



Wisconsin Association Nurse Anesthetists

WIANA is your association working at the state level to protect and enhance your profession.

Welcome to the profession of Nurse Anesthesia within the state of Wisconsin. Your WIANA resources and responsibilities as a contributing member are outlined within this informational brochure and can also be referenced on the WIANA website at www.wiana.com.

Using your AANA membership number you may obtain a password required to enter the “members only” portions of www.wiana.com by following the on-line prompts.

“In times of prosperity, professional people give little thought to the principles of group survival and are satisfied with the most tenuous of bonds with their fellow workers. It is only when common problems become too big for individual solution that the average professional person becomes conscious of the protection that can be found in organization.”

Thatcher, V.S. (1953). History of Anesthesia with Emphasis on the Nurse Specialist. Philadelphia: Lippincott.

Prescriptive Authority

Wisconsin Advanced Practice Nurses enjoy the right to prescribe medications if licensed through the Department of Regulations and Licensure as Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers (APNP). Some Wisconsin employers are requiring nurse anesthetists to have their APNP licensure. The APNP credential is easily obtained as a new CRNA enters the profession with recent coursework



APNP: The other credential you must have in WI to practice independently under the terms of our Opt-out.

in pharmacology and a transcript to support the requirements. CRNAs who completed their pharmacology courses as students greater than three years ago will need to complete 45 contact hours in pharmaco-therapeutics prior to applying for APNP licensure. See www.wiana.com for updated information on how to become an APNP in Wisconsin. Go to “Member’s Resources” and then select “APNP”.

The maintenance of APNP licensure requires completion of regular pharmaco-therapeutic continuing education credits as outlined on the website. It is the responsibility of each APNP to maintain evidence of such credits in the event of an audit of the licensee’s continuing education requirement compliance.

Responsibilities of CRNA Professionals

WIANA recognizes the number of organizations that *badger* our members with solicitation of donations to a myriad of causes. WIANA believes that each CRNA needs to think of the following 3 funds as necessary “Profession Continuation Insurance”. If all CRNAs would begin, today, to fund these 3 entities with a minimum of \$100 per year for each, our profession’s future could be made brighter and our strong influence more readily felt within the ever-changing healthcare market.

AANA Foundation: Charitable limb of our national organization which funds research and education objectives for our profession. Do not leave our defense to another profession! Wisconsin has a designated representative to answer questions and stimulate interest in AANA Foundation, the Wisconsin AANA Foundation Advocate. See website for current appointee. Donations may be made through many programs and vehicles:

- ❖ Support AANA Foundation's annual phone drive
- ❖ Include a check with your AANA dues
- ❖ Become a Friends for Life
- ❖ Participate in fundraisers at national or state meetings
- ❖ Give your check to the Advocate at state meetings
- ❖ Authorize monthly or quarterly recurring donations using a credit card through AANA Foundation
847-692-7050, ext. 1170

CRNA-Political Action Committee

(PAC): Administered through the AANA Government Relations Committee and the AANA office in Washington, DC, this fund supports the legislative and political needs of our profession within the national arena. Can we really rely on someone other than CRNAs to influence public policy for CRNAs in the federal arena? Donations can be made through a variety of options:

- ❖ Support CRNA-PAC's annual phone drive
- ❖ Include a check with your AANA dues
- ❖ Send personal checks payable to CRNA-PAC,
c/o AANA Federal Government Affairs Office,
25 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 550, Washington,
DC 20001
- ❖ Participate in fundraisers at national or state meetings
- ❖ Authorize monthly automatic, recurring credit card donations through calling the AANA Political Affairs Manager, Shari Dexter, at 202-741-9087.

WIANA Direct Giver Program

The WIANA Direct Giver Program, is a legal vehicle in the State of Wisconsin to make individual political contributions, linked to the political objectives of our organization. They are directed by each individual member/donor. WIANA's conduit is administered through our lobbying firm, Dewitt Ross and Stevens, LLP. Individuals write checks to *WIANA Direct Giver Program*, or authorize regular, recurring credit card donations through utilizing our on-line payment option at www.wiana.com. Checks made payable to WIANA Direct Giver Program are gladly accepted by WIANA's Conduit Coordinator at state meetings or may be mailed directly to:

WIANA Direct Giver Program
c/o Amanda Soelle
Dewitt Ross and Stevens, LLP
2 East Mifflin St.
Madison, WI 53703

