Greetings South Carolina (SC) CRNAs! Summer is before us and with it brings the end of the first part of the SC Legislative session, culminating in our first big legislative win for CRNA professional practice. In the SC House of Representatives, our bill, H3682 to remove physician supervision of nurse anesthetists was favorably voted out of the Social Services, Mental Health and Children’s Services subcommittee of the Military, Medical and Municipal Affairs Committee (3M) and will move forward to the full 3M Committee during the second half of the session, convening January 11, 2022. Our companion bill in the Senate, S639 has been carried over in the Medical Affairs subcommittee for further discussion when the legislature reconvenes. During the last week of the legislative session, we had Resolutions introduced in both the Senate and House recognizing CRNAs and the essential role we play in delivering safe and effective healthcare throughout SC.

Extensive advocacy work fueled our accomplishments. In February, we held our first ever virtual Legislative Day with approximately 79 attendees, 15 virtual meetings with legislators, and three guest speakers. In March, we hired Samantha DeBee of DB Capitol Consulting to coordinate our 2021 Grassroots efforts and have conducted an additional 15 virtual meetings with legislators and their CRNA or SRNA constituents.
Throughout the session, our lobby team met with 40 members of the House of Representatives and 29 Senators educating them about CRNAs, securing support and sponsors for our bills, conducting meetings, coordinating one-on-one meetings for our leadership team, and advocating Zoom opportunities. Additionally, we attended multiple Democratic, Republican and Black Caucus events. Through these efforts an additional 5 Senators and 7 Representatives have signed on as bill co-sponsors since the initial introductions.

The most important ingredient in all of this has been YOU—SC CRNAs and our CRNA students. A huge thank you to all our member and student advocates who have been participating throughout this session. Your time and passion are making a difference. None of this would be possible without the gift of your time, professional expertise, and financial commitments. A CRNA or student constituent and board member was present at EVERY virtual legislator meeting. Participation in grassroots advocacy has led to 5 CRNAs stepping up to run for 3 Trustees positions.

Your PAC investments fueled our ability to attend caucus events, providing invaluable access to legislators in small group settings. Our PAC Chair and sole committee member, Beth Wilkes, organized several virtual fundraising events including an online auction, flower arranging, Bingo and an amazing professional wine tasting with Materra Vineyards. Your participation and monthly investment are CRITICAL!

I am continually humbled each time I speak with you and hear your stories, receive the gift of your time, and watch you educate our legislators about the expertise and value CRNAs bring to the people of SC every day.

The threats to our practice are clear and ever present. Alternative providers take employment opportunities from current and future CRNAs, restrict our practice environment, degrades our skills, and deprives our students of learning opportunities. When will you have had enough? Teamwork is the only way we will unencumber CRNA practice in South Carolina. If you have yet to join us for a meeting with a legislator or become a monthly PAC investor, there is still time and work to be done! Answer the call for state advocacy here and federal advocacy here, become a PAC investor here, participate in fundraising events, or volunteer to serve on a committee here.

S.C.A.N.A. will continue with advocacy efforts throughout the summer and fall on the state and federal level. Look for emails requesting your participation in a phone call or a Zoom meeting with your legislator. We prepare and guide you through the process. Our grassroots efforts are making a difference. Join us to continue in building our momentum to remove “supervision” for CRNAs.

While the pandemic is still a part of our lives, we can look forward to the AANA Annual Congress in Austin, Texas 13-17 August, offered in person AND virtual. Click here to learn more. As well, our S.C.A.N.A./NCANA Joint Conference will be held in person 10-12 September in beautiful Asheville, NC. Click here for details! With something for everyone, from outdoor enthusiasts to beer aficionados, Asheville holds a wealth of opportunity for education, fellowship, and relaxation! We look forward to meeting you in the mountains!

Warm summer greetings to all my anesthesia colleagues, CRNAs and Nurse Anesthesia Residents alike! As the Covid-19 pandemic begins to ease, I cannot help but think about the word “normal!” Most of us find ourselves back to work in various settings where anesthesia is provided, and back to normal activities with our families. We are returning to gathering in groups in churches, concerts, and conferences again. We are excited about upcoming trips and travel with friends. Most of all, we take comfort and solace in seeing smiles and full facial expressions of those we dearly love, as the masks begin to come off.

As President-elect and PAC Chair, we have had a very busy year despite the pandemic. We have held many Zooms with our legislators to continue to push HB 3682 and SB 624 to remove physician supervision forward.
As most of you know, HB 3682 passed out of subcommittee just before the legislative session adjourned for the summer! I am so honored to serve alongside our President, Dr. Candace Aguiar, and our entire Board of Trustees as we have worked very hard on this accomplishment! We have much more work to do and I look forward to going back to session in January of 2022 to ensure that these bills pass. Please remember that physician supervision is illusory; it is an unnecessary burden that we as CRNAs must practice under in South Carolina. Supervision by a physician reduces access to anesthesia care for our most vulnerable citizens of this state. However, removing physician supervision does not have to or will change your practice environment. That is up to the bylaws of an institution. Whether you practice in a care team model or otherwise, this legislation is beneficial and is part of our strategic plan.

