INSTRUCTIONS

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**Bylaws of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association**

*(Adopted September 2006, Amended January 2018)*

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSES**

Section 1. (a) APNA provides leadership to promote psychiatric-mental health nurses, improve mental health care for culturally diverse individuals, families, groups, and communities, and shape health policy for the delivery of mental health services; (b) to make charitable contributions and grants to nonprofit organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended or supplemented (hereinafter referred to as the “IRC”), as well as governmental units and other nonprofit organizations, that promote and further the purposes described in this Section 1 above; and (c) to exercise any other powers conferred upon Associations organized pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware General Association Law, as the same may be amended or supplemented (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”).

Section 2. The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (i) by an Association exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3); or (ii) by an Association contributions to which are deductible under IRC Section 170(c)(2).

Section 4. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
Dear Colleague:

Take a hand in shaping your profession’s future by voting in this year’s APNA elections! Your votes determine who will lead APNA and psychiatric-mental health nursing into the future on the APNA Board of Directors and who will set the slate of candidates for next year’s elections on the Nominating Committee.

Before you cast your ballot, visit the online Election Guide at www.apna.org/electionguide. This guide includes information to inform your vote, such as candidate backgrounds, leadership styles, and contributions to APNA. Paper copies are available upon request by calling APNA at 855-863-2762.

To cast your vote, go to www.apna.org/elections or complete the enclosed ballot and return it in the postage paid envelope. Ballots must be postmarked or electronically submitted no later than July 1, 2019 to be considered valid. You may have already received this information via email and voted online. If so, thank you! If not, please vote using one of the options listed above.

The 2019 Nominating Committee composed a balanced slate of candidates reflecting geography, gender, professional experience, and racial diversity, which was subsequently approved by the APNA Board of Directors. We are grateful to all of the outstanding candidates who participated in this process and applaud them for being willing to submit their names for consideration.

Thank you for your continued support of APNA and PMH nursing. Let your voice be heard by casting your vote for the new leaders of your association!

Sincerely,

Gail R. Stern, RN, MSN, PMHCNS-BC
President

Mary Johnson, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN
Chair, Nominating Committee
Leslie G. Oleck, MSN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC, LMFT

PRESENT POSITION
• Psychiatric APRN at Indiana Health Group, Indianapolis (Carmel), Indiana
• Adjunct Professor, Indiana University School of Nursing
• PMHNP Graduate Program
• Preceptor, PMHNP students

EDUCATION
• Post-Masters Lifespan PMHNP, Indiana University School of Nursing, 2014
• MSN (PMHCNS) 1979
• BSN, Indiana University School of Nursing, 1977
• Diploma, St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing 1973

APNA CONTRIBUTIONS
• APNA Indiana Chapter Board of Directors Member-at-Large, current
• Peer Reviewer JAPNA 2016-current
• APNA Board of Directors’ Member-at-Large, 2012-2016
• Chair/Co-Chair of the APRN Council from 2009-2013
• APRN Steering Committee 2008-2009; Advisory Panel current
• Sigma Theta Tau Board Scholar and APNA Board Mentee, 2009-2011
• Institute for Mental Health Advocacy Steering Committee 2010-2013; Advisory Panel current
• Lead author for APRN Council “State of the States: 2010”, JAPNA
• 2004 APNA Annual Conference Committee Chair
• APNA Indiana Chapter President, 2002/3

OTHER EXPERIENCE
Professional experience:
• private practice psychotherapy
• educator
• medication management
• inpatient consultation

Advocacy experiences includes:
• PMH reimbursement for Medicaid services in Indiana
• Leadership/Legislative team with the Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses of Indiana, educating legislators about advanced practice psychiatric nurses and about the needs of mental health consumers, correcting significant misunderstandings about our education and how we serve the public.

I have served on the Indiana Alzheimer’s Association Medical and Scientific Research Council as the only PMH nurse and only APRN among other health professionals along with the IU/Methodist Hospital Advanced Practice Council from 2012-2014.

APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE: My experience in a variety of practice settings enables me to understand and advocate for psychiatric nurses. My professional and community leadership roles and extensive involvement within APNA have helped me understand how to move our organization forward. APNA is not only a valuable organization to its members, it is a valuable contributor to national thought about mental health and addictions, and how to serve mental health consumers and families; I want to ensure this continues and expands. APNA MUST continue to educate the public and national thought leaders about psychiatric nurses and mental health/addiction needs while continuing to be the thought leader and voice for psychiatric nurses. Psychiatric nurses are an innovative community; with the multi-faceted changes in health care, we must use our creativity in research, education, and patient care while practicing at the top of our licenses. I have a passion for advocating for psychiatric nurses!

I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY: I will work to safeguard that APNA remains the united voice of Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing, using our skills with not only identified psychiatric/mental health patients, but integrating our care with all patients. While teaching students about evidence-based care they are learning the importance of research as they integrate it with their own education and practice. This is a time of major change in mental health care in the United States, bringing forth new opportunities and challenges for PMH Nurses. If elected, I would work to keep our organization, and therefore our specialty profession, at the forefront of healthcare delivery and research through advocacy and education of consumers, health care providers, and other stakeholders.

Matthew Tierney, MS, CNS, ANP, PMHNP, FAAN

PRESENT POSITION
Associate Clinical Professor, UCSF School of Nursing
Clinical Director of Substance Use Treatment & Education, UCSF Office of Population Health

EDUCATION
• Masters in Science (Nursing), UCSF School of Nursing, 2000
• Certificate, Master’s Entry Program in Nursing, UCSF School of Nursing, 1998
• BA cum laude (Art), Oberlin College, 1988

APNA CONTRIBUTIONS
• Committee updating ANA’s “Scope and Standards of Practice: Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing” (2019)
• Representative: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine’s “Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders” (2018-2019)
• Representative: Johnson and Johnson’s “Nursing Advisory Council on Opioids” (2018)
• Annual Conference Scholarly Review Committee (2017-2019)
• JAPNA Peer Reviewer (2016-present)
• Co-Chair Addictions Council (2013-2018)
• Faculty/co-author of webinars: “Effective Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders” (2016, updated 2019)
• Faculty/author/contributor to Transitions to Practice (ATP) program (2014, updated 2017)
• Mentor (2013-Present)
• Nominating Committee (2011)
• Task Force on Licensure, Accreditation, Certification, and Education (2010-2011)
• California Chapter CNS Prescriptive Authority Work Group (2007-2009)
• Steering Committee, APRN Council (2008-2009)
• APNA Annual Conference: 11 Presentations
• CPI Conference: Plenary presentations at 3 conferences

OTHER EXPERIENCE
• Clinical: 21 years as nurse clinician to people with mental health and substance use disorders
• Teaching: 15 years clinical faculty at UCSF; guest faculty nationwide
• Program Director: nationally-recognized services; PMHNP residency program
• Author: peer reviewed journal articles, book chapters, editorials
• American Academy of Nursing: Psychiatric-Mental Health and Substance Use Expert Panel

APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE: PMH nursing has more opportunities than ever before to promote the health and wellness of all US citizens. We can and must take advantage of ongoing federal initiatives to increase access to behavioral health care, and also take advantage of local and national efforts to acknowledge and employ the strengths and skills of PMH nurses. I value the opportunity to help advance our profession and our nation’s health as APNA President-Elect. If elected, I will bring my inclusive, harmonious leadership style to promote the individual and collective knowledge of the membership, ensuring that PMH nurses are at every table where decisions regarding mental health care are made. I value a diverse and inclusive APNA membership reflective of the amazing variety of the communities where PMH nurses live and work. I strive to help APNA continue growing in scope, diversity, and influence.

