, but throughout the District 9 community. I bring nearly 30 years of nursing experience to this position, during which time I have had the opportunity to work in a number of positions ranging from clinical nursing to nursing administration, that have provided insight into the constantly evolving nursing field, practice and workforce. I believe I possess the insight, courage and commitment to nursing professional practice which will enable me to make valuable contributions to the TNA District 9 Board, as well as to impact the careers of the many nurses and leaders with whom I have the privilege to interact as a result of this service.

Halima Anaza, MSN, RN, NE-BC

Present Position:

Administrative Nursing Supervisor, St. Luke's Medical Center

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Homeless Coalition

Past:

HC Group

Personal Statement:

Nursing has provided me with a platform to advocate for excellence in various aspects of the profession. I have worked to promote policies that nurture and address the image of nurses in the community as a whole. As a nurse I have been involved in nursing activities and held leadership positions in my former state and district. Over the years I served as a delegate to Jefferson City, Missouri, to discuss issues affecting nursing practice, patient care and access to healthcare with our legislators. As a member of nursing advocacy, I have written to the editor of the Kansas City Star and Gazette newspapers, concerning issues such as minority representation in the profession, practice issues, and civic engagement. I've also served in the planning committee for "Nursing the Heart of Healthcare" a regional nursing celebration organized by the University of Kansas School of Nursing. My membership in nursing organizations has been evident since I began my nursing career in the early 90s. I strongly believe that as a nurse leader, I must serve as a good example by participating in the organization that fosters strong professional growth, and serves as a voice and nurtures the next generation of nurses. For these reasons I would like to submit this statement that expresses my intention to run for the office of Board of Directors for the TNA District 9.

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Florence Anyanwu, MSN, FNP-BC

Present Position:

Director of Nursing/Administrator, Emmaco Home Health Services Inc.

Past Positions:

Director of Women Services, TOMC.

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Volunteer, African medical missions 2 years in a row.

Volunteer, Precept new nurses in community services.

Sponsor, Motherless Babies Home in Africa

Personal Statement:

I would like to use my expertise in nursing to help my community. I would like to continue mentoring new nurses and also encourage the minority population to join our nursing profession. I could serve TNA in a manner that will benefit nurses in the State of Texas and bring honor and pride to this wonderful organization.

Pei-Ying Chuang, PhD, RN

Present Position:

Assistant Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Past Positions:

Assistant Professor, Research Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical Researcher

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Abstract reviewer, American Heart/Stroke Association

Co-Chair of Global Committee, International Society of Nurse in Genetics

Past:

Board Director, University of Pittsburgh Postdoctoral Association

Finance Committee, University of Minnesota Chinese Graduate Association

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Chemistry and Environment Safety Committee, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Memorial Hermann Hospital at Medical Texas Center in Houston

Past:

Panel Reviewer, Colorado Multiple Institutional Review Board (COMIRB)

Federal Interagency Conference on Traumatic Brain Injury, Washington DC

A Judge for the Postbac Poster, NIH, Bethesda

NIH at the USA Science Festival, NIH, Bethesda

Pittsburgh Marathon, PA

Dog Trainer, Rescue Animal Shelter, Pittsburgh
Community Care and Child Daycare Training Course, Taiwan
Sunday School at Presbyterian Church, grade 1-2, Taiwan

Personal Statement:

I respectfully would like to apply for the Texas Nurses Association (TNA) District 9 Board of Director Position for two years; my credentials match the requirements listed. I am confident that I can deliver the mission of the TNA; to promote excellence in nursing through education, advocacy and nurturing for nurses to achieve quality patient care, full professional potential and career satisfaction.

As an international scholar, I have major professional services accomplishing the following: 1) worked as the abstract reviewer at the American Heart/Stroke Association (2010-2014); co-chair of Global Committee at the International Society of Nurse in Genetics (ISONG 2010-2012); 2) served as the board director at the University of Pittsburgh Postdoctoral Association (2011-2012); 3) earned as the finance committee at the University of Minnesota Chinese Graduate Association (1996-1997); 4) contributed as an abstract/grant peer reviewer at several outstanding journals/national and international organizations; 5) provided leadership in professional organizations. I hope to continue to use my professional experiences and expertise to pursue my research/academic/clinical practice strategies and build networks with Texas Nurses Association members these coming years. In addition, I currently hold active professional organization membership in the following: 1) American Heart/Stroke Association (AHA/ASA); 2) Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM, international/local chapter); 3) International Society of Nurse in Genetics (ISONG); 4) Southern Nurse Research Society (SNRS); and 5) Sigma Theta Tau International Society of Nursing.

