**Have you considered running for a Regional or State Nursing Board position?**

**If not, NOW is the time! Use your skills to influence Nursing and Healthcare throughout the state and your Region. Deadline to submit your consent to serve is Friday, August 2nd!**

**Open Board positions:**

**State WNA Executive Board:**

* **Vice President**
* **Secretary**

**All five (5) Regions:**

* **Region President**
* **Region Treasurer**

Duties of each office:

The **WNA** **Vice President** shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and President-Elect. The Vice President shall serve as Chairperson of the Membership and Public Relations Committee. The Vice President shall serve as the elected First Alternate to the ANA Membership Assembly. The Vice President in addition will serve as the Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee, with the President-Elect. One of the responsibilities of the Legislative Committee is to plan the Nurses Day at the Legislator event held February 20, 2020 in Cheyenne. WNA Board of Directors meet five (5) times a year. Two meetings are held by video conferencing, one meeting is prior to Nurses Day at the Legislature in Cheyenne, one meeting is prior to the conference and the other meeting is an all-day strategic planning retreat held in the fall in Casper.

The **WNA Secretary** shall be responsible for ensuring that records are maintained of meetings of the WNA, the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and shall notify members of the meetings of WNA. The Secretary shall serve as the elected Third Alternate to the ANA Membership Assembly. WNA Board of Directors meet five (5) times a year. Two meetings are held by video conferencing, one meeting is prior to Nurses Day at the Legislature in Cheyenne, one meeting is prior to the conference and the other meeting is an all-day strategic planning retreat held in the fall in Casper.

The **Region President** shall be responsible to lead the region board in planning region activities, engaging members at the region level, serve on the WNA Board of Directors. Region presidents are responsible for submitting articles to for the print publication, e-newsletter and annual book of reports. WNA Board of Directors meet five (5) times a year. Two meetings are held by video conferencing, one meeting is prior to Nurses Day at the Legislature in Cheyenne, one meeting is prior to the conference and the other meeting is an all-day strategic planning retreat held in the fall in Casper.

The **Region Treasurer** shall be responsible for managing and having financial oversight to the funds for that specific region. Submit check request and deposits that may be needed throughout the year to support region activities. Serve on the Region Board of Directors.

All candidates for office must submit a “Consent to Serve” form by the end of the day Friday, August 2nd. “Consent to Serve” can be found at [www.wyonurse.org](http://www.wyonurse.org). Each candidate is also required to submit a headshot to [tobilyon@wyonurse.org](mailto:tobilyon@wyonurse.org) by Friday, August 2nd.

If you have any questions please contact Immediate Past President and Nominations Chair Dee Gilson at [**deeser@live.com**](mailto:deeser@live.com)or you can by phone at 307-752-0934.

Elections will occur in September and the winners will be announced at the annual meeting on Thursday, October 3rd which will be held in conjunction with WNA Nursing Summit and Convention at the Community and Convention Center in Lander.

**Why you should consider:**

* **Personal and Professional Development** – If you are interested in advancing your career or taking on more leadership responsibilities. WNA’s Regional or State Executive Board offers personal growth and professional opportunities and more. There are committees to join and social and political causes to support that need volunteers. You will gain visibility, grow in confidence, and have the opportunity to sharpen your communication and leadership skills.
* **Perspective** – Are you comfortable with having others make decisions for you, how you will work and where the profession is going? Well it’s easy to not speak up and be active but be assured others will speak for you and our profession. You have the best experience and get the whole picture. You can influence how our profession practices, whether in hospitals, schools, clinics or the many diverse areas nursing can practice. It’s time to get out and ***join a WNA professional board*** by opening the door to the bigger picture of nursing, issues affecting nursing and where nursing fits into healthcare overall.
* **Networking** – Flat out, it’s a great way to meet people who share common interests with you. It’s a great way to stay in touch with what’s going on at other facilities around the state. It’s a great way to be active in the legislative process and to get to know your legislators. WNA is very respected and one of the highest connected professional nurses’ organizations with legislation. It is also a great way to get a lead on new employment opportunities if you are looking.
* **Education:** Staying on top of the latest issues and continuing education through meetings, and workshops.

If you are unsure of your Region, you belong to, email the WNA office at [nurse@wyonurse.org](mailto:nurse@wyonurse.org).