



2018 Bylaws

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Article I. Name, Mission and Goals

Section 1. Name

The name of this association shall be the Alabama State Nurses Association, hereinafter

Section 2. Mission

ASNA is committed to promoting excellence in nursing.

Section 3. Goals

The Goals of ASNA shall be to:

- A. provide leadership for health policy and legislative activities.
- B. be the voice of Alabama nurses for advocating professional practice.
- C. professionalism in nursing.
- D. advocate for an adequate nursing workforce.
- E. evaluate organizational effectiveness, relevancy, and efficiency as an on-going process.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Composition

ASNA members shall be registered nurses, individuals and/or groups as specified by these Bylaws and in ASNA policies. Membership shall be unrestricted consideration of age, color, creed, disability, gender, health status, lifestyle, nationality, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

Section 2. Membership Types

A. ASNA/American Nurses Association (ANA), hereinafter referred to as full member

a. Definition

An individual who is a registered nurse and who elects to join ASNA/ANA in accordance with provisions of this section.

b. Qualifications

1. A member may be one who has been granted a license to practice as a registered nurse in at least one state, territory or possession of the US or is otherwise entitled by law to practice. The person does not have a license under suspension or revocation in any state, territory/ or possession of the US.
2. A member may be one who is a retired registered nurse. The person does not have a license under suspension or revocation in any state, territory, or possession of the US.

c. Responsibilities

1. Each individual shall pay dues established by the ASNA House of Delegates.
2. The dues shall be current.
3. Individuals shall abide by ANA Bylaws and Code of Ethics for Nurses.

d. Rights

ASNA/ANA members shall have the right to

1. receive an ASNA/ANA membership card, *The American Nurse*, *American Nurses Today* and *The Alabama Nurse*.
2. be a candidate for the ASNA and ANA elective or appointive positions in accordance with the qualification set forth in the ASNA and ANA Bylaws and/or applicable policies.
3. participate in election of representatives to ANA Membership Assembly, delegates to the ASNA House of Delegates, and election of ASNA state and district officers in accordance with ANA and ASNA Bylaws.

4. attend meetings of the ASNA House of Delegates and unrestricted ANA activities.
5. affiliate with ASNA structural units in accordance with ASNA Bylaws.
6. serve on committees and task forces of ASNA.
7. submit written proposals, formal or informal, for consideration by ASNA and ANA.
8. attend the Congress of the International Council of Nurses.
9. be accorded rights as provided for under common parliamentary or statutory law including due process

B. ASNA member only

a. Definition

An individual who is a registered nurse and who elects to join ASNA in accordance with provisions of this section.

b. Qualifications

1. A member may be one who has been granted a license to practice as a registered nurse in at least one state, territory or possession of the US or otherwise entitled by law to practice. The person does not have a license under suspension or revocation in any state, territory or possession of the US.
2. Renewal is contingent upon licensure.
3. A member may be one who is a retired registered nurse. The person does not have a license under suspension or revocation in any state, territory, or possession of the US.

c. Responsibilities

1. Each individual shall pay dues established by the ASNA House of Delegates.
2. The dues shall be current.
3. ASNA individual members shall have the obligation to abide by ASNA Bylaws, and the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses.

d. Rights

ASNA members shall have the right to

1. receive an ASNA membership card and The Alabama Nurse.
2. be a candidate for the ASNA elective or appointive positions in accordance with the qualification set forth in the ASNA Bylaws.

3. participate in the election of ASNA delegates to the ASNA House of Delegates and state and district officers in accordance with the ASNA Bylaws.
4. attend meetings of the ASNA House of Delegates.
5. affiliate with ASNA structural units in accordance with ASNA Bylaws.
6. serve on committees and task forces of ASNA.
7. submit written proposals, formal or informal, for consideration by ASNA.
8. be accorded rights as provided for under common parliamentary or statutory law including due process.

C. Organizational Affiliates

a. Definition

A professional organization that is committed to the mission and goals of ASNA.

b. Qualifications

1. An organization whose mission and goals are harmonious with those of ASNA.
2. Has been granted the status of organizational affiliate status by the ASNA Board of Directors. hereinafter referred to as ASNA Board.

c. Responsibilities

1. Each organization shall pay dues established by the ASNA Board.
2. Dues shall be current.

d. Rights

Each organizational affiliate shall be entitled to

1. One member participant who shall have voice but no vote in the ASNA House of Delegates.
2. Make reports or presentations to the ASNA House of Delegates within its area of expertise.
3. Submit names of registered nurses who are members of ASNA and qualified for appointment to ASNA structural units committees and task forces.