The future responsibilities for TNA are as follows: 1) continue our current mission and goals; 2) invite more experts through an annual conference and membership development; 3) build networks with national/international professional organizations/institutes/schools; and 4) recognize those individuals who have led The TNA in the past and who continue their roles as merit consultants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Terry Kirk, RN, MSN, EdD

No bio available

Rebecca Krepper, PhD, RN

Present Position:

Professor, Texas Woman's University

Past Positions:

Associate Dean

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Past:

TNA: Secretary/Treasurer

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D9: Treasurer

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Past:

Chapter President, Sigma Theta Tau International
Treasurer, Board Member, Sigma Theta Tau International

Civic or Community Involvement:

Past:

Faculty Fellow SLEH

Personal Statement:

TNA is currently undergoing a lot of change which will impact District 9. Having served at both the district and state level, I believe I can be of assistance in transitioning to the new structure.

**Peggy Landrum, PhD, RN, Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse
Specialist**

Present Position:

Clinical Professor, Texas Woman's University

Past Positions:

Psychotherapist, Consultant, Trainer

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Past:

D9: President, Board member, delegate

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Past:

President, Sigma Theta Tau International, Beta Beta

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Board Member, Program Committee -Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

Past:

Board President, The Gathering Place

Program committee Chair, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance

Personal Statement:

This time of transition in the health care arena is an amazing opportunity for nurses to influence health care delivery. My experience as a professional nurse, educator/trainer, and leader in nonprofit organizations will be useful as TNA District 9 plays a key leadership role in our nursing community. I am on the faculty of Texas Woman's University, and maintain a private psychotherapy/consulting practice. I have served as President of TNA District 9, President of Sigma Theta Tau International-Beta Beta, and board member of several local non-profit organizations. I would be honored to serve TNA District 9 in a leadership capacity.

Barbara Reece, RN, MS, NEA-BC

Present Position:

Associate Administrator/Chief Nursing Officer, Harris Health System, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital (LBJ)

Previous Positions:

Nursing Director, Nurse Manager

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 Member

ANA Delegate 2012-2014 representing TNA

TNA (State) – Finance & Audit Committee Member 2013 - 2015

D9: Treasurer 2012 – 2014

D9: Chairperson - Nursing Celebration Budget Subcommittee

Past:

D9: Annual Silent Auction

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Texas Organization of Nurse Executives

American Organization of Nurse Executives

[Nurse.com](#) (formerly NurseWeek) Advisory Board

Past:

Past-President, President, President Elect, Board of Directors, Secretary, Houston Organization of Nurse Executives

Board of Directors, Texas Organization of Nurse Executives

National Association of Professional Women

Emergency Nurses Association

Association of Operating Room Nurses

Civic or Community Involvement

Past:

Harris County Hospital District Foundation – Annual Silver Tea, Annual 5K Walk/Run, Beautification Project

Harris County Hospital District – Annual Adopt-A-Family Holiday Project, Blood Drives – regularly scheduled,

United Way Campaign

Personal Statement:

Based on my current position as Associate Administrator/Chief Nursing Officer for the past twelve years as well as my past leadership positions in professional nursing organizations, I know that I possess the leadership skills and qualifications to represent the members of TNA, District 9 and serve effectively as your Treasurer or Board of Director. I have served on the TNA, District 9 Board for the past 21 months as Treasurer, utilizing my leadership expertise to provide structure and processes to the budget and finance component of the organization. In my current role as a Nurse Executive, I have the opportunity to work closely with the organization's governing board, the CEO as well as other executives within the organization. My ability to effectively communicate, collaborate and negotiate extends beyond the board room to the day to day interactions with the staff and our medical staff partners, as well as the patients and the community that we serve. Political savvy and compassion are essential. I look forward to serving in the position of Treasurer or Board of Director, 2014 - 2016.

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Debora Castro Ybarra, MSN, RN, CCRN

Present Position:

Clinical Nurse Coordinator, Texas Children's Hospital

Past Positions:

Staff Nurse, Liver Transplant Coordinator, Transport Nurse

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Canine Rescue, Red Collar Rescue

Canine Rescue, Corridor Rescue

Past:

Houston Hispanic Forum-advancement of underprivileged Hispanic youth

Project Medishare Haiti earthquake medical team

Director, UT School of Nursing Alumni Association

Personal Statement:

I strongly believe that the nurse that seeks self improvement through education and active participation in organizations that promote nursing is a nurse who will provide exemplary care to their patients. Since recently completing graduate school, I feel better prepared to actively participate in state and national organizations.