For the past 26 years I have held leadership roles on both the local and national levels with ANNA. Each role added to my abilities, growth as a nurse leader, and influenced my decision to return to school for my DNP in Nursing Leadership that culminated with my graduation in May 2021. ANNA supports my belief in life-long learning and mentoring new nephrology nurses as they enter the practice. These past 16 months of working in a pandemic has brought to the forefront the need to continue to make changes and maintain the changes that have been made. We need to continue to attract new members, mentor our new nurses in a positive way, and develop them into the leaders we will need in the near future. Throughout this pandemic, ANNA has successfully delivered virtual learning to our members and will continue to provide a hybrid by providing on-site learning and virtual learning for the National Symposium and Fall Meeting. The quality of presentations and information has not been affected by this virtual format.

As a nephrology nurse, ANNA has provided me with continued evidence-based education, information, support, friendship, mentoring, career development, and skills that will further my career.

I feel that I can help to sustain the momentum of ANNA beyond the pandemic as a member of the Board of Directors and as National Secretary. The positive impact of ANNA on our members and others in the nursing community needs to continue!

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