We have done Zooms for PAC events as well, including a flower arranging class with an interior designer from upstate, and an anesthesia “Bingo” which brought a lot of laughs! Most recently, we did a Zoom Wine Tasting with Materra Wines from Napa Valley. The company was great and the wine was terrific! The sommelier talked about climate, grapes, movies, and history—it was a fantastic event. I want to thank all those who have so generously donated, arranged flowers, bought wine, and the like this year. Your support is so very much appreciated. The BEST way to contribute to PAC is by being a monthly investor. An investment of $25/month is a great way to start! PAC dollars allows us at S.C.A.N.A. to support individuals who support our practice. S.C.A.N.A. PAC is separate from AANA PAC, is made up entirely of CRNA contributions, and does not come from your AANA dues. To become a monthly investor, go to www.sccrna.org/pac.

As I look to the fall and my Presidency, please consider giving back to our amazing profession by getting involved. There are many opportunities to volunteer. Committee work is a great way to start with minimal time required. Please reach out to me if you have questions! I knew when I returned to South Carolina 5 years ago (after 12 years away), that I wanted to get involved in our state association. I had no prior training in advocacy or healthcare policy, but I had a passion and a light inside of me to promote CRNA practice. As Dabo Swinney says, “let the light that shines in you be brighter than the light that shines on you!” Let all our lights shine for this amazing profession!

I want to thank each and every one of you for the excellent anesthesia care that you provide for the citizens of South Carolina every day. I am so proud to call South Carolina my home!

Kind regards,
Beth Wilkes, CRNA, MNA
2020-21 S.C.A.N.A. President-elect and PAC Chair

The SC CRNA PAC is the political action committee representing the interests of S.C.A.N.A. members. The PAC serves as a tool to voice S.C.A.N.A.’s positions on issues related to facilitating unencumbered access to quality anesthesia care for all citizens of South Carolina.
AANA Region 2 Update
Jan Setnor, MSN, CRNA, AANA Region 2 Director

Colleagues,

About this time last year, a phone call from AANA President Kate Janksy informed me I’d just been lucky enough to be elected AANA Director for Region 2. (All Hail #RR2!!) However, our World was in the midst of the greatest pandemic since 1918, our nation was in virtual lockdown and untold numbers of our profession had been laid off, or lost their jobs outright. When I told my fighter pilot husband about my new role and how I found the circumstances we all found ourselves in to be daunting to say the least, he gently reminded me that great flyers are not made in fair skies and sunny weather… but in storms.

During the “storm” of 2020 & 2021, it has been more than inspirational to watch the members of our profession, not only rise to the occasion, but to soar! CRNAs consistently volunteered to serve at the tip of the spear of this battle against COVID-19. Those who were already in the hardest hit areas worked double and triple shifts without complaint. Those outside, volunteered to relocate and work where they were needed most. When my daughter, a regional coordinator for Florida’s Division of Emergency Management, called December 23rd and told me she had an urgent need for vaccinators, I put her in touch with a good friend and former president of FANA. By the end of Christmas day, she had over 150 CRNA volunteer vaccinators… by the following Friday, over 800… by the end of the following week, over 3,300 Florida CRNAs and APRNs had stepped forward and simply said, “Where do you need me most?!?”

The pride we can all derive from the many, many examples of our CRNAs putting service before self, is an extremely well deserved pride… in the finest sense of the word. After 26 years of wearing an Air Force uniform and 22 years in scrubs, I take words like, “pride,” “service” and “honor” very seriously. So, allow me to say, that I am proud to be one of you and it has been an honor to serve with you.

Very Respectfully,
Jan Setnor, MSN, CRNA, AANA Region 2 Director

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Sunny days and warmer weather are coming our way as we embark on our 70th anniversary year. In the middle of a pandemic it is hard to get a new committee up and running but we have been diligent and have made progress. Our goal is to meet and greet nursing students within the state to introduce nurse anesthesia as a post BSN/ADN career choice. Whether it will be virtual or in-person, our plan is to show them who and what CRNAs do. We are committed to making sure ALL nursing students, no matter race or ethnic background, know that Nurse Anesthesia can be in their reach. Equal and equitable opportunity is our main focus.

Here are a few updates the committee is working on in your behalf:

✓ Composing criteria for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee $1000 scholarship awarded to a non-Caucasian recipient, by the end of the year.
✓ Meeting with Nursing students at various programs throughout the state at both the community college and university level.
✓ Hold in-person demonstration within the schools to show what CRNA’s do.

The Covid pandemic has made this process more difficult but we have been persistent. By the end of the year we plan to have established, lasting relationships with schools within our state to help promote and expand our work force.

Committee Chair
Melinda Bellamy, CRNA

Committee Members
Gulanna Bryant, CRNA
Christa Collins, MSN, CRNA
Eric Mercado, CRNA
Afusat Nesbit, MSN, CRNA
Meshia Robinson, MSN, CRNA
Election Information

Nominations for the upcoming term closed on June 1st. Open positions for this term are:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- three Trustees

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the nominating committee.