Conduit disbursements from member's donated funds are planned by the WIANA Government Relations Committee, based on our lobbyists' recommendations for maximum political impact. The bulk of donations are put to use during election years, but some political presence is maintained by WIANA throughout each term. The use of all CRNA contributions must be pre-authorized in writing by the WIANA donor. Amanda Soelle or the WIANA Conduit Coordinator will send each donor paperwork or emails requesting donors to authorize the use of the donation to a specific legislator or legislative purpose. WIANA respectfully requests that donors expedite turnaround of this paperwork to keep the process efficient and legal. Amanda Soelle can be reached ajs@dewittross.com. The WIANA Conduit Coordinators and the WIANA Government Relations Committee chair contact information is posted on www.wiana.com.

Useful WIANA email addresses

Keep these in mind, no matter who currently holds the elected office!

president@wiana.com
regionone@wiana.com
regionthree@wiana.com
regionfive@wiana.com

presidentelect@wiana.com
regiontwo@wiana.com
regionfour@wiana.com

The Association

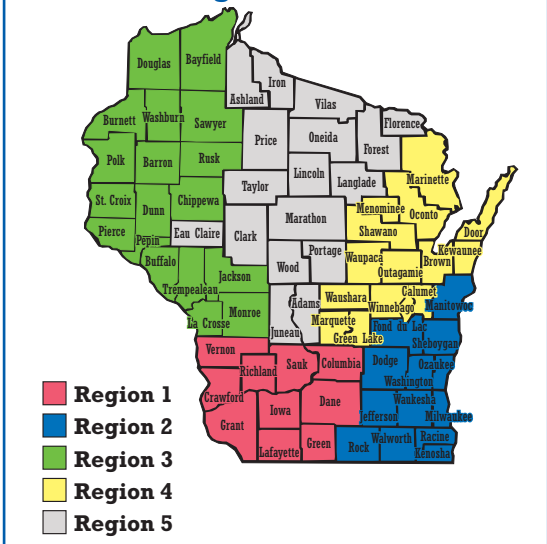
For ease of state-wide communication and the support of local CRNAs (similar in needs and practice issues), the state of Wisconsin is divided into 5 geographic regions by WIANA. These areas are represented on the Board of Directors by 5 *Region Directors*, elected for two-year terms. See the website for current directors and contact information. Approximately 120 CRNAs and student anesthetists are represented by each Region Director. They need to hear from you! You will need to be proactive in keeping communication chains alive. Make your talents and interests known to your Region Director. Remember to read WIANA President's letters/emails and WIANA's twice-yearly newsletters. Please respond to surveys and emails, since the Board of Directors needs to know your opinions and practice data to effectively represent you. Keep your correct email addresses on file with both AANA and WIANA to get professional association communications and vital information. Email your changes promptly to both of the following: Mary Graf at mgraf@aana.com and Carla Krzykowski at wiana@caphill.com.

Board of Director meetings are held quarterly and are open to interested WIANA members. The website's calendar announces board and educational meeting details at least a month in advance. Increasingly, conference calls may be utilized in lieu of face-to-face meetings. You may get auditing permission and access details for these conference calls by contacting the president at president@wiana.com.

WIANA's President appoints members to a variety of committees each fall. Please become involved with a committee of interest to you. Email the president or call your Region Director to volunteer. Your opinions and involvement are most welcome!

The appointed Nominating Committee prepares a slate of candidates for elections each summer. See the website for the WIANA offices, their terms and the current nominating committee chair to self-nominate, to nominate a colleague or to discuss your questions and interests.

WIANA Regions of Wisconsin



Educational Opportunities

Educational meetings are held within the state twice yearly in spring and fall. See the website for the dates, locations and programs of upcoming meetings. WIANA is proud to bring quality educational programs to your doorstep at popular Wisconsin locations that cater to your preferences or your family's enjoyment. We offer programs based on prior meeting evaluation comments, using nationally recognized speakers and leaders in our profession as well as local speakers of merit. Our programs are planned to provide you with the necessary credits in pharmaco-therapeutics required to maintain your APNP licensure. Your attendance at our WIANA meetings helps your association indirectly to monitor and to defend our profession in many ways: communicating directly with members, networking, teaching the legislative process, defining current issues, developing leaders, lobbying, improving public relations, sponsoring students and much more!

Your attendance at meetings is important to your association, providing the added revenue to allow WIANA to meet your professional needs for education, legislative trend monitoring, lobbying and networking with your CRNA colleagues and corporate vendors.