Beth Ulrich, EdD, RN, CHE, was appointed as the fifth Editor of Nephrology Nursing Journal in June 2002.

ANNA hosted a landmark meeting of the renal community, “Nephrology Nursing Shortage and Solutions: An Invitational Summit,” in March 2003 in Baltimore.

Sally Russell, MN, RN, was appointed as ANNA’s Director of Educational Services in late 2002.

Under the authorship of Nancy Szymanski, Nancy Sharp, and Kathleen Smith, ANNA published the well-received ESRD Briefing Book for State and Federal Policymakers.

The Hemodialysis, Peritoneal Dialysis and Pediatrics SIGs developed and distributed a series of fact sheets that provided essential information on the care of adults and children.

The Work Environment Survey (WES), a first of its kind survey of staff nurses in outpatient dialysis settings, was published and will allow ANNA to more accurately advocate for nephrology nurses in that setting.

The ANNA Strategic Plan was revised, simplified and operationalized at all levels of the organization. Strategic actions for 2003-2005 were reached by consensus of the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 ANNA boards.

Four new position papers were added and all remaining statements were revised, allowing ANNA to communicate the position of nephrology nursing on a number of important issues while facilitating our role in the public policy arena.

The 34th National Symposium, held in Chicago, proved to be another highly successful educational and networking event!