I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY: My career has focused on providing educational resources from visible regional and national platforms that empower PMH nurses to promote mental health for individuals, families and communities. My expertise as an educator and nurse scientist has led to the development of innovative PMH roles and nationally-recognized behavioral health programs. I have also represented APNA in national efforts to shape behavioral health policy by acknowledging the essential contributions and leadership of PMH nurses. If elected, I would leverage this expertise to ensure that APNA continues to be the premier platform for empowering and promoting the essential contributions of PMH nurses in advancing mental health and wellness.
Brenda E. Marshall, EdD, APRN, PMHNP-BS, ANEF

**PRESENT POSITION**
Professor, Psychiatric Nursing and Research, William Paterson University, Fulbright Scholar Specialist: Mental Health, Psychiatric NP Private Practice, Oakland NJ

**EDUCATION**
- EdD, MS Behavior Science/Health Education (addictions) Teacher’s College, Columbia University, NYC
- MSN Psychiatric NP: University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ/Rutgers Univ
- MS Business Management for Clinicians, New York University
- BA Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls NY
- RN Diploma, Cochran School of Nursing, St. Johns Riverside Hosp, Yonkers NY

**CERTIFICATIONS:**
- PMHNP (ANCC), Master Addiction Counselor,
- Nurse Executive/Administrator (ANCC),
- Master Addiction Counselor: MAC (NAADAC)

**APNA CONTRIBUTIONS**
- APNA New Jersey Chapter: Secretary 2009-2013, President-Elect 2013, President 2014-2016, Immediate Past President 2016-2017
- APNA Nominating Committee 2016
- Online course/CE evaluator
- Abstract evaluator for APNA Annual Conferences
- APNA Annual Conference presenter – preconference and conference podium presentations
- Recovery to Practice facilitator
- Reviewer for the Journal of the American Psychiatric Nursing Association Journal (JAPNA)
- Article contributor for JAPNA

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**
- NLN Nominations Committee 2019-2021
- Fulbright Scholar Specialist 2017-2022: Malta (2017-2018)
- International Society of Psychiatric Nurses: Foundation Comm 2016-2018
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners AANP – Grant award recipient (PI) 2016
- New Jersey State Nurses Association Board of Directors 2011-2014
- DNP coordinator William Paterson University 2011-2017
- Director of Research and EBP, Englewood Hosp and Medical Ctr 2009-2011

**APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE:**
As an educator, author, practitioner and researcher I hope to bring the challenges and benefits of the multifaceted life of a psychiatric nurse into the board room. My background in global health, from working as a practitioner in Africa to teaching in Malta, supports the APNA mission of improving mental health services through leadership, service innovation, and educational collaboration. The crisis of the opioid pandemic and stigma toward those with MI and SUD are especially important to me. My focus, to provide access to education, skill development and other provider tools for delivery of trauma informed care, guides my practice. Finally, I ask APNA members to vote for me because I will bring authentic passion, coupled with determined energy, to help us achieve the common mission of improved communication and collaboration in mental health nursing.

**I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY:**
If I am fortunate enough to gain your support and vote, I will bring my experience of having written three books on psychiatric nursing and behavior change, knowledge of obtaining and managing federal grants, familiarity with global mental health nursing, 35 years of nursing with 20 years as an educator to the table. As a funded researcher in PMH nursing, I will support the efforts of novice researchers, identify opportunities for global collaboration, and hopefully provide insight into the projected needs of our members, and those we serve, as the future unfolds before us. My leadership style, as a servant leader, encourages putting the needs of others first, developing high performance and shared decision making as a priority. I hope you will support my candidacy with your vote.

Eugenia Millender, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, CDE

**PRESENT POSITION**
- Associate Professor & Graduate Coordinator for PMHNP Certificate Program, Florida State University
- Associate Professor, FSA Center for Indigenous Nursing Research for Health Equity
- Founder, CEO & Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner; – Caring 4 All of You, Inc.

