
NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2014-2016)
(Vote for Five)

Juliana Brixey, PhD, MPH, MSN, RN

Present Position:

Associate Professor, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Biomedical Informatics/School of Nursing

Past Positions:

Staff Nurse, Pheresis Nurse, Wastewater Technician, Assistant Head Nurse, Head Nurse, Administrator on Duty, Graduate Research Assistant, Adjunct Faculty, Assistant Professor, Appointed Director of Interprofessional Education

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

TNA and D9 Direct member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Member, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing
Member, American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)
Chair, AMIA Pioneers in Nursing Informatics
Chair, AMIA Nursing Informatics Sub-committee for Education
Chair, AMIA Education Working Group
Member, Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
Member, Association of Computing Machines (ACM)
Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES)
6th Annual Emerging Technology Planning Committee (Houston, TX)
Houston Geriatrics Education Center (HGEC)
MIA-NI Institutional member for the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Gulf Coast Nursing Informatics
HarrisHealth Nursing Scholarship Advisory Board
TNA/TONE Informatics Committee
5th Annual Emerging Technology Planning Committee (Houston, TX)
Diana Forsythe Award Committee (AMIA)
Chair, AMIA-NIWG Education Subcommittee
Chair, EDWG
Chairperson, AMIA Nursing Informatics History Committee

Past:

Program Committee Chair and Treasurer, Sigma Theta Tau/Omicron Eta Chapter
Secretary, NIWG
Member, AMIA Symposium Scientific Committee
Committee Member of the Executive for the Texas Health Information Technology Workforce Development
Member, NLN Task Force for Faculty Development in Informatics

Member, HIMSS Nursing Informatics Committee

Civic or Community Involvement:

Past:

Volunteer, Rees Grade School, Albright Middle School (nurse office), Elsik High School Band Boosters

Personal Statement:

I am interested to become more involved with TNA District 9 and additional TNA activities. As an elected member of the nominating committee, serves as my first step to become more involved with TNA activities. I can serve as a role model to my students both at UTSON and SBMI to become more involved in nursing.

Nancy Brownlee, MSN, FNP-BC

Present Position:

Nurse Practitioner, Department of Surgery /Division of Urology, University of Texas Medical Branch

Past Positions:

Nurse Educator, CPT II, Sales Trainer

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Member, NLN

Member, Sigma Theta Tau

Past:

Chapter President, AUAA, now Society of Urologic Nurses and Assoc.

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Advisory Board, Living Water International

Advisory Board, Theater Under the Stars (TUTS)

Past:

Finance Chair, HBU Alumni Board Member

Finance Committee, Sugar Creek Church

Personal Statement:

After doing a variety of things in my career and spending time with family, I returned to graduate school to discover all the progress made in nursing. I am truly standing on the shoulders of others who have gone before me to advance the profession and reap the benefits as an APRN. It is time for me to give back and continue what others have started. I would like to be involved with TNA and be part of the nominating committee. I would like to meet other like-minded individuals and encourage and inspire them to continue the journey.

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Tanisha Davis, MSN, RN, CCRP

Present Position:

Sr. Research Nurse, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center

Past Positions:

Registered Nurse

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 Direct member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Subcommittee Chair, Medical Records subcommittee, MD Anderson's Clinical Research Nurse Committee Member, The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, Phi Pi Chapter Member, Society of Clinical Research Associates

Past:

Clinical Research Nurse Committee, Sub committee Chair, Medical Records Committee, MD Anderson Cancer Center

Leadership Succession Chair, STTI, Phi Pi Chapter

Board Member, Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Volunteer, Houston Food Bank

Volunteer, Star of Hope (Woman's and Family Center)

MD Anderson Cancer Center Children's Art Proj. Adopt a Display (seasonal)

Past:

Volunteer, Star of Hope (Woman's and Family Center)

MD Anderson Cancer Center Children's Art Proj. Adopt a Display

Health Care Ministry at Higher Dimension Church

Personal Statement:

I am interested in serving in this office to become more active and involved in the Texas Nurses Association in order to support and advocate for nursing in my home state and community. I have devoted a decade to the profession of nursing and believe that my efforts, as served in office, can elicit passion for the profession in this wonderful state amongst other nursing professionals in District 9.

