To advance excellence in anesthesia care by meeting our members’ needs and increasing public awareness that CRNAs provide Iowans high-quality anesthesia services in all practice settings.

Iowa CRNA’s are the sole provider of all anesthesia services in 88 of 118 community hospitals.

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2013 Spring Echoes President's Message

It has been a very fast moving 5 months since I took over the presidency of the IANA from Mindy Miller, and hard to believe that we are now preparing for our Spring meeting in West Des Moines. It is a great honor and privilege to serve in this capacity, and Mindy will certainly be a tough act to follow. Fortunately for all of us she remains a key figure in helping to manage the business of the Iowa Association of Nurse Anesthetists and in our ongoing battles to protect our practice. She has put in many hours, and has worked tirelessly, on all of our behalves; and the outstanding practice environment that we enjoy in Iowa has been maintained due in large part to her above and beyond commitment. She now serves as the chairperson of our government relations committee and as an adviser to me, and the IANA Board of Directors. In addition to Mindy we are fortunate to have a great mix of experienced and fresh individuals serving as officers and board members. There is an unprecedented level of engagement and collaboration and the future leadership of the IANA looks bright.

We will certainly need strong leadership in the months and years to come to face the challenges that are already at our door. As many of you know the Iowa Supreme Court is set to announce their decision regarding the validity of rule changes made by the Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Board of Nursing clarifying CRNAs established practice of utilizing fluoroscopy. We are monitoring this closely and will inform all of you what we know as soon as we know it. The IANA owes a debt of gratitude to Jim Carney and his associates for their hard work in arguing on our behalf throughout this case.

Last Fall we became aware that Governor Terry Branstad was giving strong consideration to reversing the physician supervision opt out. The IMS, ISA, and ASA were so confident that he was going to reverse the opt out that they paid for a commercial to be produced thanking the governor, which was available to be viewed on the internet (and since removed). Thanks to the efforts of all of you and the letters you were able to send to the governor from you and the physicians you work with, as well as hospital administrators, we were able to get the governor to doubt the wisdom of this decision. He has called for the formation of a commission, to be headed by the IDPH director Dr. Miller-Meeks, that will look at the economics and patient safety concerns of continuing the opt out.
President’s Message Continued . . .
Fortunately for all of us, and based on the great work and safety record of all of you, the data is overwhelmingly supportive of CRNA independent practice. We are confident that a fair commission will find in our favor. We have heard nothing yet as to who will be on this commission, or when it will convene, but we are watching closely and will pass what we know on to you as we learn it.

We are also carefully watching the developments of yet another bill attempting to limit a CRNA's ability to provide chronic pain management services introduced in both the Iowa House and Senate (HSB 3 and SSB1055 respectively). This is the 3rd time that such a bill has been introduced, and for the third time the bill has failed to make it out of sub-committee. Mindy Miller has been working very closely with Jim Carney and the rest of us in the IANA leadership to help educate legislators and make sure our side of the arguments are made. Until the gavel falls to close the legislative session there is always the chance that the bill could find itself attached to another piece of legislation, so we will be watching closely until we can finally breathe a sigh of relief for this year.

On a more positive note, we are excited to see one of our own in former IANA president Mark Odden run for the AANA Region 4 Director. Mark has been very active both with our state association and on a national level and would make an excellent director if elected. You can find out more information by searching for Mark Odden for Region 4 Director on Facebook. To win, of course, he needs votes and Iowa has historically had a very low voter turn out. Please look for your online ballot, or request a paper ballot, and make your vote count whether it be for Mark or any of the candidates on the ballot. We may send a gentle reminder or two as voting moves forward so that we get a great turn out this year.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Des Moines for our Spring meeting in May, it should be an outstanding meeting. Thank you to Christine McNair and the Education Committee for setting it all up. Details and sign-up for the meeting should be open soon at IowaCRNAs.com. We are also pleased to announce a great PAC event scheduled for the Friday night of the meeting at the Funny Bone Comedy Club arranged by our interim PAC Chair Mike Anderson, look for details and an online sign-up email to come soon for that and plan to attend. Keep your eye on your email, check in to our website IowaCRNAs.com, and "Like" us on Facebook to stay up to date with all of our association's breaking news and announcements. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to our profession.

Troy Anderson CRNA, MSN, ARNP
President Iowa Association of Nurse Anesthetists
2013 Spring Echoes Federal Political Director’s Report

As I write this, it seems we are to have 1 more snow before the winter ends. At least it should be gone by St. Patrick’s Day, if the temperature comes above freezing as it is forecast to do by mid-week. Our political landscape seems to be as volatile as the weather of late. One week the unemployment numbers make the economy look great, so everyone is upbeat, then the sequestration hits, and everyone is a “doomsday prepper!” CRNAs have survived every difficult economic and political downturn we have faced, and have come out stronger for it. As the Affordable Care Act comes into action, one piece at a time, we must be prepared to be available, marketable and the best value for the money that anesthesia care can offer.