**EDUCATION**
- 2013 PhD Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
- 2011 Post Grad. Psych Certificate  Rush University
- 2006 MS FAU
- 1999 BSN FAU
- 1992 AA College of Lake County

**APNA CONTRIBUTIONS**
- 2019 Accepted Presenter, APNA Annual Conference
- 2018-2020 Board of Directors, APNA Florida Chapter
- 2018-2020 Co-chair, Advance Practice Council, APNA Florida Chapter
- 2018-2019 Co-chair, Entrepreneurship Committee, APNA Florida Chapter
- 2017 Presenter, APNA Annual Conference
- 2015 Presenter, APNA Annual Conference
- 2015 Presenter, APNA Florida Chapter Conference
- 2010 Presenter, APNA Annual Conference

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**
- 2019 – Present American Nurses Association/SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program National Advisory Committee Member
- 2018-present Mental Health Council Leon County (Advisory Comm member)
- 2018-present Center for Child Counseling; Board of Directors (2013-present) Board Vice-Chair (2016-present)
- 2013- 2017 Founding Director, the Florida Atlantic University, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Nurse Managed Community Health Center. This is a vibrant interprofessional and integrated nurse-led model of care with psychiatric services for culturally diverse individuals, families, communities and underserved populations.
- 2013- present Co-created the Palm Beach Children’s Behavioral Health Collaborative in Partnership with Florida Atlantic University College of Nursing, Boys Town, Center for Child Counseling, NAMI and Family First of Palm Beach to Improve Behavioral Health Outcomes for Children in Palm Beach County.

**APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE:**
Twenty years ago, my passion to advocate for more psychiatric-mental health nurses and mental health care for culturally diverse individuals began while I faced multiple barriers seeking quality mental health services for my son. This inspired me to be an agent of disruption and challenge the status quo that creates silos and gaps in our mental health system. In order to disrupt the current cycle, I seek to educate and prepare stakeholders in how to integrate mental health and substance abuse services in community settings using team-based interventions to develop a standard of care to achieve collective impact, decrease social and health inequalities, and provide shared accountability. My lived experiences as the mother of a child living with mental illness combined with my passion and expertise for the integration of education, practice and research related to mental health makes me an ideal candidate for APNA Member-at-Large.

**I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY:**
My research, practice and teaching experience aim to reduce mental health disparities by investigating the accumulation of traumatic experiences over the lifespan of culturally diverse populations, and developing translational programs that connects mental health services, trauma-informed care, and team-based practice in community settings.

My entire clinical, scholarly, academic and entrepreneurial career supports my commitment to provide quality evidence-based and culturally sensitive care for all. My goal is to share my experiences and expertise to continue to enhance and expand the psychiatric mental health nurse workforce and advocate for better mental health services policies. I am committed to helping APNA and all members grow.
Cheryl Puntul, MN, APRN, PMHCNS, BC  

PRESENT POSITION  
Chief Nursing Officer, The Austen Riggs Center,  
Stockbridge, MA

EDUCATION  
The Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute,  
Los Angeles, CA
- MN, PMH Nursing (1990) UCLA, Los Angeles, CA  

APNA CONTRIBUTIONS  
- National Education Committee: Development of competencies for prevention, assessment and management for patients at risk for suicide (for impatient mental health and medical surgical nursing)  
- APNA Transition to Practice - Content expert and co-developed curriculum on ‘Risk Assessment & Mental Status Exam’  
- APNA California Chapter Board prior to 2014 (President Elec, Member-at-large, Treasurer)  
- Co-chaired 2 Annual APNA California Chapter Conferences (2014 & 2009)  
- Co-Editor for the APNA California Chapter Newsletter (2004-2008)  
- APNA California Chapter Los Angeles Area Representative (2008-2014)

OTHER EXPERIENCE  
35 plus years experience in PMH nursing clinical care, teaching, leadership & administrative positions.

Author / Co-author:  
- Competency-based training (CBT) for PMH nurse generalists: Inpatient intervention and prevention of suicide.  
- Recovery-oriented practices of psychiatric mental health nursing staff in an acute hospital setting.  
- New graduate orientation program in a geriatric psychiatric inpatient setting.