Ifeoma "Ify" Ezebele, PhD, MSN, MS HEd., BSN, RN, P/MH CNS-BC

Present Position:

Sr. Nurse Manager, UT-Health Harris County Psychiatric Center

Past Positions:

Nursing Care Coordinator, Nursing Supervisor, Staff Nurse

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

TNA and D9 Direct member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Member, Sigma Theta Tau International and Beta Beta-Houston Chapter

Member, Texas Regional Psychiatry Minority Mentor Network (TRPMMN)

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Member, Texas Medical Center Fall Study Research Group representing UT-Health HCPC in a TMC Fall study.

Involved in professional presentations to various groups on mental health and cancer awareness.

Preceptor for Nurse Practitioner graduate students from Rotterdam University in the Netherlands.

A Principal Investigator of a research study, 'lived seclusion experience' that was conducted at UT-Health HCPC and was recently published in a *peer reviewed journal in 2013*.

Manuscript Reviewer for a peer reviewed journal

Currently serving as the President of a community ethnic cultural Association.

Past:

Podium presenter, national Nursing Research Congress in Washington DC

Published five peer reviewed research articles.

Coordinated a fund raising activity to benefit pediatric wards in a developing country.

A member on a panel discussion "*Depression and Immigrants: Working with Depression among Immigrants,*" at the Houston Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Panel Presenter, Annual Texas NAMI Conference, Austin, Texas on '*Beyond Cultural Competency Discussions to Real/Actual Change.*'

Personal Statement:

My name is Dr. Ifeoma "Ify" Ezeobele, PhD, MSN, RN, P/MH CNS-BC. I am at a point in my life where I can serve my community, not needing to focus on my career. I have held several roles in the course of my 33 year nursing career. I will bring a wide and varied experience as a nursing leader, adjunct faculty member, consultant/reviewer and a researcher. I expressly feel that having all of these experiences will allow me to make a difference in the nomination process. I believe that the committee can benefit more from someone with a unique perspective on the nomination process. I will be honored to participate and serve in this committee which is a great way to become a part of the TNA District 9 community and an opportunity to expand my horizons.

Wyona Freysteinson, PhD, MN

Present Position:

Assistant Professor, Texas Woman's University

Past Positions:

Director

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

D9: Nominating Committee

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Vice President Houston Campus, Sigma Theta Tau Phi Kappa Phi, Texas Woman's University

Past:

Treasurer, Sigma Theta Tau Beta Beta-Houston

Civic or Community Involvement:

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Present:

Community Grants Review Panel Member, Houston Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, Houston, TX

Development and leadership of *Parish Nursing Ministry*, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church (approximately 60,000 parishioners), Houston, TX

Past:

Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects IRB Board, University of Texas, Houston

Personal Statement:

I have served on the nominating committee for District 9 for one term. The work is interesting and has given me a “window” into the work of TNA. I would love to serve a second term.

John Michael Leger, BSN, RN

Present Position:

RN Care Manager / Project Coordinator, CHI St. Luke’s Health System

Past Positions:

Director, Quality/Risk Management, Chief Nursing Officer, Division Chief Nursing Officer, Vice President, Clinical Operations

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Leadership Council, Graduate Nursing Student Academy (GNSA)

Past:

Chapter President-Lamar University, Resolution Committee, Chairperson, National Student Nurses Association

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Advisory Board, Chamberlain College of Nursing-Houston

UTMB SON Alumni Association

American Heart Association

Susan G. Komen

Past:

Advisory Board, Sanford Institute-Houston

Personal Statement:

I have reached a point in my career where I have the capacity (i.e., time and energy) to start giving back of myself to the profession that has provided me with so many opportunities. Becoming involved in our professional organizations is imperative for Registered Nurses to have a voice in how we move forward while maintaining the advances that have been made. If we want to be a part of the changing landscape that is healthcare, then we must be willing to give of ourselves to be certain that happens. TNA is one such avenue and serving as a member of the Nominating Committee allows me the opportunity to seek out those other professional nurses who are willing to carry on the torch of change within our profession by serving in leadership positions within District 9.