Section 3. Lifetime Membership

Honorary Lifetime Membership may be conferred by unanimous vote at the ASNA Convention for registered nurses who have rendered distinguished service or valuable assistance to the nursing profession, the name or

names having been approved by the Board. Honorary Lifetime Membership shall be conferred on no more than 2 persons at any ASNA Convention.

Section 4. Transfer of Membership

- A. A member who moves out of Alabama may apply to ASNA for transfer to another Constituent Member Association (CMA) without refund of dues.
- B. A member of another CMA who moves to Alabama may transfer to ASNA without further payment or refund of dues for the remainder of the membership year. The request for transfer shall be signed by the CMA issuing the transfer.
- C. A member may transfer from one district structural unit to another. Notification of transfer shall be made to ASNA.

Section 5. Disciplinary Action and Appeal

- A. Cause for disciplinary action by ASNA against a member shall be limited to failure to fulfill the obligations as cited in these Bylaws and /or other actions detrimental to the mission and goals of ASNA and ANA.
- B. Disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board, which shall have final disciplinary authority over members.
- C. Depending on the severity of the violation, a member may be reprimanded, removed from office, suspended from membership, or permanently expelled from membership.
- D. A member may appeal any disciplinary action in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board.
- E. Any disciplinary action taken by another State Nurses Association (SNAs) against one of its members shall be given full recognition and enforcement, provided such action was taken in accordance with the disciplining SNAs Bylaws and disciplinary procedures.

Article III. Dues

Section 1. Amount of Dues

Dues shall be established by the ASNA House of Delegates.

Section 2. Notification of Change

- A. Members shall be notified in writing or by electronic means of any proposal to change the amount of dues at least 60 days prior to the meeting of the House of Delegates at which the proposal is to be voted upon.
- B. No money shall be refunded or additional monies collected when a change in dues category occurs within the membership year.

Section 3. Vote

A vote of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting shall be required to change the dues assessment except when ANA dues are increased pursuant to Article XI.

Section 4. Payment

- A. Payment of dues shall be in accordance with ASNA policy. The membership commitment shall be twelve (12) consecutive months from the time of initial payment of dues regardless of payment plan utilized.
- B. Members who qualify for one of the following categories may elect to pay fifty percent (50%) of the annual dues:
 - 1. nurses who are not employed.
 - 2. registered nurses in full-time study.
 - 3. graduates of basic nursing education programs for the first year membership if the membership is initiated within six months of licensure to practice as a registered nurse.
 - 4. Nurses who are not earning more than the Social Security System allows.
- C. Members 65 years of age or older who are not employed may elect to pay twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual dues.

Article IV. District Nurses Association

Section 1. Definition

The basic structural units are the District units.

Section 2. Boundaries

Boundaries of structural units shall be defined by the House of Delegates. The boundaries may be changed or

new structural units created by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates.

Section 3. Dues Reimbursement

Dues shall be reimbursed to Districts according to ASNA policy.

Section 4. Responsibilities

- A. Each district structural unit shall be governed by a District Board of Directors. Composition of the District Board of Directors shall be determined by District Bylaws.
- B. Each District Board of Directors will provide for the election of district officers to carry out the necessary functions so deemed by the District. The president or designee of each District will be a member of the ASNA Board. The processes for election and filling vacancies will be included in the District Bylaws.
- C. District elections of officers shall take place at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.
- D. A district structural unit will be composed of the counties as established by the ASNA Board. Counties within District structural units may organize as a county nurses society.
- E. Each county society shall function as a part of its respective district structural unit and elect a county chairperson who will represent the respective county on the District Board of Directors.
- F. Bylaws of each structural unit, whether District or County, will be filed with the ASNA office. These Bylaws must be congruent with ASNA Bylaws.

Section 5. Obligations

It shall be the obligation of each district structural unit of ASNA to

- A. require that all members be members of ASNA.
- B. send ASNA the names and addresses of all officers and other members of the Board of Directors of the District structural unit immediately following their election or appointment.
- C. maintain Bylaws consistent with the Bylaws of ASNA.
- D. confer with the Committee on Bylaws of ASNA before adopting any proposed amendments to its Bylaws.
- E. submit Form 990 to IRS if assets exceed \$25,000.
- F. submit a copy of approved meeting minutes.

