

**SAVE THESE DATES**

**MANA Summer Meeting**

June 18-20, 2010  
Beau Rivage Resort  
Biloxi, MS

**MANA Capitol Day**

January 13, 2011  
Jackson, MS

**AANA Annual Meeting**

August 7-11, 2010  
Seattle, WA

**MANA 2011 Annual Meeting**

January 14-16, 2011  
Hilton Jackson  
Jackson, MS

**Fall Assembly**

November 12-14, 2010  
Colorado Springs, CO

**"While at the MANA Summer Meeting enjoy these Gulf Coast attractions!"**



Fort Massachusetts on Ship Island



Lynn Meadows Discover Center



Golfing

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for Mississippi's Legislative Session Summary, The latest news and updates that effect CRNAs and continuing education opportunities.



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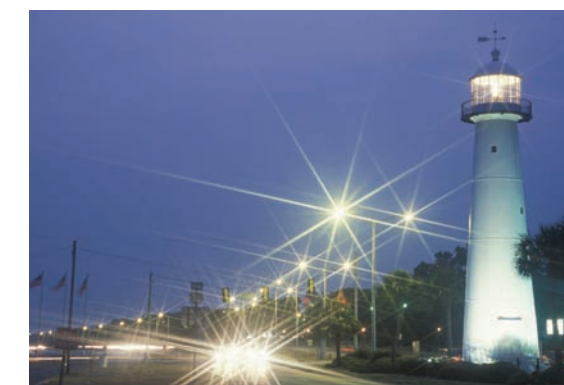
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**MANA** *Newsletter*



**Don't miss this summer's MANA meeting at the Beau Rivage Resort in Biloxi!**

The opening reception promises to delight you with delicious foods including a full beverage station serving your favorite specialty drinks! Fellowship with your colleagues and network with suppliers and recruiters while enjoying the refreshments.



Saturday and Sunday mornings are chocked full of educational sessions including: information on the Federal Healthcare Reform, Awareness Under General Anesthesia, OB Pharmacology, and Trauma Anesthesia.

After filling your minds with information, feed your spirit in a variety of activities on the MS Gulf Coast including a trip to Ship Island, a variety of activities...such as the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum located in Edgewater Mall, Beauvoir The Jefferson Davis Home, the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, the Biloxi Schooners, and intimate shopping excursion into Ocean Springs.

Events taking place along the Mississippi Gulf Coast include MC Hammer, Sylvia Brown, and wrestling at casino resorts, performing arts at Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, and unique arts festivals in historic downtown districts. Visit [www.gulfcoast.org](http://www.gulfcoast.org) and click on events for more details.

**President's Letter**

The past two years as President-Elect and President have been a pleasure for me to serve. I've been enlightened by the fact that our association officers work diligently to advance and maintain our profession.

I welcome Eddie Dalton as our President, Audrey Ghatas, President-Elect Dwayne Self, Vice President, as well as David Guimbellot and Michong Rayborn as our new Board members. I am confident that these new officers as well as our current Board members will continue to serve our membership well.

I thank the membership, the Board of Directors and especially Jackie Fortenberry for their support and hard work during my term.

*Davis Hutto*  
Davis Hutto

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**MANA appreciates the service of the Officers and Board Members whose terms expire July 1, 2010:**

**John Norris**  
**Michael Folkes**  
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**MANA 2010 Summer Meeting • Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AANA# \_\_\_\_\_

Address (PO Box or Street) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical disabilities or limitations? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

COURSE FEE:	Pre-registration	On-site
AANA member	\$350	\$400
Non-member	\$400	\$450
Students	No Charge	

**Daily Registration:** AANA Members - \$200 • Non-Members - \$225

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2010 AANA Mid Year Assembly

*MANA Board members, Eddie Dalton, attended the AANA Mid-Year Assembly in Washington DC April 25-28, 2010.*

### Facts:

- CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)
- Major up-date of guidelines
- Hospital Director of Anesthesia Services must be a physician, but not required to be an anesthesiologist
- L & D analgesia to be provided by CRNA with no physician supervision necessary.
- States may continue to opt-out of supervision requirement; supervision may continue to be provided by operating practitioner.
- This is extremely important for continued patient care in rural areas.
- Visit to the Hill- points: Senators & Representatives were asked to continue to support
- Work force development
- Promote equity in Medicare teaching rule payment
- Support FY2011 appropriation for Nurse Anesthesia Education
- Promote graduate nursing education
- Reverse 21.2% CRNA & physician payment cuts
- Continue to search for a long term fix for these cuts. This cut is dramatic. Medicare reimburses most doctors at 80% of market rates, part B reimburses anesthesiologists at about 45%
- Restore rural access to nurse anesthesiologist services by support of Bill S158S/HR 3151

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Steve Alves, AANA Vice President; Jackie Fortenberry, NBCRNA President; Jim Walker, AANA President; Mary Ann Krough, NBCRNA Vice President; Wanda Wilson, AANA Executive Director; Debra Malina, AANA Treasurer; Paul Santoro, AANA President Elect.