**2021 Nominating Committee**

Tim McAdams, Chair
timmcadams@gmail.com

Committee Members
Rocky Cagle - rockycagle@gmail.com
Tammy Ivy - gtanesthesiallc@gmail.com

Important Dates

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ballot to Members</td>
<td>July 31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ballot closes</td>
<td>August 28</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Voting members will receive an email once the ballot is open.
Follow the instructions to cast your vote.

---

**SAVE the DATE**

**CRNA Day at the Capitol**

Feb. 2, 2022

State Capitol Building, Columbia, SC | 8:30am-3:30pm

Please plan to wear scrubs and white coats
Have you ever had the following situations occur?...

- You’re in a team where one or more people are in a bad mood and you notice you start to also be in a bad mood?
- You are in a crisis situation and there is someone in the team focusing on a seemingly irrelevant detail or task disrupting the focus on the crisis and causing frustration?
- You received an assignment to work with a coworker on a tough task and thought “Oh, thank goodness it is him/her, they are so easy to work with”?

Each of these examples - any many, many more - all showcase aspects of emotional intelligence. So... What is emotional intelligence, or EQ?

According to Collins (2013), “Emotional intelligence is the ability to recognize emotions in self and others and the capacity to use these emotions to enhance emotional intellectual growth and decision making.” It affects how we manage behavior, navigate social complexities, and make personal decisions that achieve positive results. EQ is often that difficult to pinpoint or describe “something” that makes someone successful or not. What is fascinating, when emotional intelligence was first discovered, studies found, it served as the missing link in a peculiar finding: People with the highest level of intelligence (IQ) only outperform those with average IQs 20% of the time (Bradbury and Greaves, 2009). This grew a vast amount of attention over the years as people were perplexed over the fact that you do not necessarily need a high IQ to be significantly successful. This interest is especially seen in the field of nurse anesthesia.

Nurse anesthesia programs are taking notice as numerous programs are beginning to incorporate EQ not only into their curriculum, but their interview process. Collins (2013) revealed, because student registered nurse anesthetists practice in a problem-based team environment in which the student is presented with a clinical problem being negotiated by multiple people (CRNA, Surgeon, MDA, etc.), their EQ plays an integral role in their ability to make a sound decision regardless of the level of stress in the decision making. Studies also showed increased average pay, increased workplace performance, and decreased negative stress consequences during school. Want to know the best news? EQ (unlike IQ) is not a fixed attribute and can be learned and improved!

Interested in improving your EQ? Want a better chance of getting into CRNA school, a less stressful school experience, and/or more workplace success? Check out the resources below.

1) **Emotional Intelligence 2.0 by Bradbury and Greaves (2009).** Small 250 page book that breaks down emotional intelligence into four key skills and how each may be improved: self-awareness, self management, social awareness, and relationship management. The how-to manual of sorts for understanding and improving EQ. Easy to break up and come back to later. Provides an access code to a test you can take to identify where you are starting to help guide your work. You can also retake the test as you go to track improvement! (talentsmart.com/test)
2) **Emotional intelligence as a noncognitive fracture in student registered nurse anesthetists by Collins (2013).** A case-study published in the AANA journal revealing how emotional intelligence is a key predictor of SRNA success in intensive academic and clinical programs.

2) **The Emotionally Intelligent Team by Hughes and Braford Terrell (2007).** Question and answer/bulleted formatted book ideal for those in or striving to be in leadership positions. Focus is on EQ as it relates to team dynamics.

Thank you for your time and attention to this great topic. We have found a lot of value in these resources and look forward to carrying these skills into our future careers as CRNAs! As always, reach out to us if questions arise as you read further into this topic. We look forward to hearing from you!

Jacquelyn Buhmeyer, SRNA
buhmeyer@musc.edu

Kimberly Smith, SRNA
kimberly.smith@uscmed.sc.edu

---

### Congratulations

**SRNA Mid-Year Assembly Scholarship Winners for 2021!**

 Emily Barnett, MUSC
 Sean Cooney, MUSC
 Meredith Wertzberger, MUSC
 Deava Chestnut, USC

Read the winning entries here.

---

### 2021 SRNA & CRNA Award Applications

Now Being Accepted

**CRNA Research Award**

**SRNA Essay Contest**

**SRNA Research Poster**

Download Awards Form Here

Review the S.C.A.N.A. Scholarship and Awards Policy [here](#).

The deadline to submit an application is 5:00 pm on **August 7, 2021**

*The scholarships and awards form and policy can also be found online in the members only document section under forms/documents/templates.*
Helen Arndt Award

Helen Arndt was the first president of the South Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Under her leadership and vision, S.C.A.N.A. was incorporated as a professional association dedicated to promote nurse anesthesia.

The Helen Arndt Award is presented each year to an individual who exemplifies dedication to the profession through commitment to the goals of S.C.A.N.A. and support to the ongoing development of the profession and the promotion of nurse anesthesia in South Carolina.