Section 6. Disqualifications

- A. A structural unit which fails to comply with the requirements stated in these Bylaws may be dissolved by a unanimous vote of the Board. Due notice shall be given at least 3 months before the vote is taken and the

- structural unit shall have the opportunity for a hearing with the Board.
- B. Notification and redistribution of District membership and dissolution of accounts shall be done in accordance with ASNA policy.

Section 7. Reinstatement

A structural unit which has been disqualified may be reinstated by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Article V. House of Delegates

Section 1. Definition

The House of Delegates is the governing and official voting body of ASNA. The ASNA House of Delegates promotes the profession through the creation of policy and positions that support the purposes of ASNA.

Section 2. Composition

- A. Representation to the ASNA House of Delegates shall be based on the number of District members in good standing at least 90 days preceding the annual convention, plus the members of the Board.
- B. Each district structural unit in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each 20 members or fraction thereof.
- C. Delegates and alternates shall be elected by each district structural unit.
- D. ASNA shall notify each district structural unit of the number of delegates to which it is entitled at least 90 days preceding the annual convention and 30 days preceding a special meeting.
- E. Vacancies shall be filled only by elected alternates.
- F. The ASNA House of Delegates shall also include the following who shall have courtesy seats without vote unless a duly elected delegate:
 - 1. the past presidents of ASNA;
 - 2. a representative of the Alabama Board of Nursing;
 - 3. a representative from the Alabama Association of Nursing Students;
 - 4. one registered nurse representative from each organizational affiliate.
 - 5. one LPN representative from each LPN Association.

Section 3. Credentials

All delegates shall present a picture ID and current ASNA membership card at the time of registration at the annual convention.

Section 4. Authority

The ASNA House of Delegates shall:

- A. determine association policies and positions according to ASNA Bylaws.
- B. delegate authority and define accountability for the implementation of ASNA Bylaws policies and positions.

Section 5. Responsibilities

The ASNA House of Delegates shall:

- A. establish rules of procedure for meetings of the ASNA House of Delegates.
- B. adopt the Bylaws.
- C. elect officers and Nominating Committee members.
- D. establish the policies of ASNA.
- E. Any ASNA officer, Board member or ASNA delegate who is In In-State only member, may not participate in any discussions or vote on any ANA matters.

Section 6. Quorum

A quorum for the transaction of business of the House of Delegates shall consist of five members of the Board, one of whom shall be the president or president-elect, and 50% of the allocated number of delegates representing a majority of district structural units.

Section 7. Meetings

A. Annual Meetings

- 1. The House of Delegates shall meet annually.
- 2. The Board shall determine time and place of meetings.
- 3. Notices of the annual meeting shall be provided at least sixty (60) days in advance.

B. Special Meetings

A special meeting of the ASNA House of Delegates may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Board or shall be called by the president upon the written request of a majority of the districts.

Section 8. Order of Business

The Order of Business of each annual convention of this association shall be in accordance with an agenda adopted at the beginning of the convention.

Article VI. Board of Directors

Section 1. Definition

The Board of Directors is composed of elected officers and other individuals as designated in the ASNA Bylaws.

Section 2. Composition

- A. The Board shall consist of the elected officers of ASNA, presidents of district structural units, and chairpersons of commissions, committees/task force(s) and one new graduate.
- B. The officers of ASNA shall be president, president-elect, vice president, secretary and treasurer.
- C. The Executive Director shall be present with no vote.
- D. The Alabama Association of Nursing Students' (AANS) President or designee shall be present with no vote.

Section 3. Authority

When the House of Delegates is not in session, the Board shall have the authority delegated to it by the House of Delegates, including the duty and power of acting for the membership in the intervals between meetings of the House of Delegates, and other duties and powers as defined in these Bylaws.

Section 4. Accountability

The Board shall report and be accountable to the House of Delegates.

Section 5. Responsibilities

The Board shall:

- A. exercise the corporate responsibility and fiduciary duties of the association consistent with applicable provisions of law.
- B. transact the business of the association in the interim between annual conventions.
- C. establish major administrative policies governing the affairs of the association.
- D. provide for the maintenance of state headquarters, including the determination of which persons

are to be bonded.