Sabrenda Littles, CRNA, MBA, MSN

Present Position:

Nurse Anesthetist, Whitaker Medical LLC

Past Positions:

Adjunct Faculty, Clinical Instructor, Faculty

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Member, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Member, American Association of Critical Care Nurses

Member, Sigma Theta Tau

Member, Phi Kappa Phi

Member, Association of Military Surgeons United States

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Welcome Home Warrior

Medical Triage Team (Chevron Marathon)

Past:

Medical Triage Team (Honolulu Marathon)

Angel Tree Christmas

Wreaths Across America

Personal Statement:

Becoming a member of the nominating committee would afford me the opportunity for involvement in TNA on an entry level whereby I can gain knowledge and experience to lead Texas nurses in this rapidly, dynamic healthcare system.

TaShauna McCray, BSN, MSN

Present Position:

Director of Critical Care, Staffing, Stroke, and Chest Pain Services, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital

Past Positions:

Director of Telemetry Services and Bloodless Medicine, Telemetry Nurse Manager, Staffing Office Nurse Manager, House Supervisor, Med-Surg Charge Nurse

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Member, Texas Organization of Nurse Executives (TONE)

Member, American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)

Civic or Community Involvement:

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Past:

Youth Leader, Hufsmith Church of Christ

Personal Statement:

Within any organization, it is essential to have a sound nominating committee that is driven to carry out the mission, vision, and purpose of the organization through the selection of the most qualified candidates. As a TNA member, I am highly interested in serving as a nominating committee member to assist with ensuring that candidates presented for office are those that are striving to shape healthcare for the future through their continued strive for excellence, quality and safety in nursing. I feel that my current expertise with applicant screening, interviewing, and peer interviewing within my healthcare organization has afforded me the necessary foundation to serve TNA as a nominating committee member.

Leslie Norman, MPH, BSN, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE

Present Position:

Chief Nursing Officer, Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital

Past Positions:

Chief Nursing Officer, AVP, Director, Sr. Occupational Health Nurse, Staff RN

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Member, Texas Organization of Nurse Executives (TONE)

Member, American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)

Member, American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)

Past:

Baton Rouge District Nurses Association

Board Member, Louisiana State Nurses Association

President, Board Member, Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

Memorial Hermann - Community activities, health fairs

Dean's Advisory Council Member, University of Houston-Victoria- Sugar Land campus

Past:

Board Member, Volunteer Ascension

Member, Ascension Parish Chamber Leadership Committee

Core steering team member, Louisiana Action Coalition (Future of Nursing group)

Nursing Supply and Demand Task Force – committee delegated via Louisiana Legislature under jurisdiction of LSBN

Personal Statement:

I moved back to Texas one year ago after 18 years in Louisiana. I was highly engaged with my local and state professional nursing organizations. I feel I am now at the point that I can become engaged and am seeking a position to become involved with TNA. The practice of nursing is my passion and I have always felt it is important to have a voice to help guide the profession, thus I am interested in starting with the

nominating committee to help me learn and grow within the organization. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Margaret “Pegi” Pung, MA, RN, NEA-BC

Present Position:

Chief Nurse Officer, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Harris County Psychiatric Center

Adjunct Faculty, University of Texas Health Science Center School of Nursing

Past Positions:

Chief Nurse Officer, Director of Nursing, Vice President, Nurse Manager, Adjunct Faculty

TNA Organization Activities:

Present:

ANA, TNA and D9 member

Other Professional Organization Related Activities:

Present:

Member, Texas Medical Center Council of Nurse Executives

Member, American Psychiatric Nurses Association

Member, Sigma Theta Tau

Past:

Board Member, Sigma Theta Tau

Civic or Community Involvement:

Present:

St. Thomas High School Scholarship and Charity Fundraising Events

Personal Statement:

I am interested in serving in this office to promote continued growth and respect for the TNA by motivating an enhanced membership and involvement by nurses in this district.

Melissa Wade

No Bio Available