Eligible nominees can either be a member of the South Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists (S.C.A.N.A.) or a non-CRNA who demonstrates considerable support and resources to the Association. The S.C.A.N.A. Board of Directors will consider the merits of each nominee and select the award winner. The winner will be notified prior to the public announcement.

The Award Winner will be recognized at the S.C.A.N.A. Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, September 14th.

Download Nomination Form

The nomination form can also be found online in member resources.

The deadline to submit a nomination is August 7, 2021.

Research and Scholarship Committee

Michael Storm, CNAP, CRNA, CCRN - Committee Chair

A year ago, I for sure thought we would be "on the other side" of Covid-19 by now. Well, so much for that. We are all still very much under the burden of this pandemic. I think most of us did not give enough credit to the dangers and life-altering influence a pandemic brings to our lives. Fortunately, most people trust the healthcare science that vaccinations work, although an unfortunately high number of Americans do not want to be vaccinated. I think the science is solid that the only way to contain our current pandemic difficulties is to reach some level of herd immunity. I am sure that most of the Newsletter readers have already been vaccinated, so let us all spread the word of the collective importance of being vaccinated.

We are a lucky profession! Our jobs are most undoubtedly essential, so we all go to work every day. Although we may be dealing with corona-sick patients, we still perform our essential societal function. This function brings income, but just as important, we have social interactions with our colleagues, physicians, coworkers, patients, and others. Such social
interactions are significant for our mental well-being. So, despite the difficulties we endure, let us also recognize that these social activities help keep our sanity.

During this pandemic, we have not been able to attend any in-person conferences, which has been a "bummer" for many of us. Although better than nothing, the virtual conferences are not quite the same as "being there." I hope this year will be the year we all can gather in Asheville, NC, for our Annual Meeting. I am ready to go!

The Mid-Year Assembly (MYA) essay competition was slightly different this year. S.C.A.N.A. is very supportive of nurse anesthesia residents who wish to attend the MYA and thus try to offset some of the expenses these residents incur. This year's MYA was virtual, and without travel and hotel expenses was a bit different than usual. Four residents submitted an essay for the MYA competition, and the Board decided to support all four residents. Usually, S.C.A.N.A. reimburses expenses, but this year the Board decided to give a gift in lieu of the travel reimbursement. The two top placements received a gift of $1,000 each, and the other two entries $500. Congratulations to all four participants.

During last year's Annual Meeting, I voiced my pondering of why S.C.A.N.A. did not receive any submissions for our Fall essay competition, and I promised to look at potential causes for this. We have done so with the following results:

- One of our nurse anesthesia residents stepped up and wanted to help. She introduced a survey to all the nurse anesthesia residents in our state and received 16 responses. The main takeaways from this limited response were that many residents do not enjoy writing, although 2/3 of the respondents would consider writing a competition essay. Additionally, it appears that spring and summer would be the most convenient time to participate.

- The University of South Carolina included the S.C.A.N.A. essay as an optional component in a professional development course. This inclusion did have a significant effect on the interest in residents writing an essay. 24 out of 30 residents did take this opportunity to write an essay on the diversity topic. Wow, maybe a reason for the recent lack of submissions is simply lack of time in our residents' busy schedules. The combined work requirements of clinical, ever-increasing didactic volume, studying for SEE and NCE, thesis preparation and writing, and simultaneously juggling everyday life places a significant amount of stress on our nurse anesthesia residents. Maybe writing an essay for a S.C.A.N.A. competition, which of course, is an additional and optional work requirement, is just too big a mouthful to add to everything else. I appreciate the initiative from UofSC to try this avenue to get more residents involved in the essay competition.

We always try to pick a current topic with value to our broad nurse anesthesia community, and the topic this year is diversity in our anesthesia departments and programs. The full wording of the topic is:

_Diversity is a current area of concern among many anesthesia departments and nurse anesthesia programs. The questions, among many, are: Do we have a diverse department/program? How can we increase/improve our diversity? Does diversity apply to our department/program? Will diversity make a difference for our staff/students? Not to forget the big question - what is diversity?_

As you can see, there are multiple angles to the topic diversity, and this is just scratching the surface.

Our challenges for your essay are:
1. Define diversity.
2. Does diversity apply to anesthesia?
3. Do you see diversity in your program and the anesthesia departments where you do your clinical rotations?
4. If, in your opinion, diversity is essential, how can anesthesia programs and anesthesia departments improve their approach to diversity?

The deadline for submitting the essay to the S.C.A.N.A. Fall meeting competition is **August 7, 2021**, at 17.00. There is still time for those residents that have not already penned their thoughts to do so. Remember, this essay competition is open to all levels of nurse anesthesia residents in South Carolina.

In closing, I want to give a shout-out to S.C.A.N.A. members for our 70 years as an organization. Very impressive.