- E. appoint, define the authority and responsibilities of, and annually review the performance of the executive director.
- F. appoint and fill vacancies of standing committee members, considering geographic distribution, and chairpersons not otherwise provided for in these Bylaws.
- G. provide for the establishment and dissolution of structural units and special interest groups in accordance with these.
- H. appoint a consultant to Alabama Association of Nursing Students.
- I. submit to the Governor of Alabama a list of at least two nominees for each RN vacancy on the Board of Nursing.
- J. confer organizational affiliation status on nursing associations meeting established qualifications.
- K. provide a liaison to the districts.
- L. foster collaborative relationship, communication and support to the districts, individual members, and other Constituent Members
- M. assume other duties as provided for elsewhere in these Bylaws and by the House of Delegates.

Section 6. Term of Office

- A. The term of office for all Board members shall commence at the adjournment of the annual convention at which they are duly elected and shall continue for one term or until their successors are elected.
- B. The Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary may serve no more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office. The president and president-elect are limited to one term. An officer or any other member of the Board who has served more than half a term shall be deemed to have served a full term in that office. All officers shall have a 2-year term.
- C. No member of the Board shall be eligible to serve more than 8 consecutive years.

Section 7. Qualifications

To be eligible to serve on the Board, a person shall:

- A. hold current membership in ASNA.
- B. hold current membership in ANA (officers).
- C. not concurrently serve as an officer or director of another organization if such participation might result in a conflict of interest with ASNA.

Section 8. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy:

- A. in the office of the president, the president-elect shall succeed to the office of the president. In addition to serving the unexpired term, this individual shall continue in the office of the president for the term to which the president-elect was elected.
- B. in the office of president-elect due to a succession to the office of president, the office shall remain vacant until the next annual election. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the president-elect for any other reason, the office shall remain vacant until the next annual election.
- C. in another office, the Board shall fill the vacancy by appointment until the next annual election when such vacancy shall be filled by election. Where applicable, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

Section 9. Duties of Officers

- A. The president shall be chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee. In addition, the president shall:
 - 1. serve as the official representative and spokesperson on matters of policy and positions.
 - 2. serve as an ex officio member of all committees, except the Committee on Nominations.
 - 3. serve as representative at meetings of the ANA Membership Assembly and other special meetings called by the ANA.
 - 4. prepare, review, revise, and/or evaluate the strategic plan as needed.
- B. The president-elect shall:
 - 1. assume the duties of the president in his/her absence.
 - 2. serve as a representative to the ANA Membership Assembly.
 - 3. serve as a liaison to the districts.
- C. The vice president shall:
 - 1. assume the duties of the president in the absence of the president and the president-elect, except serve as the ANA Membership Assembly Representative, unless elected as an alternate.
 - 2. serve as chairperson of the Committee on Membership.
- D. The secretary shall:
 - 1. keep minutes of the House of Delegates, the Executive Committee and Board meetings.
 - 2. serve as chairperson of the Committee on Governance.
- E. The treasurer shall:

1. be responsible for monitoring the fiscal affairs of the association and shall provide reports and interpretation of ASNA's fiscal condition to the House of Delegates, the Board, and the membership.
2. serve as chairperson of the Committee on Finance.

Section 10. Executive Committee

The executive committee of the Board shall be composed of the officers, and have all administrative powers of the Board to transact business between Board meetings and shall serve as the personnel committee of the association.

Section 11. Executive Director

- A. The Board shall delegate to the executive director, as the chief executive officer, the authority to manage the association according to policies established by the ASNA House of Delegates and the Board.
- B. The executive director shall be accountable to the Board.
- C. The executive director shall employ, direct, promote, and terminate staff of the association.
- D. The executive director may represent the association and serve as spokesperson on matters of established policy and positions.

Section 12. Meetings

- A. Regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall be four (4) times a year or as determined by action of the Board
- B. Special meetings of the Board may be called at the president's discretion with 5 days notice to each member of the Board and shall be called by the president in like manner upon the written request of not less than two-thirds of the structural units or 5 members of the Board.
- C. Business requiring immediate action by the Board may be conducted by mail or other media. Such action shall be reported at the next regular meeting of the Board.
- D. Absence of elected officers from two (2) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Board in one year shall be cause for declaring a vacancy in the position. The year is defined as the first Board meeting through convention.

Section 13. Quorum

A majority of the Board, including the president or president-elect, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

Section 14. Removal of Elected Officials

- A. A vote for removal of an elected official shall be held when called for by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board or upon written request of a majority of structural units.
- B. An elected official may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board whenever such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the association.

