



### HEADING INTO 2024, THE NNF BOARD ANNOUNCES SEVERAL CHANGES.

Our thanks and appreciation to **Heather Jensen**, a nurse member, who completed her term at the end of 2023. She remains involved with the Nebraska Nurses Association in other roles and we know that we will see her positive impact on nursing in the future.

*We welcome two new members, both nurses.*



#### **Charlotte Lidgett**

Having spent over 45 years in nursing, healthcare administration, and nursing education, I know and understand the incredible issues affecting our healthcare institutions as they seek to provide high quality patient care. Nursing is the backbone of our hospitals and clinics throughout the healthcare system. And there are huge challenges affecting our profession of nursing. If I can contribute to resolving these issues, then that is what I want to do. My Gallup strengths include maximizer, strategic, futuristic, connectedness, and relator. I will use these strengths to help Nebraska Nurses Foundation operate at an excellent level, find ways to address future needs in nursing, discover innovative ways to secure funds for nursing, and collaborate with other organizations that also care about healthcare and the patients we serve.



#### **Douglass Haas**

Douglass Haas is a Past-President of the Nebraska Nurses Association. Douglass received all of his nursing education from the University of Nebraska Medical Center – College of Nursing: BSN 2009, MSN 2015, PGC 2018, and DNP 2020. He is Double Board Certified by ANCC as an Adult/Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP-BC) and as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP-BC). Douglass is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center – College of Nursing – Kearney Campus teaching in the Adult/Gero Acute Care NP program and the Accelerated BSN program. He has a faculty practice appointment with Lexington Regional Health Center as a Hospitalist NP.

We are excited to work with Charlotte and Douglass in 2024 – 2025. The full NNF Board and officers are listed here. The important work of the NNF would not be possible without these dedicated volunteers.

**Anna Mackevicius** – Nurse Member, Interim President & 1st Vice President

**Sara Seemann** – Nurse Member, 2nd Vice President

**Teresa Anderson** – Nurse Member, Secretary

**Justin Gripp** – Community Member, Treasurer

**Douglass Haas** – Nurse Member, Fundraising Chair

**Dan Rock** – Community Member

**Margaret (Maggie) Baumann** – Nurse Member

**Barbara Petersen** – Nurse Member

**Charlotte Lidgett** – Nurse Member

**Jessica Fitzgerald** – Nurse Member, NNA Liaison

**Linda Hardy** – Nurse Member, NNA President

### NNF 2025 Project Grants – Applicants Needed!



The NNF is once again accepting applications for project grants. The grants are designed to provide funding to NNA members for evidence-based practice, quality improvement or innovation projects conducted within

clinical nursing or education settings. As facilities continue to emerge from the pandemic and staffing challenges, we are hoping that NNA members will consider applying. Projects that will benefit 25 or more persons and cost less than \$1000 could be eligible. Previous approved projects include:

- A community health system purchased wound care mannikins to teach EBP wound care elements to over 2500 nurses and students in the first year,
- Aromatherapy for residents, staff and family members at a long-term care and rehabilitation facility to reduce stress and anxiety.
- Enhancement to a staff break room with new appliances and seating to provide a space for staff rejuvenation and wellness promotion away from patient care.
- Provision of a large-screen television for video conferencing, team education and meeting communication.

The acceptance deadline for applications to fund 2024 calendar year grants is December 1, 2024.

Visit <https://nebraskanursesfoundation.org/practice-clinical-grant-program/> for application materials and contact [Teresa@tlandersonconsulting.com](mailto:Teresa@tlandersonconsulting.com) with questions or for more information. Materials were revised in 2022 to increase opportunities for grant approval. 🌈