Recognizing the important contributions of the technicians, a vote was taken to include technicians as full members in the Association.

AANN subsequently changed its name to the American Association of Nephrology Nurses and Technicians (AANNT), allowing LPNs and technicians full membership.

In an effort to allow all members to participate in the organization, members received the first mailed ballot, including a CV. Membership dues of $5.00 were barely enough to pay for one mailing.

Arrangements were made to continue to meet concurrently with ASAIO for the next 3 years, including the desire to meet in split sessions.

The Second Annual National Meeting in Chicago in Spring 1971 drew 574 attendees.

Papers were presented at the Annual Meeting by nationally known speakers who could pay their own way! Meeting expenses were defrayed by the controversial registration fee and the continued help of corporate sponsors and ASAIO.

Total membership in AANNT reached 800 under Beth Cameron, the young organization’s second president.