

year term. One year as Treasurer-elect (1/1/2026-12/31/2026), serves (2) two years as Treasurer (1/1/2027-12/31/2028).

**MNA Members-At-Large** Representative to the ANA Membership Assembly for a 2-year term (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2027), a minimum of three candidates will be elected in 2025 for this position.

Each of the eight District Nurses Associations (DNA) also have leadership opportunities, which vary from one district to another each year according to their District Bylaws and leadership vacancies.

## Election Participation

Since 2019, MNA and District elections have been electronic for members with a valid email address, making it easier to vote and more cost effective. There are members who pre-date the email address era and therefore these members receive a paper ballot delivered by the United States Postal Service (USPS). There are less than 20 members in this

group. But to clarify, any MNA member who wishes a mailed ballot has the right to request one by emailing [MNAInfo@MarylandRN.org](mailto:MNAInfo@MarylandRN.org) with their request for a mailed ballot or to call the MNA Office at 443-334-5110.

The MNA CON, the Committee of Tellers (COT), and Committee on Finance (COF) recommended to the MNA Board of Directors (BOD) to discontinue the practice of mailing ballots from the Association Voting (AV) “bounced back” list. MNA ED and district leadership have greatly decreased the number of members who are not receiving correspondence from MNA or from their districts due to an incorrect email address. Association Voting received 140 “unable to deliver” rejected ballots due to an invalid email address (65) or because a member had unsubscribed (75) to Association Voting. MNA urges all members to ensure their contact information is current annually by going to American Nurses Association (ANA) website [https://www.](https://www.nursingworld.org)

[nursingworld.org](https://www.nursingworld.org) and click the log-in icon. If you are experiencing log-in difficulties, email ANA with current contact information to [memberinfo@ana.org](mailto:memberinfo@ana.org), but also “cc” the MNA Executive Director (ED) this email. That address is [MNAInfo@MarylandRN.org](mailto:MNAInfo@MarylandRN.org). A Customer Care Team provider from ANA should respond to you within 24-48 hours but if you **have not** received a response in 5 business days, alert the MNA ED of that information. For members who are listed as “unsubscribed” to AV, you must send an email to [support@associationvoting.com](mailto:support@associationvoting.com) and request to be re-subscribed. District leadership and the District Representative to the MNA CON have the names of members on the “invalid” and “unsubscribed” AV list. Efforts will be made to inform members on the list the need to update an invalid email or to contact by email, AV, to be re-subscribed. Please, please exercise your fundamental right to elect your leaders! ■

## MNA NEWS

# MNA District 9 Hosts Annual Fall Membership Dinner & CE Event

MNA District 9 had the honor of hosting Dr. Stephan Andrew Riddle, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, CCRN, Senior Director of Nursing Professional Development at MedStar Health System, for the annual fall meeting on November 18, 2024. The presentation, titled “Artificial Intelligence in Nursing: Our Next Frontier,” captivated 33 attendees. Dr. Riddle addressed a diverse audience, including MNA District 9 members and non-members, prospective members, and individuals from within and outside the nursing profession. Attendees benefited from the one-hour continuing education session, followed by an enjoyable dinner at Prime Steakhouse in White Plains, Maryland.

MNA District 9 organizes two annual dinner meetings. The fall meeting features the installation of new officers. This fall, D9 welcomed Director Ginger Winder, DNP, RN, NEA-BC; Director Linda Hamel, MSN, RN, CNE; and CON Member Dausha White,

RN, MSN, CHPN, WCC, TNCC, to the district leadership. The spring meeting is dedicated to an annual awards ceremony. For more information about any events, please contact Cathy Gibson, MNA District 9 President.

## MNA District 9 Community Service Project

Every year, the MNA District 9 membership choose a local charity in one of the three counties (Charles, Calvert, and St Mary's) for community service. This year, Charles County was chosen. Embracing the spirit of Christmas, the MNA District 9 membership decided to support the Charles County Children's Aid Society Toy Drive as their community service project. The Children's Aid Society, in partnership with the Charles County Department of Social Services, leads one of the county's largest Christmas programs, providing assistance to over 2,000 children each year.

A call was sent out through email to the membership for collection or donations. Collection boxes were also placed in various working areas. The response was overwhelming, and the board members collected four large boxes full of toys for the event.

MNA District 9 Board would like to thank all who donated to make this season special for a child. There is nothing more reflective of the season than a child opening gifts on Christmas morning. ■



MNA District 9 Activities



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SU is an Equal Opportunity/AA/Title IX university and provides reasonable accommodation given sufficient notice to the University office or staff sponsoring the event or program.

More dates to be announced soon!

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