Presenter:  
- Question, Persuade, Refer trained  
- APNA Annual Conferences: Suicide Prevention, ECT, Depression, Boundaries

Trainer:  
- APNA Competency Based Training for Suicide Prevention facilitators  
- UCLA Evidence-based Practice Fellowship: EBP initiatives, supervised NP, PhD clinical hours resulting in PI initiatives.

Award Recipient:  
- APNA 2017 Award for Distinguished Service

Advocate:  
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention MA Field Advocate

APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE:  
My commitment to APNA has spanned over 30 years contributing to PMH nursing through various governance arenas and developing suicide prevention best practices and education. I fulfill APNA’s mission of education, advocacy and leadership in promoting the PMH nurse as the voice for persons who experience mental health issues. I view engagement in APNA as an opportunity to contribute to the improvement of mental health care and am grateful to PMH nurse leaders who have mentored me in my career path. I continue to learn and be challenged by APNA to be my best in representing the PMH nurses of which I serve. I have a unique perspective of the PMH nursing profession, as I understand what it takes to advance, prepare, lead, and ultimately practice the essence of PMH nursing. I aim to continue to advocate for the mental health care needs for patients in diverse healthcare settings and environments.

I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY:  
If elected as Member-at-Large, I will represent all PMH nurses as I have extensive experience practicing in each role. I believe I am an effective team member who will inspire others to contribute to PMH nursing advancing and advocating for the profession by clarifying the role in mental health recovery and establishing best practices. My interest and current reason for running are to synthesize and delineate current psychodynamic nursing strategies and re-establish the foundations of PMH nursing into practice.

Jeffery Ramirez PhD, MSN, MPA,  
PMHNP, CARN-AP, ARNP

PRESENT POSITION  
Associate Professor, Gonzaga University  
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

EDUCATION  
2003-2007 The University of Arizona  
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science  
Major: Vulnerable Populations  
Minor: Injury Mechanisms and Bio-behavioral Responses
- 2001-2002 Gonzaga University  
Post-Master Certificate in Psychiatric Nursing
- 1995-2001 Gonzaga University  
Master of Science in Nursing, Administration
Master of Public Administration/Health Care Administration  
Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education
- 1984-1990 Columbia Basin College  
Associate Degree in Applied Science in Nursing  
Associate of Arts and Science Degree

APNA CONTRIBUTIONS  
- American Psychiatric Nurses Association, Washington Chapter, President (2017-current)  
- American Psychiatric Nurses Association: Nominating Committee 2015  
- Recovery Council Steering Committee  
- Forensic Psychiatric Nurses Council Steering Committee  
- Institute for Safe Environments working with the committee focusing on Forensic Populations 2009-2010

OTHER EXPERIENCE  
- Over 20 years of experience in higher education teaching undergraduate and graduate psychiatric nursing and held leadership positions as the Lead Faculty for the PMHNP program and the Department Chair/Chief Nurse Administrator for all programs.  
- Engaged in practice at the VA medical center  
- Seventeen years of state hospital experience in various leadership positions including Director of Quality Assurance, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Nurse Manager for Forensic and Geropsych Units.  
- Psychiatric Nurse Consultant for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), appointed to the Psychiatric Panel.
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Content Expert Panel Member for the American Nurses Credentialing Center appointment for 2010-2018 held following positions: Committee member, Vice Chair, Chair of Appointment Committee

APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE:  
I have gain a large body of knowledge and experience over the last 20+years I have been involved in psychiatric nursing. I will work hard to empower members to move APNA strategic plans forward and to have more of an impact on the local, state, and national level. Our mental health system is facing complex issues not only with funding but the treatment of people suffering with mental illness and/or substance abuse. Psychiatric nurses have a role to play in finding solutions to these complex problems. I have advocated for changes such as reducing seclusion and restraint use, increasing active treatment in state hospitals, and access to treatment including the use of medication assisted therapy (Suboxone).

