



DNA PRESIDENT

[Four-year commitment-one year as President-elect, two years as President and one year as Past-President]

SUMMARY: Serves as chief elected officer of the association, acts as official representative of the association and its chief spokesperson on matters of association policy and positions. Presides as chair of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the Membership Meetings. Provides vital link between leaders and policy makers within the association and those throughout the healthcare field. Exercises personal leadership in the motivation of other officers, Board members, elected and appointed officials, staff and the membership.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The following responsibilities are in addition to those of a Board member.

LEADERSHIP

1. Presides at all meetings of the association's Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and the general Membership Meetings.
2. Keeps the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, association committees and individual members informed on the conditions and operations of the association.
3. Directs the Board of Directors and Membership Assembly in formulating policies/positions statements and programs that will further the goals and objectives of the association.
4. Attends the American Nurses Association (ANA) Constituent Assembly and the Center for American Nurses (CAN) meetings.
5. Serves as an ex-officio member of all committees except Nominating Committee.
6. Serves as elected ANA delegate-at-large and the Chair the DNA delegation in the ANA House of Delegates and special meetings.
7. Convenes the initial meeting with ANA delegates to determine areas of responsibility.
8. Serves as the first alternate delegate-at-large to the Center for American Nurses Membership Council in eligible.
9. Serves as DNA representative for activities related to the Delaware Excellence in Nursing Practice Awards.
10. Offers guidance and consultation to the DNA Executive Director, elected and appointed officials of the association, and constituents as required.
11. Supports and defends policies, positions, and programs adopted by the Board of Directors and Membership Assembly.
12. Evaluates position at completion of term.

ORGANIZATIONAL

1. In collaboration with the Executive Director, acts as official spokesperson for the association to the public, press, and legislative bodies on matters of policy within the confines of the policies established by the Board of Directors.
2. Serves as the public relations ambassador for the profession. Uses discretionary powers to assign responsibility for such representation as necessary.¹

¹ The basic principle of the delegation of powers and duties is that the president retains full accountability for the performance or exercise of those powers and duties that have been delegated. The president is also responsible for the consequences that arise out of the exercise of delegated authority.

3. Reports a summary of the Association's activities at the General Membership Meetings held at the Fall and Spring Conferences.
4. Promotes interest and active participation in the membership and reports activities of the Board and the association to members.
5. Provides testimony before legislative groups on association issues.

KNOWLEDGEABLE

1. In current and pending legislation of concern to nurses.
2. Economic and general welfare of nurses.
3. Professional practice issues of nurses.
4. General and specific problems affecting nurses.

OPERATIONAL

1. In conjunction with staff, plans and approves the agendas for meetings of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and General Membership Meetings.
2. Serves as an ex-officio member of all committees and structural units except the Nominating Committee.
3. May appoint Chairpersons standing committees or ad-hoc committees with the approval of the Board of Directors.
4. Appoint grievance committee for the Board of Directors consisting of two non-board members and non-supervisory persons to hear any grievance presented by DNA staff member (s). This committee will also function as an ombudsman for complaints from DNA members or officers.
5. Supervises and performs annual evaluation of Executive Director.

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected by the members for a two-year term as President. This term is preceded by a one-year term as President-Elect and is followed by one-year as Past-President. No officer may serve more than a total of six consecutive years; an interval of two years must elapse before the individual is eligible to be nominated again for an office.

QUALIFICATIONS

Must be a Full Member of DNA and may not concurrently serve as an officer or director of another organization if such participation might result in a conflict of interest with DNA. Must have basic knowledge of parliamentary procedures and have familiarity with the DNA Bylaws and other rules of the organization.

TIME COMMITMENT

Individual style and personal commitments shall determine the time devoted to presidential duties and activities. Participation in national delegate assembly is expected. Travel is required to meetings and the ANA and other sites to fulfill the DNA spokesperson role. There is also a required minimum of four Board Meetings per year and a General Membership Meeting at the Fall and Spring Conferences. An article for the DNA *Reporter* is required quarterly.