Andy Taggart, MANA Council; Eddie Dalton, MANA Pres Elect and Scarlett Nikajima, anesthesia student from LSU.

## 2010 AANA Mid Year Assembly *(continued from page 2)*

### Other important points for CRNAs

- Ensure CRNAs are included in accountable care organization
- Implement independent payment advisory board
- Enacting pain care policy

This is what we worked for in the days spent in DC. But as a personal note I will repeat myself again and again: Your help and your voice mean everything in the continuation of our profession.

Facts: For nearly 150 years we have provided high quality cost effective anesthesia services. Approx 32 million anesthesiologists work in every setting where anesthesia is delivered and the sole anesthesia provider in nearly 100% of rural hospitals.

Stand-up, be proud. Support AANA, MANA and your CRNA –PAC. The sky is truly the limit and that is more accessible now than ever before in the 150 years of CRNAs.

A special thank you to Senators and Representatives and the staff:  
 Senator Thad Cochran  
 Health LA Will Crump



MANA Treasurer Jackie Fortenberry and President Elect Eddie Dalton prepare to meet with congressional leaders.



Jackie Fortenberry, President of the National Board of Certification and Recertification, presented a report to CRNAs at the AANA Mid Year Assembly in Washington, D.C., on April 26th.

### IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION:

The legislative lobbying portion of your membership dues are **NON TAX DEDUCTIBLE**. The state portion is \$34. Please subtract that from your deductions. Some state organizations have been levied huge fines for failure to disclose this information to their members.

## AANA Update: Valuing Our Profession Bruce Weiner, CRNA, MS Region 7 Director

Profession is derived from the Latin "to swear (an oath)." Professionals exercise autonomy in the workplace, and are expected to utilize their independent judgment and professional ethics in carrying out their responsibilities. A professional provides a service (in exchange for payment or salary), in accordance with established protocols for licensing, ethics, procedures, standards of service and training/certification. A professional maintains a high standard of ethics and work behavior.

The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists is our professional organization. As a member-driven organization, policymakers recognize the AANA as a highly influential professional organization. The commitment of our members, through annual dues and advocacy, ensures our continued strength as an organization. Of the \$645 dollars that members pay, \$232.50 goes directly to the state association and \$62.50 goes to the State Organizational Development Committee (SODC). The SODC assists with funding the small states in an effort to build and strengthen their infrastructure. The SODC also provides financial assistance to states dealing with legislative and regulatory issues that may adversely affect CRNA practices. The remaining \$350 is used to fund AANA activities and initiatives. These initiatives include state and federal advocacy including protection of CRNA reimbursement and practice rights, provider wellness, public relations, credentialing, and establishing evidence based practice standards and guidelines.

As Region 7 Director I have had the direct advantage of witnessing the commitment and dedication of the AANA Board of Directors and staff in ensuring that we continue to be recognized leaders in anesthesia care. With each challenge that we may face comes an opportunity for all of us to participate, affect change and achieve extraordinary results. Change however, is often thwarted by opposition. As the AANA and state associations attempt to build nurse anesthesia practice based on inquiry and evidence, our physician colleagues skew the facts in an attempt to deny our patients the right to CRNA services. Restrictions on interventional pain management and the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants continue to be the primary focus of physician groups who argue patient safety and access without evidence to back up their claims.

With a change in make-up of the U.S. Senate, health care reform appears to be in limbo while Congress develops a bipartisan bill. In the interim, we continue to work with members of Congress and our coalition partners advocating for provider nondiscrimination language, removal of the sustained growth rate (SGR) cuts to Medicare which took effect March 1, 2010, and improvements to nurse and CRNA workforce development programs. AANA has also made it clear to Congress that it is important for payment reforms and rates for new, affordable health coverage plans to be sufficient to ensure sustainable, high-quality healthcare delivery. The Mid-year Assembly, which occurred in late April, provided the perfect opportunity to let our voices be heard.

Please join me in congratulating Region 7's own Juan Quintana, CRNA, DNP, from Texas in being the first CRNA to be named to the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC). Dr. Quintana will use his expertise in cost effective analysis, reimbursement and the economics of providing healthcare services to evaluate medical literature, review technology assessments and examine data on the effectiveness and appropriateness of medical items and services that are covered or eligible for coverage under Medicare.

On a final note, it has been a great honor to serve as Region 7 Director these past two years. While many decisions have been difficult, the choices made by your Board in representing the 40,000 members of our association have continued us on a pathway of change that will benefit our practice, our patients and our profession.