I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY:  
I can bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from both the public and private sectors of psychiatric nursing. I will work with the Board of Directors (BOD) to move APNA to the next stage by gaining more recognition as leaders of psychiatric mental health care and treatment. Psychiatric nursing is an extremely powerful specialty and we can capitalize on our knowledge and skills in psychology, neuroscience, and more importantly nursing science. I am passionate about state hospitals and the care they provide but also the challenges they face and starting a special interest group for nursing’s working in state hospitals may be considered.
Rebecca Luebbert, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC

PRESENT POSITION
Associate Professor, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Interim Department Chair, Primary Care & Health Systems Nursing

EDUCATION
PhD in Nursing; Saint Louis University (2010)
MSN, Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing; Saint Louis University (2002)
BSN, Union University (1995)

APNA CONTRIBUTIONS
APNA Awards & Recognition Committee (current)

OTHER EXPERIENCE
My entire nursing career has focused on serving those with mental health needs. I am especially interested in advocacy and special protections for our most vulnerable groups. My professional experience includes practice, education, research, and administrative roles. My research on suicide prevention and on psychiatric co-morbidities in those with physical illness has been funded locally, regionally, and nationally.

- Published in nursing and other interdisciplinary journals
- Multiple professional presentations at local, regional, and national conferences
- Funded by SAMHSA for three-year campus-wide suicide prevention grant
- Funded by NIH (NIDA) as a member of an NIH Pain Consortium Center of Excellence in Pain Education
- Actively studying best approaches (including simulation methods) to teach suicide assessment and other mental health nursing skills
- "Nurse Educator of the Year" Award from the March of Dimes (2018)
- Received Faculty Excellence Award (SIUE School of Nursing, 2017)
- Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Nurse Educator Fellowship Award
- Academic experience includes teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels
- Regularly serve as abstract/proposal reviewer for various university and professional committees
- Chair of university’s Social-Behavioral Institutional Review Board

APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE:
I’ve been a member of APNA for 15+ years. The many resources the association offers has enhanced the trajectory of my career in education, research, and practice from both academic and scientific perspectives. I feel that serving on this committee would be a great way to “give back.”

The diversity of our membership is a key contributing factor to the richness of APNA, and I would strive to achieve similar diversity of candidates for the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee. As a member, I would seek to ensure inclusivity of candidates. As outlined in the duties of the Nominating Committee, I would commit to recruiting and evaluating candidates that represent varied groups, while being a good steward of resources, in following nominating committee procedures outlined by the Board of Directors.

I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY:
My passion for advocacy is demonstrated by the depth and breadth of my life’s professional work with local, regional, and national audiences. The diversity of my collegial relationships has contributed to the innovative projects and network of inter-professional colleagues and clients that my work supports. As a member of inter-professional teams, I serve as the passionate voice of nursing, especially focusing on specific protections necessary for vulnerable populations. My educational and scholarship focus is closely aligned with priorities identified by APNA, including the need for established competencies for assessment and management of those at risk for suicide.

Constance A. Noll DNP, MA, CRNP, PMHNPC-BC

PRESENT POSITION
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health System
Manager, American Red Cross, Disaster MH

EDUCATION
DNP University South Alabama, 2016
MSN University South Alabama, 2014
BSN Walden University, 2012
MA Loyola College, Clinical Psychology, 1983
BA University Baltimore, Psychology, 1978
Diploma St. Joseph Hospital, 1974

APNA CONTRIBUTIONS
- Chair, Recovery Council 2017-present; member since 2011
- Board of Directors, Capital Chapter, 2009-2014
- Presenter, APNA Annual Conferences, 2011-2018; Recovery, Restraint Reducation, Behavioral Response Team, Benner’s novice to expert concepts/onboarding staff.
- Co Author, Championing person-first language: A call to psychiatric mental health nurses. APNA, 2013.
- Scholarly Review Committee, 2009-2019
- Poster Presentation Judge, 2010-2018
- Nurse Awards Peer Review Committee, 2011-2019