I wish everybody a great summer.
Join an Anesthesia Team
Where You Will Thrive

CRNA Career Opportunities Across the Nation
AS A CRNA WITH SOUND, YOU WILL BENEFIT FROM:
- Career development
- Leadership pathway
- Robust well-being resources
- Ability to perform at the top of your license
- Dedicated CRNA leadership team

APPLY NOW

careers.soundphysicians.com | belong@soundphysicians.com

2021 Interstate Meeting

September 10-12

REGISTER HERE
# 2021 Meeting

## Meet us in the Mountains!

Renaissance Asheville Hotel | Asheville, NC

**SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2021**

---

### Conference Sessions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SPEAKER(s)</th>
<th>PRESENTATION TITLE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bryan Tanner, MSN, CRNA, APN</td>
<td>Difficult Airway Adventures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adam Flowe, CRNA, MSN</td>
<td>The Implantables: Computerized Implants and Anesthesia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ian Hewer, PhD, CRNA</td>
<td>Health Care Economics 101 for CRNAs: Why You Should Care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicholas L. Robbins, DNP, CRNA</td>
<td>To Lend a Helping Hand: Discussion of the History and Trajectory of Vascularized Composite Allo transplantation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lynn Macksey, MSN, CRNA</td>
<td>Medical-Legal Implications in Anesthesia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abby Stewart, BSN, RN, SRNA</td>
<td>Data Transparency in Anesthesia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kristen Southwick, RN, BSN, CCRN, SRNA</td>
<td>The Use of Screen-Based Simulation (SBS) as an Educational Tool for Recertification or Reentry to Practice for Nurse Anesthetists</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allison Foust, BSN, RN, CCRN, SRNA</td>
<td>The Business of Anesthesia: Micro and Macro Environments of Anesthesia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rodrigo Garcia, MBA, APN-BC, MSN, CRNA</td>
<td>The Contagious Addiction: How One Disease Affects Many</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Claudia Garcia, MBA, BSN, RN, CADAC II, LAC</td>
<td>#residualparalysismatters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Richard Flowers DNP, CRNA, CHSE</td>
<td>Erector Spinae Plane Blocks to Reduce Opioid Administration in Cardiac Surgery</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jeffrey Boswell, DNAP, CRNA, MNA</td>
<td>The Second Victim Phenomenon, Implementation of a Peer Support Program and Lessons Learned</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Luci L. New, DNP, CRNA</td>
<td>AANA Update</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bernadette Johnson, DNAP, CRNA</td>
<td>What’s New in Obstetric Anesthesia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Angela Mund, DNP, CRNA</td>
<td>What’s in the Basket? The CRNA’s Expanding Role in Disaster Response</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thomas Baribeault, DNP, CRNA</td>
<td>Pacemaker Electromagnetic Interference in the Operating Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Corinne Chausse, CRNA, BS, MSN</td>
<td>Pacemaker Electromagnetic Interference in the Operating Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joseph Keck, MSN, CRNA</td>
<td>Pacemaker Electromagnetic Interference in the Operating Room</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Speaker Bios**

**Thomas Baribeault, DNP, CRNA**
Thomas Baribeault is the founder of the Society for Opioid-Free Anesthesia (SOFA). SOFA is a non-profit organization dedicated to education and research on opioid-free anesthesia and post-operative pain management. He specializes in obstetric anesthesia, acute surgical pain management, non-surgical pain management, and point-of-care ultrasound. He received a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the Ohio State University, a master’s of science in nursing and anesthesia residency from Case Western Reserve University and a doctorate in nursing practice and pain management fellowship from the University of South Florida.

**Jeffrey Boswell, DNAP, CRNA, MNA**
Jeff Boswell entered into anesthesia practice after earning his MNA at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Program in Nurse Anesthesia in 2004. In August 2021 Jeff will graduate from Midwestern University with his DNAP. Since becoming a CRNA Jeff has practiced at Aiken Regional Medical Centers in Aiken, SC, starting as a staff CRNA in 2004, becoming the chief cardiothoracic and vascular CRNA in 2008, and manager of the anesthesia department in 2016.

Jeff’s professional interests include management of difficult and complex airways, procedural ultrasound, regional anesthesia, ERAS, opioid reduction strategies, and anesthesia for cardiovascular and thoracic surgery. He also enjoys clinical and didactic instruction of CRNA students.

Jeff has been married to his beautiful and talented wife, Mary, since 1998 and they have two teenagers, Garrett and Caroline. His personal interests include teaching, playing guitar, outdoor activities, and woodworking.

**Corinne Chausse, CRNA, BS, MSN**
Corinne Chausse is a CRNA from Monroe, NC. She has been a CRNA for 24 years and has completed several medical mission trips focusing on disaster relief. She has traveled to Haiti, Zambia, Iraq, as well as other locations in the U.S. during the COVID pandemic. The last four years she has served on the Samaritan’s Purse International Disaster Response Team (DART). Corinne’s experiences have shown her that CRNAs have a vast knowledge base and skill set that are rarely tapped into. "It takes a challenge to push us beyond the usual boundaries we are comfortable with but we can do it."

**Adam Flowe, CRNA, MSN**
Adam Flowe, CRNA, MSN, is the Chief CRNA at Duke University Medical Center since 2015. He completed his anesthesia training at the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia (UNCG) and also holds degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill and the College of William and Mary. A former public school reading teacher, Adam has been a prison, ICU, and pulmonary nurse. He was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Public Health Service. Adam holds a lectureship at the University of Ghana and has been teaching and giving anesthesia in Haiti, Ghana and Rwanda since 2010.