Article VII. Committees

Section 1. Definitions:

There shall be standing committees of ASNA as follows: Committee on Governance, Committee on Membership, Committee on Nominations, Committee on Finance, and Committee on Continuing Education. In addition there shall be Special Committees such as Ethics and Human Rights, Legislative, Awards, Convention and /or other committees appointed by and accountable to the Board of Directors. A standing committee is one that is essential to the day to day operation of the association. Special committees provide guidance and direction for policy formation of the association.

Section 2. Composition

- A. The Committee on Governance and Committee on Finance shall be composed of at least three members appointed by the Board.
- B. The Committee on Nominations is composed of one member from each district.
- C. The Committee on Membership and Committee on Continuing Education shall be composed of members who wish to volunteer and meet established criteria.

Section 3. Term of Membership

- A. Members of standing committees, except for the Committee on Nominations and Committee on Continuing Education, shall be appointed by the Board following each annual meeting to serve until the next annual meeting or until their respective successors are appointed.
- B. Members of the Committee on Governance and Committee on Finance shall be appointed by the Board following the annual meeting to serve until the next meeting or until their respective successors are appointed.
- C. Members of the Committee on Nominations shall be elected for a two (2) year term. A vacancy shall be filled by an appointment by the Board.

- D. The term of membership on the Committee on Continuing Education shall be determined by each District Board of Directors.

Section 4. Accountability

A. Standing Committees

1. Committee on Governance, Chaired by Secretary of ASNA, shall:
 - a. suggest, receive and prepare proposed amendment to the Bylaws of this association; report them to the Board and submit them to the House of Delegates for approval.
 - b. review the Bylaws of each district and advise changes in order to assure conformity with the Bylaws of this association.
 - c. initiate, review, and prepare resolutions for presentation to the Board and/or House of Delegates.
 2. Committee on Membership, Chaired by the Vice President, shall:
 - a. devise ways and means of assisting districts that will promote active membership.
 - b. assist in the development and dissemination of materials of ASNA in regard to membership promotion and retention.
 - c. promote development of organizational leaders at the district and state level.
 3. Committee on Nominations, Chair appointed by Board, shall:
 - a. submit the proposed slate of nominees to the Board for approval.
 - b. develop and implement criteria for solicitation and selection of nominees.
 4. Committee on Finance, Chaired by the Treasurer, shall:
 - a. prepare and submit the annual budget to the Board for approval.
 - b. advise the Board as to income, investments, and expenditure of association funds.
 - c. oversee the process of the funds request policy.
 5. Committee on Continuing Education, Chair selected by the committee members shall:
 - a. promote opportunities for the continuing professional development of nurses.
 - b. follow ANCC guidelines and The Alabama Board of Nursing standards in implementing the ASNA Continuing Education program.
- B. Special Committees shall assume duties and responsibilities assigned by the Board.

Article VIII. Commission on Professional Issues

Section 1. Definition

An organized deliberative body which responds to professional nursing practice issues essential to the purpose of ASNA.

Section 2. Membership

The Commission on Professional Issues (COPI) shall consist of 8 members, elected by the membership. The chairperson shall be appointed by the Board. Election of Commission members shall be for a two-year term. Members are not allowed to serve consecutive terms.

Section 3. Accountability

The Commission is accountable to the Board and reports to the ASNA House of Delegates.

Section 4. Responsibilities

The Commission on Professional Issues shall:

- A. develop policy alternatives essential to the purpose of ASNA and submit recommendations to the Board.
- B. provide for dissemination of information.

Section 5. Vacancies

- A. Absence from two consecutive meetings of the Commission shall be cause for declaring a vacancy in that position.
- B. A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled by the Board.

Article IX. Special Interest Groups

Section 1. Definition

A Special Interest Group is a unit through which members of ASNA participate in the improvement or advancement of the profession in an area of nursing practice or interest. Special Interest Groups are established by and accountable to the Board.

Section 2. Membership

- A. Members of Special Interest Groups shall consist of persons with a common special interest, issue, practice area or specialty.
- B. Special Interest Groups shall be established by the Board upon evidence of a need and interest of members in a particular area.
- C. Any member of ASNA may affiliate with one or more Special Interest Groups upon meeting eligibility requirements.

Section 3. Responsibilities: Each Special Interest Group shall:

- A. provide opportunities for exchange of information, professional support, collaboration and professional growth and leadership development.
- B. develop standards, positions, and policies.
- C. provide for dissemination of information.
- D. establish eligibility requirements.
- E. have elected officers and current Bylaws.

