



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS, INC

Message from the President 1.11.13 Letter to MANA Membership

Greetings to my fellow CRNAs,

I hope this letter finds you well and off to a good start to 2013. 2012 proved to be a good one for the CRNA practice in Mississippi, but we must stay abreast of current issues facing our practice here and nationwide in 2013. Please take a moment to read the information below and act where you can to participate in the Mississippi Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

First, I hope you will register to attend the meeting this coming weekend, Friday, January 18 - Sunday, January 20, at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center in Jackson. We have planned great programming designed to sharpen your skills and assist you in the business aspect of anesthesia practice as well. The evenings are available for leisurely networking or dining with your colleagues. Go to our website, www.mana.us, for details and registration information. If you have not made reservations, contact Alison Lass at 601-707-3814 or alison@mana.us for assistance.

We will be voting on proposed changes to the MANA bylaws and Officers and Directors for the next term for the MANA Board of Directors. The business meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 10:30 AM - 12:00 noon and you do not have to register for the conference to attend only the membership business meeting.

Next, we need your support and presence at the Legislative Reception, Thursday, January 17 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. This is a come and go affair and typically well attended by our state leaders. This is the only scheduled Legislative activity for the legislators that evening so we expect an even higher turn-out. Please come by as you can.

If you would like to sit in on Legislative sessions at the state Capitol that Thursday, we will meet in the Rotunda at 9:30 AM to go in together. We anticipate that our presence will be recognized from the floor of both the Senate and House.

Last, but certainly not least, an update on the status of proposed changes to the Administrative Code by the Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure (BOML):

Just for clarity, I reiterate the results from this fall's hearing at the BOML. The BOML indicated at the hearing that they were taking into consideration all comments. They stated they will re-write the proposed changes to their Administrative Code and they project those proposed changes to be published in March. They stated that CRNA's will be excluded in these changes. We will monitor that closely and will prepare to make necessary comment and actions needed.

MANA attorneys have worked closely and diligently with MANA and for MANA. They have researched and prepared documents and also accompanied Dave Ware CRNA when he spoke at the hearing at the BOML.

MS Nurses Association representatives were on talk radio prior to Christmas discussing APRN issues relative to this topic. They are pursuing resolution to this situation obviously in support of APRN's along with advice from their legal counsel. I hope this update helps.

Once again, I encourage you to visit the member section of www.mana.us on a regular basis to keep abreast of information pertinent to our practice. To log in to the member page your user ID is your email address and password

is your SIX digit AANA number followed by your last name, no spaces, no capital letters. **Example: ID:** alison@mana.us **Password:** 035218lass.

Thank you for your time in reading this message and I hope to see you all this week, either Thursday or during the MANA Annual Meeting!

In Service to you as your president,

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