ANA MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY 2025

On June 25, 2025, nurses across the 50 states, Guam and the Virgin Islands began their travel to Washington, DC, to attend the 32nd annual governing body meeting of the American Nurses Association (ANA). From Monday, June 23, key staff, the ANA Board of Directors, the Parliamentarian and other supporting entities met to ensure a smooth operation once the Assembly was called to order. Representing the Virgin Island State Nurses Association (VISNA) were Desiree James, VISNA Director, and Melisia Hanley, 1stAlternate. VISNA President, Dr. Suzette Lettsome, was unable to attend. Director James and President Lettsome were duly elected in October, 2025.

Executive Director Joyce Heyliger attended as a member of the ANA Committee on ByLaws to which she was appointed until December 31, 2026.

Against a backdrop of geopolitical uncertainty and unrest, ANA Enterprise\* Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Angela Beddoe, conducted a virtual meeting with all registered attendees to determine their intent to attend the Assembly. She shared the heightened security measures put in place by the Grand Hyatt Hotel, site of the Assembly. A significant amount of registrants said their plans were unchanged, to include the VISNA delegation.

On Thursday, June 26, approximately five hundred (500) nurses headed to the Capitol for Hill Day; a day designed to meet with House and Senate Representatives. Nurses were equipped with stethoscopes carrying the tag “ Nurses are the heartbeat of healthcare HEAR OUR VOICES.’ ANA prepared a folder for each representative highlighting its legislative priorities among which are:

To oppose proposed Medicare reforms that hurt nurses and their patients

Sponsorship of the Improving Care and Access to Nurses (I CAN) Act

Continued Funding of Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs

A flyer was circulated listing the 119th Congressional and Senate Nursing Caucus membership

Nurses were also able to meet with their state/territory representative (s) and VISNA representatives met with Shelby from the office of Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett; this contact will be continued locally on specific health and nursing concerns.

Attached are the Summaries of Day 1 and 2 of the Assembly and a report by Melisia Hanley 1st Alternate. The Membership Assembly Agenda alternates annually between Policy and ByLaws. Dialogue Forums presented by various state associations occur annually.

\*ANA Enterprise is comprised of the American Nurses Association (ANA), American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and American Nurses Foundation (ANF).

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