**Richard Flowers, DNP, CRNA, CHSE**
Richard Flowers, DNP, CRNA, CHSE, earned a Master of Science degree in Nurse Anesthesia at Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia in 1997 and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the Baylor College of Medicine Nurse Anesthesia Program in 2016. In his numerous years of nurse anesthesia practice, Dr. Flowers has worked in a variety of practice settings with a majority of his over 20 year career devoted to the practice of OB anesthesia. He now enjoys sharing that experience with the next generation of nurse anesthetists in his current role as a full time Assistant Professor and Educational Innovator at Wake Forest School of Medicine, Department of Academic Nursing, and Nurse Anesthesia Program. Dr. Flowers has particular academic interests in the areas of quantitative neuromuscular monitoring modalities and the prevention of residual neuromuscular blockade, cultural humility education in the nurse anesthesia profession, and simulation in nurse anesthesia education.

**Allison Foust, BSN, RN, CCRN, SRNA**
Allison Foust is a third year student in Duke’s nurse anesthesia program. She is a member of the NBCRNA’s simulation subcommittee.
Speaker Bios Continued

Claudia Garcia, MBA, BSN, RN, CADAC II, LAC
Claudia has more than fifteen years of direct patient care experience as well as managerial and recruitment experience. She has focused much of her career in research and development of programs, policies, and procedures to improve patient outcome and maintain employer compliance.

Claudia obtained her MBA degree, graduating with honors, with a focus on health care administration, specializing in assistance of the health care professionals in need. She served as an appointed member of the Indiana Office of the Attorney General’s Prescription Drug Task Force from 2012-2017 and is currently the Executive Director of the Indiana Professionals Recovery Program for nurses and pharmacists. In addition, she is a lead investigator in Parkdale’s H.E.L.P (Health Experts in Loss Prevention) program, a consultative program developed to assist hospitals in the prevention, identification, and management of the impaired health care provider.

Claudia has firsthand knowledge of addiction and recovery through the eyes of a non-addicted loved one and family member. Her training as a certified addiction drug and alcohol counselor (CADAC II), Registered Nurse, and licensed addiction counselor (LAC) along with her very personal and intimate knowledge of the situational circumstances the family members often experience has helped forge one the most seamless, comprehensive, and resourceful family programs in the country.

Her unique skill set now helps professionals and their families, as the individual networks through the myriad considerations, obstacles, and potential consequences associated with workplace addiction at the facility she helped found, Parkdale Center for Professionals.

Rodrigo Garcia, MBA, APN-BC, MSN, CRNA
Rodrigo Garcia is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Executive Program Director, and co-founder of the Parkdale Recovery Center in Chesterton, Indiana. Rodrigo is currently the Chief Anesthetist, providing anesthesia to countless families in rural Indiana who have limited access healthcare.

Rodrigo is also directly involved with facilitating a highly specialized treatment program that meet the needs of high functioning and highly accountable professional afflicted with substance use disorder.

Rodrigo graduated from Valparaiso University in 1996 with a Baccalaureate degree in Nursing. He worked as a department supervisor and Certified Trauma Nurse Specialist at level one Trauma Center. In 2004, he obtained a Master of Science Degree in Nursing from De Paul University in Chicago, IL and successfully completed his anesthesia residency from Northwestern Hospital in Evanston, IL. Rodrigo graduated, with honors, from Indiana Wesleyan School of Business with an MBA degree focusing on Health Care Administration. He is an active member of the Indiana Attorney General Drug Task force, Bitter Pill and serves as an appointed Delegate with the National Safety Council. He is currently in the process of obtaining his Certified Alcohol and Drug Counseling credentials.

In 2007 Rodrigo began a personal and intimate journey with addiction and recovery. He gained a valuable perspective an understanding of the disease as it relates to personal health, family consequences, legal concerns, and the disease process. As a result, Rodrigo is now committed to improving the regulatory, monitoring, and treatment systems while providing personal assistance to those who are suffering along with resources for their families. Today, Rodrigo continues consult with and speak for universities, health care facilities, professional licensing boards, diversion investigators, law enforcement, treatment centers, and countless families that have been affected by addiction.

Today, Rodrigo will discuss diversion from the workplace by the addicted professional along with his personal experience working within a healthcare setting while dependent on prescription medications. As an anesthesia provider, Rodrigo was exposed to some of the world’s most potent medications. He will share his story of addiction and recovery, personal consequences, family and social implications, and the irresistible and irrational pull to continue an addiction. He will conclude his presentation with proposed solutions, the future of addiction, and some thoughts on hope and affirmation. Join us as he walks us through his experience of chemical dependency that nearly took his life, the steps he took to overcome it, and his newfound passion to help others.

