The newly published Standards and Guidelines of Clinical Practice for Nephrology Nursing, edited by Sally Burrows-Hudson, were distributed to all ANNA chapters to promote their use.

The Professional Practice Committee and the ANNA Board of Directors reviewed and endorsed the RPA/ASN Clinical Practice Guideline on shared decision-making in the initiation and withdrawal of renal replacement therapies.

ANNA and the National Association of Nephrology Technicians and Technologists (NANT) Task Force completed the second phase toward administering a pilot competency test for patient care technicians.

Dr. Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins joined ANNA as the clinical practice/research consultant and was instrumental in coordinating project development in the areas of research and clinical practice.

Together with colleagues in the Renal Coalition, ANNA supported an increase in the composite rate and provided testimony at a HCFA town hall meeting regarding current issues and problems with the ESRD Networks.

The Awards Committee, chaired by Kitty Thomas, received and processed 118 applications from 49 applicants for scholarship/fellowship awards and achievement awards. Over $100,000 in grants and awards were made available to ANNA members.

Membership exceeded 11,500 under President Pat Weiskittel.

The 31st National Symposium, held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, attracted nearly 1,500 registrants as well as more than 200 exhibitors from around the country.