Section 4. Any active Special Interest Groups may petition the Board for a seat on the Board.

Section 5. Special Interest Groups may be dissolved by the Board when there is no longer evidence of need.

Article X. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations

- A. Candidates for office shall meet established qualifications and shall consent to serve if elected.
- B. Individual members of ASNA shall be considered eligible for only one elective office in ASNA at any one time.
- C. An individual member of ASNA who meets the established qualifications for an elective office may declare as a candidate by contacting the Nominating Committee.
- D. The slate of candidates shall be published and distributed to all members at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- E. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the House of Delegates.

Section 2. Elections

- A. Elections shall be held annually following the approved schedule.
- B. The president-elect and the treasurer shall be elected in even years; the vice president and secretary shall be elected in odd years.
- C. Election for officers, Nominating Committee, Commission on Professional Issues shall be held at ASNA's House of Delegates in accordance with policy.
- D. Only elected ASNA delegates may vote at the ASNA HOD.
- E. Only ANA/ASNA Delegates can vote for the President and President-Elect and the alternate Representatives for the ANA Membership Assembly.
- F. Ballots, whether electronic or manual, shall be tabulated by tellers at the House of Delegates.
- G. The plurality of votes cast by those entitled to vote and voting shall constitute an election. In case of a tie, the choice shall be determined by lot at the convention.
- H. Any challenge to the election shall be filed with the secretary within 30 days after the results are announced.
- I. All ballots and records of the election shall be destroyed after the time for challenge has expired.
- J. The term of office shall begin at the adjournment of ASNA House of Delegates.

Article XI. Relationships with American Nurses Association

Section 1. Membership

- a. ASNA shall be bound by the obligation to pay dues to the ANA pursuant to the ANA Bylaws and Membership Assembly policy until such time as 2/3 of the entire CMA membership votes to disaffiliate from ANA. "CMA membership," for these purposes, is defined as individual members of the CMA who have ANA rights and privileges of membership as a result of their CMA membership. The vote may occur by mail or electronic ballot, with appropriate notice and procedures to protect the integrity and validity of the vote. Any ANA dues increase shall be passed on to full ANA/ASNA members.
- b. Full members of ASNA shall continue to have all rights of membership provided in the ANA Bylaws until such time as 2/3 of the entire CMA membership votes to disaffiliate from the ANA. "CMA membership," for these purposes, is defined as individual members of the CMA who have ANA rights and privileges of membership as a result of their CMA membership. The vote may occur by mail or electronic ballot, with appropriate notice and procedures to protect the integrity and validity of the vote.

Section 2. Representation

A. Membership Assembly

1. ASNA is entitled to representation at regular and special meetings of the ANA Membership Assembly in accordance with ANA Bylaws and policy.
2. Election of representatives:
 - a. Representatives and alternates ANAs Membership Assembly shall be ASNA/ANA members in good standing.
 - b. Election of ANA Membership Assembly representatives and alternates will be accomplished according to ASNA policy and procedure.
 - c. Representatives and alternate shall be elected for a 2-year term or until a successor is elected.
 - d. Vacancies shall be filled with alternates elected from the elected ASNA Executive Board.
 - e. The president and president-elect of this association shall be delegates.

Article XII. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments with Notice

- A. Amendments proposed by the Committee on Governance and approved by the Board for action by the House of Delegates shall be finalized before the date of the annual meeting and shall be distributed with the official notification of the meeting the House of Delegates.
- B. These Bylaws may be amended with prior notice at an annual or special meeting of the House of Delegates by a two-thirds vote of the accredited delegates present.

Section 2. Amendments without Notice

These Bylaws may be amended without prior notice at an annual or special meeting of the House of Delegates by 99 percent of the accredited delegates present.

Article XIII. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised governs this association in all parliamentary situations that are not provided for in the law or in the charter, Bylaws, or adopted rules of ASNA.

Article XIV. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this association shall be the calendar year.

Article XV. Official Organs

The American Nurse, The Alabama Nurse, and The American Nurse Today shall be the official organs of this association.

Article XVI. Disposition of Assets

No person shall possess any property right in or to the property or asset of the corporation. Upon dissolution of the corporation and after all obligations are satisfied, all assets shall be distributed to an eleemosynary corporation or non-profit business so designated by the Board at the time of disposition.

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