Ian Hewer, PhD, CRNA
Ian Hewer is the Program Director, for the Western Carolina University Nurse Anesthesia Program since 2018. He practices at Mission Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina, & his clinical expertise is in cardiac anesthesia. He has published & presented on a wide-range of topics including anesthesia billing & economics, echocardiography, obesity policy in the United States, and ventilator management. He is the current Federal Political Director for NCANA, & a member of the Board of Directors.
Bernadette Johnson, DNAP, CRNA
Bernadette Johnson received a certificate in Nurse Anesthesia from the Carolinas Medical Center School of Nurse Anesthesia and her Masters of Nursing from University of North Carolina Charlotte in 2011. In December 2020, Bernadette completed her Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice from the Medical University of South Carolina, where she spent 18 months researching caregiver fatigue and the second victim phenomenon. During this time, she has implemented a second victim peer support program within Atrium Health Pineville’s perioperative department for over 155 employees. She is extremely passionate about helping providers find peace and emotional stability following traumatic events. Currently, Bernadette is a full-time associate professor at the Carolinas Medical Center Nurse Anesthesia Program and practices at Atrium Health Pineville. Bernadette has served in several leadership positions, both state and local, throughout her career. Specifically, Bernadette was an active member of the political action committee for 4 years for the North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists and has been a member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists since 2009.

Joseph Keck, MSN, CRNA
Joseph Keck, MSN, CRNA completed the United States Army Graduate Program in Nursing Anesthesia and now specializes in regional anesthesia at the Charles George Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, NC. As a clinical educator, Mr. Keck thoroughly enjoys working with student nurse anesthetists from both Duke University and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Currently, Mr. Keck is completing his Doctorate of Nursing Anesthesia Practice at Missouri State University.

Lynn Macksey, MSN, CRNA
Along with working full time as a staff anesthetist at UNC Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill, NC, Lynn precepts Duke nurse anesthesia students, anesthesiology residents, has written two anesthesia pocket guides, the textbook “Surgical Procedures and Anesthetic Complications” with multiple editions of each, and is a co-author of the CRNA Certification Exam Review book – all sold internationally. She also has had four AANA Journal articles published, has been a speaker at regional, state, national and international anesthesia meetings. Lynn has reviewed over 50 med-mal cases working with 22 plaintiff and defense law firms and is here today to speak about the many important issues regarding medical malpractice cases.

Angela Mund DNP, CRNA
Dr. Angela Mund received a certificate in Nurse Anesthesia from the Minneapolis Veteran's Affairs School of Nurse Anesthesia in 1998. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Master’s of Science degree in 1999 and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in 2008. Dr. Mund is currently an Associate Professor and Division Director at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Anesthesia for Nurses Program.

Luci New, DNP, CRNA
Wake Forest School of Medicine Department of Academic Nursing DNP 2020
MSN UNCC 1996
CMC/UNCC School of Anesthesia 1995
CRNA at Atrium Health Northeast and Clinical Coordinator for Wake Forest School of Medicine Anesthesia Program Program Coordinator for Atrium Health Enterprise Peer Support Program PRN at Gateway Ambulatory Surgery Center
Adjunct faculty at Wake Forest School of Medicine Anesthesia Program
Implementation of a Pilot Peer Support Program at Atrium Health Cabarrus Anesthesia and Surgical Services Departments.

Publications: Exam of Well-Being Among Health Care Workers During Covid-19
Member of AANA, North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists, North Carolina Nurses Association, NCONL. SPA for NCANA

Serves on Admissions, Advisory, and Evaluation committees at Wake Forest School of Medicine
Speaker Bios Continued

Anesthesia Program

KIPL Clinician Leaders College 2020
Healthcare Providers for Greater Access Board of Directors
Married to John, son Julian, daughter Ashley, two dogs, Mermaid and Gabin. Enjoys running, cooking, travel, and scuba diving.

Nicholas L. Robbins, DNP, CRNA

Dr. Nicholas Robbins has worked as a Clinical Nurse Anesthetist for the past three years, at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. Prior to his career in anesthesia Dr. Robbins obtained his Bachelor of Science from Quinnipiac University and his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Duke University. He worked as a Critical Care Nurse for five years at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, NC as well as a travel nurse at various hospitals around the United States. He was accepted into the inaugural DNP Program at the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia/University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he received his nurse anesthesia education.

Dr. Robbins focused his doctoral studies on identifying, understanding and educating surgeons on the barriers that exist in the adoption of Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) protocols at a local hospital. As a Clinical Nurse Anesthetist he has presented at regional anesthesia conferences on goal-directed fluid therapy. He enjoys caring for a wide variety of patient populations but took a special interest in participating as Duke’s primary anesthesia provider for the most recent Hand Transplant in June 2019.

Abby Stewart, BSN, RN, SRNA

Abby Stewart, BSN, RN is a rising third-year student in Duke University's DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program. She serves as the Class of 2022 Representative and Fundraising Chair. In addition to her doctoral project exploring data transparency policy, she participates in a team exploring anatomic variations of the brachial plexus using ultrasound.