OTHER EXPERIENCE
- Progressive leadership positions: DON, Service Line Mgr, Clinical Pract/Edu Spec
- Program implementation - Provider Wellness, Psychiatric Emergency Services, Behavioral Emergency Response Team, Resilience in Stressful Situations (peer response/second victims), Magnet recognition, Diversity Facilitation, Seclusion and Restraint reduction
- ANA, National Advisory Board: Workplace Violence & Incivility, 2014
- Co-Author: "Mental Health Aspects of Disaster: Public Health Preparedness & Response" in, Self Care and Care for the Caregiver’. JHU Press, 2005
- Preceptor: DNP Capstone 2019, PMHNP clinical rotations 2017-2019
- Adjunct Fac: University MD SON, Clinical Scholars, Senior Practicum, 2012-2013
- Academic item writer: ANCC, PMH Certification exam, 2013

APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE: As a dedicated member since 2008, I enthusiastically believe that APNA is the premier organization for psychiatric nursing and reflects the core values and mission of our specialty. If elected, I would diligently continue to advocate for our profession as we strive to meet current and future challenges. I believe in truth, transparency, compassion, and sincerity in life’s endeavors. Nurses are intelligent, educated, caring and introspective individuals who develop and thrive with leadership that recognizes and encourages their autonomy and critical thinking skills. Embracing a servant leadership style, I have developed individuals and teams in multiple academic and community settings. This skill set has prepared me, and I would humbly embrace this opportunity to serve our membership.

I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY: APNA leadership opportunities offer membership unique and rich professional experiences through availability of experts and expertise. Psychiatric nurses can influence care for individuals, institutions, and communities. These opportunities to make meaningful, life changing differences in a person’s life requires the rigor of examining evidence for best practice and the establishment of standards, policy, and education. APNA promotes excellence in advancing psychiatric nursing through scholarly, scientific, and non-political endeavors, meeting this critical requirement. I believe my background, with a wealth of diverse clinical and academic experiences, has prepared me for this exciting possibility to work with APNA to achieve their goals. My goal is to support APNA membership by recognizing strengths and talents to influence future leadership, ensuring continued achievement of the mission of the organization.
Janette O’Connor, MS, BS, BSN, RN-BC

**PRESENT POSITION**
Nurse Clinician, New York Presbyterian Hospital-Westchester Division

**EDUCATION**
- MS: College of New Rochelle NY 2012
- BSN: College of New Rochelle NY 2005
- BS: Concordia College, NY 2000

**APNA CONTRIBUTIONS**
- 2018 – Poster Presenter APNA New York Chapter Conference
- 2016 – present Board Member APNA New York Chapter
- 2015 Recipient APNA Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**
I have 27 years of experience working with the mentally ill. I became a registered nurse in 2005. My first APNA conference was in 2006 and I have attended 12 of the last 13 conferences. My contribution to the conferences has allowed me to grow personally and professionally and provided excellent opportunities to engage in networking with expert nurses.

- 2016-2018 Participated in writing evidence for hospital’s Magnet application to ANCC; we received the designation in December and is currently the only free standing designated psychiatric hospital
- 2013 - present Content Expert Panelist for ANCC’s Psychiatric Mental Health Board Certification Examination
- 2012 Recipient Leadership Award from the College of New Rochelle
- 2015 Finalist in Nursing Spectrum Excellence Award-Mentoring Category
- 2015 Presenter ANA Quality Conference
- 2015 - 2016 Adjunct Faculty College of Mt. St.Vincent
- 2009 Created a mentoring program for new graduates
- 2009 -2018 Nurse advocacy program at the College of New Rochelle mentoring students

Member of NAMI and Sigma Theta Tau Zeta Omega Chapter

**APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE:**
I am passionate about caring for people living with mental illness and I am willing to take the next step by serving at the leadership level. My extensive background gives me confidence in my ability to choose members who are competent and willing to carry out the goals of the organization. I have demonstrated my allegiance to APNA, with a wealth of experience in practice, education and leadership skills. I have inspired many nurses to become members of APNA, attend the annual conference and actively involved in the local chapter. The nominating committee requires leaders of diverse backgrounds and expertise which I possess and to which I will contribute.