I am happy to say that we are slowly but surely gaining ground in our professional practice struggles. The Iowa legislative funnel is past, and the ISA proposed legislation to restrict CRNA pain management practice did not make it out of subcommittee on either the House or Senate side. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to educate legislators on our practice and why such legislation would be bad for Iowa healthcare. We will continue to be vigilant and look for any piece of this harmful legislation to show up as an amendment on some other proposed legislation from now until the end of the session, hopefully some time in April. A full legislative update will be given at the IANA Spring Meeting, so be sure to come to Des Moines May 3-5 to hear the latest news.

I would like to be able to report the Supreme Court has issued a decision on the IMS/ISA v. IBON/IDHP appeal, but we have had no word yet. Oral arguments were heard in November, so we do expect a decision to be announced soon. Jim Carney and the Assistant Attorney General did an excellent job representing our Case to the very attentive Supreme Court Justices. While this decision does not directly change anything about our practice, it does carry implications for the Board of Nursing’s ability to adopt rules in the future, which will affect us at some point.
Federal Political Director’s Report continued . . .

Meanwhile, it is the job of every CRNA to continue to provide the best care possible to all of our patients, and especially our rural chronic pain patients who rely on our services to keep them active in their own communities and using local health care services whenever possible. The IANA will continue to offer educational opportunities to support our members and keep all of you current in our practice. This will become increasingly important as our new CPC requirements begin to come into effect.

Jan. 1, 2013, the new CMS rule came into effect to return Medicare reimbursement to CRNAs for chronic pain management procedures, as well as other “related procedures,” so long as they are permitted by the state in which the CRNA practices. The pertinent part of the rule states:

“Anesthesia and related care includes medical and surgical services that are related to anesthesia and that a CRNA is legally authorized to perform by the State in which the services are furnished.” This proposed definition would set a Medicare standard for the services that can be furnished and billed by CRNAs while allowing appropriate flexibility to meet the unique needs of each State. The proposal also dovetails with the language in section 1861(bb)(1) of the Act requiring the State’s legal authorization to perform CRNA services as a key component of the CRNA benefit category. Finally, the proposed definition is also consistent with our policy to recognize State scope of practice as one parameter defining the services that can be furnished and billed by other NPPs.” (CMS-1590-P 233.)

This final rule represents the hard work of CRNAs across the country, as well as Frank Purcell and our entire Washington, DC AANA team. Thousands of comments were sent to CMS, and after thorough consideration, the agency elected to respect and support our ability to provide care and be reimbursed directly for it as allowed by state law. Iowa has long had one of the best practice environments for advanced practice nurses in the country, and it is nice to see this recognized on a national level.
Federal Political Director’s Report continued . . .

Even though we enjoy a great practice environment, it is never to be taken for granted. Last fall, we were informed that Gov. Branstad was considering reversing the “Opt-out” from the Medicare Supervision requirement we have had since 2001. Members and their hospital colleagues from across the state sprang into action, flooded the Governor’s office with phone calls, emails and letters, and we were able to stop this action, with the Governor declaring that he was appointing the Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health to “conduct a study” of the issue to see if such an action is warranted. With our strong published national data supporting CRNA safety with or without supervision, and virtually no published evidence to the contrary, we are optimistic that this “study” will yield the same conclusions that all other studies have: CRNA provided anesthesia care is just as safe and effective as physician provided care, regardless of practice model, and the opt-out is in the best interests of the citizens of this state. Nevertheless, there is always a chance that our opponents will attempt to alter the judgment of the Governor, especially since it only takes his signature to reverse the Opt-out. If you get a message asking for help regarding this matter, please take the time to help, as everyone’s practice can be affected by this decision in a variety of ways. We are strongest when we act together, as the events of this past year have shown. Everyone’s voice is important, and we all have a stake in protecting every aspect of our practice.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Legislative Reception in January at the Embassy Suites. With so many new legislators, it is vital that we all establish a relationship with them and educate them on who we are and what we do. It is evident that these relationships pay off when we go to Des Moines, so please continue to make contacts at home.
Federal Political Director’s Report continued . . .

On a national level, those relationships are equally important. Well-known Sen. Tom Harkin has announced he is not seeking re-election, and our long time relationship will him as a health care leader and friend in Washington will end. This will open up avenues to develop new relationships with his successor, whoever it may be. We have established relationships with all of our Iowa Congressmen, and will be visiting them in April, at the AANA Mid-Year Assembly. I encourage anyone who has not been to Washington, DC, to come with us an see for yourself how easy it is to make a friend in DC! We can always use more help, just contact any IANA BOD member for details. Our role is to represent you and your practice concerns. Do not hesitate to keep us informed if you have an issue. We will all work together to find solutions to our problems, and we work best as a team. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you and truly change our practice for the better. I hope to see all of you in Des Moines in May. Bring your questions and look forward to learning something new!

