

Board Member Perspective

Insights from ANNA's Emerging Nephrology Nurse Professional Fellow

This year has flown by, and it is bittersweet to come to the final chapter of my tenure as the ANNA Emerging Nephrology Nurse Professional Fellow for 2023-2024 (or Board Resident as the role is now called). I am truly grateful, honored, and inspired to see and be part of the firsthand work of the ANNA Board of Directors (BOD). Every single board member remains true to the association's mission to improve members' lives and nurture nephrology nurses. Board members continuously and diligently seeks ways to reinvent, innovate, navigate, and grow, while learning evermore the complex nature of our organization.

The Board Resident is a unique opportunity provided by ANNA. This role provides the foundation for anyone wanting to serve on the BOD in the future. It prepares, cultivates, and molds you to be a better steward and leader at the same time. This privilege comes with a lot of opportunities of working with brilliant and experienced nephrology nurses. The Board Resident program is well supported by the entire board and includes a mentor for unwavering support and guidance. **Nancy Colobong Smith**, 2023-2034 President-Elect, was my mentor, and she made the entire year less overwhelming as she guided me throughout the year, checking on me periodically.

ANNA's National Symposium and fall conference are proof of the overall success of the association. Upon my return from those conference, I was so excited to bring all

the key take aways and share them with my colleagues. It was great to know the field of nephrology is filled with brilliant and dedicated minds, and to meet and interact with them inspires and motivates me even more. The experience made me a better nurse and better advocate for our patients.

ANNA continuously evolves and grows. During 2023-2024, under the leadership of President **Jennifer Payton**, ANNA achieved yet another milestone. Our growth and progress serve as a mark of dedication of everyone on the BOD. Stay tuned for more in the upcoming year. Keep an eye on our journal and website.

As I continue my professional journey, I will remain loyal and dedicated to ANNA's mission. While my tenure as Board Resident has ended, all that I learned will help me to continue since I transitioned to acute dialysis nurse per diem at White Plains Hospital.

We are all UNIQUE and talented, so let's get involved and be active. Reach out and bring your talent to our association. Best of luck to everyone and thank you for this opportunity. 

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