**I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY:**
Preserving the legacy of this organization through scientific research and education has been a commitment of mine as evidenced by teaching, mentoring, presentations and collaboration with other organizations. Through education we can decrease stigma and bridge the gap between mental and physical health. I am committed to extending the life span of those with serious mental illness. I would continue to inspire new graduates to become psychiatric mental health nurses. As an ANCC content expert panelist for the psychiatric board certification examination I will ensure that the contents of the examination align with the purpose of APNA. My desire is to serve the only organization that supports the largest number of generalist and advanced practice psychiatric nurses to provide optimum patient centered care for the mentally ill.

Brittany E. Yates, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC

**PRESENT POSITION**
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center

**EDUCATION**
- 2016   DNP, Eastern Kentucky University
- 2010   BSN, University of Louisville
- 2009   BA (Psychology with concentration in Social Sciences), University of Louisville

**APNA CONTRIBUTIONS**
- CPI Planning Committee member (June 2018- present)
- APNA Kentucky Chapter President (Oct. 2014-Oct. 2015)
- APNA Kentucky Chapter President-Elect (Oct. 2013)
- Research poster awarded 1st Place for “Best Research” (2010 APNA Annual Conference in Louisville, KY)
- Ortho-McNeil Janssen Scholar Award (2009)

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**
- PMHNP-BC for 7 years, psychiatric nurse for 9 years.
- Lifespan clinical experience in inpatient, outpatient, PHP, IOP, and ED settings with diverse populations.
- Teaching, leadership, and mentor experience in large academic medical settings.
- Advocate for PMHNP role, appropriate compensation, safe working conditions, and “our seat at the table.”
- Former Assistant Professor at University of Colorado Denver/Children’s Hospital Colorado as joint faculty appointment with the School of Medicine, Dept. of Child/Adolescent Psychiatry and the College of Nursing.
- Developed PMHNP Post-Graduate Child/Adolescent Fellowship Program.
- Lead APRN; provided consultation/education regarding APRN practice to interprofessional colleagues; provided supervision and mentorship to department NPs; represented PMHNP on local/hospital/department committees.
- Former PMHNP at University of Louisville Campus Health Services
- Developed/implemented interprofessional collaborative process to facilitate the incorporation of prescribed exercise into depression treatment plans for my college student patients as DNP project.
- Former PMHNP in rural Kentucky CMH.

**APNA MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR ME BECAUSE:**
I joined APNA as a BSN student in 2009 as a (what is now) Board of Directors Scholar. Since my introduction to APNA through this program, I have held formal leadership roles (i.e. APNA-KY Chapter President-Elect, President, Past President), and I am currently serving on the Clinical Psychopharmacology Institute planning committee. As a psychiatric nurse/PMHNP, I have worked with psychiatric patients and families in various settings, in all levels of acuity, across the lifespan, and from all walks of life. I have served in clinical, leadership, teaching, and mentor roles; and I obtained a DNP with a concentration in organizational leadership. Having been an active APNA member since entering the organization as a BOD scholar, I can appreciate the influence that APNA has on the development of the psychiatric nursing workforce and its leaders. With the workforce challenges facing our profession and nation, I believe it is time for me to play a more active role in identifying and developing the psychiatric nurse leaders of the future.

**I CAN HELP FULFILL APNA’S PURPOSE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATION BY:**
I am committed to advancing my own knowledge base for the benefit of my patients/students/mentees. I regularly attend educational conferences, consume relevant literature/media, and monitor trends in PMH and beyond. I share my knowledge through both formal (i.e. presentations, didactic/clinical teaching, etc.) and informal (i.e. collaboration with interprofessional/interdisciplinary colleagues, mentoring) avenues for the advancement of PMH, including APNA members.