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary O’Brien, MSN, EJD, CRNA, ARNP
Spring PAC Fundraiser

An evening out at the Funny Bone Comedy Club! The event will take place on Friday, May 3rd. Time of the event is approximately 5:15-9pm. Cost to attend is $100. This will include transportation to the Funny Bone, buffet, and drinks as well as VIP seating for the comedy show, and transportation back to the hotel after the show. The proceeds from this event benefit the PAC. We all know how imperative it is to maintain a financially sound PAC in light of our current battles.

Please plan on attending the PAC event. More details to come!

You can register/pay for this evening on our IANA website, under PAC donations, link for IANA Spring PAC Event!

Mike Anderson, CRNA, MSN – PAC Chair
Website Update

www.iowacrnas.com

Be sure to check out the IANA website! We have lots of new information, including quick links to find your legislator and links to great studies supporting CRNA’s and the fantastic work you all do. We have also added a section for your local state representative, a one stop shop you can direct them to when discussing CRNA issues.

As in the past, registration and payment for the spring meeting can also easily be completed through the website. We also would like to remind you that as an IANA member, you are welcome to post any job openings, permanent or temporary, or seeking employment for FREE on the website.

NEW to IANA, you can now purchase IANA apparel and merchandise! Visit our website to view coffee mugs, dry fit pullovers and more! We are currently accepting pre-orders until Friday, April 12th – to be picked up at the IANA Spring Meeting. Orders can also be shipped directly to you for a flat shipping fee.

And as always, we would love you hear your thoughts and suggestions on ways we can continue to improve the website. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in spending just an hour or so to help out, it would be great appreciated!

Stephanie Klein, MSN, CRNA
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Meeting Agenda

Friday May 3rd

SRNA Capstone Project Presentations—University of Iowa Nurse Anesthesia Program Senior SRNAs

Anesthetic Considerations for Patients with Implantable Medical Devices—Michael Anderson, CRNA, MSN

Standards of Care in Perioperative Patient Management: Anesthesiology Clinical Case Challenge—Mark Antoszyk, CRNA, BS

What’s new with Malignant Hyperthermia?—John Aker, CRNA, DNAP

Introduction to Ultrasound Guided Regional Anesthesia: Pitfalls and Promise—Terry Wicks, CRNA

Upper Extremity Regional Anesthesia Anatomy and Techniques—Terry Wicks, CRNA

Panel Discussion

Saturday May 4th

SRNA Capstone Project Presentations—University of Iowa Nurse Anesthesia Program Senior SRNAs

Fostering Legislative Relations—Jim Carney, JD

What's New in Spinal and Epidural Anesthesia—Terry Wicks, CRNA

Fundamental Elements of Obstetric Anesthesia and Analgesia—Terry Wicks, CRNA

Neonatal Resuscitation—Rebecca Siewert, DNP, NNP, RNC

Order in the Court: Lessons from 20 Years as an Expert Witness—Terry Wicks, CRNA

BIS Monitoring: Awareness and Outcomes—Terry Wicks, CRNA

Panel Discussion
Meeting Agenda

Sunday May 5th

SRNA Capstone Project Presentations—University of Iowa Nurse Anesthesia Program Senior SRNAs

Stress, Catastrophes & Chemical Dependency: Connecting the Dots—Terry Wicks, CRNA

AANA Update—AANA Representative

Lecture of Choice—AANA Representative

** The Meeting Agenda is subject to change. Each morning session will begin at 7:30 am, and each lecture is 1-hour in length.

The IANA is an approved provider of continuing education, IBON Provider #39. This meeting has been approved for 20 CE credits by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, approval # pending.

REGISTER and PAY online at www.iowacrnas.com
2013 IANA Spring Educational Meeting

May 3rd-5th, 2013

Registration deadline Friday, April 12th, 2013

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*The Iowa Board of Nursing/AANA requires we record these numbers at each meeting for each attendee.

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Lunch Attendance

Friday lunch will be on your own – a limited menu will be provided for the hotel restaurant.

**Lunch is provided on Saturday. Will you be joining the group for lunch? _____ yes _____ no

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Future IANA Educational Meeting Dates
Holiday Inn & Suites at Jordan Creek – West Des Moines, IA

**Fall 2013**
October 4th-6th, 2013

**Spring 2014**
April 25th-27th, 2014

**Fall 2014**
September 26th-28th, 2014

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