

this draft revised document

Lively discussion ensued when a main motion was presented that strongly recommend that ANA endorse a candidate in the 2024 presidential election and that this endorsement be based on alignment with ANA's priority issues. A majority (64%) of voting assembly delegates were opposed to this motion, so it did not pass.

The second main motion asked to have the Board of Directors (BOD) report on three items. The items requested included: the direct and indirect investments to be shared annually; an established process for ongoing transparency and disclosures that prioritizes social justice; and a path forward for divestment of resources which will need to be developed. This main motion passed, receiving the required majority votes.

A third motion recommended that the

ANA BOD develop a policy for evaluating all potential affiliations and partners to ensure alignment with the ANA Code of Ethics. This motion also passed.

There were lunchtime discussions on a variety of topics and attendees could choose which session they wanted to attend. Participants could learn more information about these topics and have a chance to provide input. The topics were:

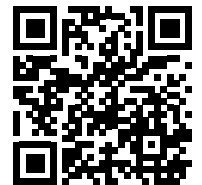
1. Nurses Strengthening the Safety Net
2. ANA's 2024 Political Engagement
3. Reimbursement Models to Elevate the Value of Nursing
4. Fluoridation of Public Water Drinking Systems: Risks Versus Rewards
5. AI: What Nurses Need to Know

During the last session of the MA, outgoing board members were thanked for their service and the results of the election

were announced. The ANA President summarized the accomplishments during the meeting and thanked everyone for their dedication.

This was a great opportunity for members to be involved in setting the direction for ANA. Participants learned what ANA has been doing over the past year to advocate for nursing, and experienced how their voices could be used to influence policy. It also provided an opportunity to network with nurses from around the county and celebrate the contributions of colleagues. It was an exciting and reenergizing experience! ■

Celebrate Nursing Professional Development Week: September 14-20, 2024



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Nursing Professional Development (NPD) is a specialty practice of nursing "that improves the professional practice and role competence of nurses and other healthcare personnel by facilitating ongoing learning, change, and role competence and growth with the intention of improving population health through indirect care" (Harper & Maloney, 2022, p. 16). Registered nurses in this specialty are known as NPD practitioners and fill a variety of organizational-dependent job titles. For example, clinical educator, nurse educator, and nursing education specialist are some of the job titles an NPD professional may hold. Professional development (PD) associates are also valuable NPD team members as these

individuals "contribute to the overall functioning of a continuing education/professional development department in a substantive, measurable way" (Association for Nursing Professional Development, 2017, p.2). Often, the work of NPD teams includes, but is not limited to:

- Orientation and transition to practice programs
- Competency assessment
- Preceptor and mentoring programs
- Nursing professional development contact hours
- Education on the use of new equipment, policies, and procedures
- Evidence-based practice and quality improvement initiatives
- Coordination of student affiliations

During the third week of September, the NPD specialty is celebrated worldwide. NPD Week provides the opportunity to recognize the impactful work of NPD team members. NPD Week is September 14-20, 2024, this year. We encourage you to celebrate your NPD colleagues.

The Association for Nursing Professional Development (ANPD), an organizational affiliate of the American Nurses Association (ANA), is the recognized professional association for this unique specialty in nursing and offers an array of resources to support you and organizations in pursuit of celebrating NPD Week. <https://www.anpd.org/Events/NPD-Week> ■