Bryan Tanner, MSN, CRNA, APN

Bryan Tanner graduated in 2015 from University of Tennessee Chattanooga. He was a staff CRNA at Erlanger Health Systems in Chattanooga, TN for over 5 years. Bryan provides anesthesia services across multiple specialties including OB, pediatrics, and hearts. He is also the clinical site coordinator for Baroness Erlanger Hospital, adjunct faculty at UT Chattanooga Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, and a Difficult Airway educator and Difficult Airway Workshop co-host.

Tracy Paul Young MSNA, MBA, CRNA

Mr. Young graduated with his Master’s in Science Nurse Anesthesia from Texas Wesleyan University in 2000 and immediately began his practice providing anesthesia services to several facilities in Louisiana. In 2003, Mr. Young founded YPS Anesthesia, an anesthesia management and consulting company. Mr. Young also received a Master’s in Business Administration-Healthcare from the George Washington University in 2008 and is currently the CEO of YPS Anesthesia. His time is divided between clinical and administrative duties as he oversees the operations and growth of YPS Anesthesia and its subsidiaries which includes exclusive anesthesia contracts at over 65 facilities in 7 states and over 450 anesthesia providers. Mr. Young also has diverse investment holdings inside and outside of healthcare as well as sitting on several for-profit and non-profit boards and speaks nationally on many anesthesia business, regulatory and compliance topics.

Kristen Southwick, RN, BSN, CCRN, SRNA

Kristen Southwick is a third-year SRNA at Duke University's Nurse Anesthesia Program. She also serves as the Student Representative for the AANA Practice Committee and is a student member of the NBCRNA’s Simulation Subcommittee. Her clinical interests include education and regional anesthesia.
S.C.A.N.A. Website Instructions

2 Ways to Sign In are available

A. Top of page, right corner “Sign In”

B. Middle of page on the right

Username | Password | Sign In

Click on: “Sign In”

Now that you’re logged in, go to the top left and click on “My Profile”

It will give you the choice of members only vs. private for some of the information you enter (it is the icon next to some of the info)

-This is referring to who you want to view your profile

You can put everything on private, but the admin will still be able to see it

Please fill out all of the info on your profile

All of the information you are entering may seem like a lot but we can use much of this information to track statistics on our SC workforce.

The absolute minimum mandatory requirements are password, e-mail, gender, full name, if you are self-employed, and your AANA Member number. However, please take this one time opportunity to give as much information as you can.

After you finish filling out your profile, click on “I accept the terms of use” and then click on Submit.

Once you set your username and password, go to “Quick Links” at the top and click on “Home” to go to the main page.
S.C.A.N.A. Board of Trustees

**PRESIDENT**
Candace Aguiar, DNAP, MSN, CRNA
candace.aguiar@yahoo.com

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**
Elizabeth Wilkes, MSN, CRNA
elizabethcrna@gmail.com

**SECRETARY**
Joy Coursey, DNAP, MSNA, CRNA
joyinmb@yahoo.com

**TREASURER**
Allen McKenzie, DNAP, MSNA, CRNA
amckenzie2001@gmail.com

**TRUSTEES**
Candace Jaruzel, PhD, MSN, CRNA
cjaruzel@gmail.com

James Fuller, CRNA
jfuller.sc@yahoo.com

Marcia Iszard, DNAP, CRNA
marcia0998@yahoo.com

Andy "Skip" Charles Walker Jr., DNAP, CRNA, APRN
andycwj@hotmail.com

**SRNA REPRESENTATIVES**
Jacquelyn Buhmeyer | MUSC SRNA
jacquelynBuhmeyer@gmail.com

Kimberly Smith | USC SRNA
kimberlyanderson8380@gmail.com

Please contact the S.C.A.N.A. office or the S.C.A.N.A. Board if you have any questions related to the South Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

**Management Office**
400 W. Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 120
Worthington, OH 43082
Phone: (614) 228-4733

**Legislative Office**
1122 Lady Street, Suite 1102
Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: (803) 931-0696

S.C.A.N.A. Committee Chairs and
Appointed Positions

**BYLAWS**
Candace Aguiar, DNAP, MSN, CRNA - Chair
candace.aguiar@yahoo.com

**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**
Melinda Bellamy, CRNA - Chair
mimilong73@yahoo.com

**FINANCE**
Allen McKenzie, DNAP, MSNA, CRNA - Chair
amckenzie2001@gmail.com

**NOMINATING**
Tim McAdams, MSNA, CRNA - Chair
timmcadams@gmail.com

**PAC**
Elizabeth Wilkes, MSN, CRNA - Chair
elizabethcrna@gmail.com

**PROGRAM & EDUCATION**
Heather Eidson, DNAP, MNA, MSN, CRNA - Chair
tigernurse98@hotmail.com

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**
Candace Aguiar, DNAP, MSN, CRNA - Chair
candace.aguiar@yahoo.com

**RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP**
Michael Storm, DNAP, CRNA, CCRN - Chair
mstorm@sc.rr.com

**WELLNESS**
Andy “Skip” Charles Walker Jr., DNAP, CRNA, APRN - Chair
andycwj@hotmail.com

**AANA REGIONAL DIRECTOR**
Janet Setnor, MSN, CRNA - Chair
Jsetnor@aanabod.com