2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

After a late start, our chapter held the 2020 election for President and Treasurer. Voting wrapped up on May 31. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our newest board members:

Ingrid Hilghman DNP, RN, CPST, CCE (President): Ingrid was on the Connections Committee before becoming Treasurer in 2018. She currently serves on the Planning Committee and the Executive Board. She attended the 2019 ANIA National conference and was a podium presenter for a session entitled "Rising to the Challenge: Preparing the Next Generation of Informatics Nurses".

Karla Beden MSN, RN (Treasurer): Karla has been part of the GDV-ANIA group for many years and has been on the planning committee for just as long. She has assisted with the 50/50 at the Fall Conference and overseen our vendors at the conference.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Eileen D’Amico for her hard work and leadership over the past four years! We are so grateful that she will continue to participate on the Executive Board as the Connections Committee Chair. She is also a member of the Planning Committee.

2020 FALL CONFERENCE

This year’s Conference on September 23 is going to be a little different. For the first time ever we are holding it virtually. The decision was made to err on the side of caution and keep everybody safe. Nevertheless we have an exciting day planned.

The theme is: Technology, Informatics and Quality: A Patient Centered Approach.

The keynote speaker is Rebecca Freeman, PhD, RN, PMP. Rebecca is currently the Chief Nursing Information Officer for the University of Vermont Health Network. She has previously served as the Chief Nursing Officer for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT and as an executive nurse informaticist in a variety of practice settings.

There will be a panel discussing the handoffs between the different levels of care, which should be very exciting.

We’ll also be doing a poster lighting round, so get those posters ready!

More information coming soon!

Rebecca Freeman, 2020 GDV-ANIA Conference Keynote Speaker
HOW I GOT INTO INFORMATICS...

My name is Kimberly Cornell, and I am a Sr. Clinical Informatics Specialist with my primary focus being the Perioperative Services Division for Abington Jefferson Health. I have been in my current role for just over 5 years.

My first role in informatics began back in 2003. At that time, I was working in home care for Abington as the manager of the Intake Department. As the manager of intake, you have your finger on the pulse of everything happening in the department, and knowledge of many workflows and processes within the department.

Home Care management made the decision to implement a new platform for clinical documentation and billing for home care while I was the manager of intake. I worked tirelessly on the project with our informaticist, making sure all processes and workflows were in place in the new system. I was intrigued by the informatics role, always asking questions and wanting to know more. When the current informaticist decided to resign from her role, I chose to apply for the position. I was nervous as I had no formal training in clinical informatics, but having the knowledge from the implementation project helped a great deal. I was offered and accepted the position of informaticist for home care and remained in that role for twelve years, until I resigned that position for my current role.

I'm so happy to have been led to this unique field of nursing. Clinical informatics brings together so many different areas of nursing and supports bedside nurses and providers in such an important way. With the increasing use of technology in not only nursing but all aspects of healthcare, clinical informaticists play a vital role.

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

One Last President’s Update

As my term is coming to a close, I look back on the last 4 years with a feeling of gratitude for the experience. It’s been such a pleasure collaborating with the members of the Executive Board who are all dedicated to our mission. We’ve worked pretty hard at times but it’s been a lot of fun.

I must say though my first year started off with a bang when the DVNCN membership decided it was time to become a chapter of ANIA. That was quite a process and learning experience in and of itself. It sparked a need to review and update our bylaws........ a long and very challenging adventure taken on by the Executive Board. During my tenure we made some changes to the structure of the board and committees to support sustained and improved functioning. However, the accomplishment that I’m most proud of is that the chapter was able to award a $1000 scholarship to an informatics nursing student. This is an important demonstration of our mission to support informatics education.

My one abject failure was in the inability to create a Fundraising Committee. No matter how many pleas I sent out, no one wanted to take this on. Maybe my successor will have better luck. The Executive Board did take on some of the fundraising tasks; however it requires more devotion than we were able to give it.

I’m not going anywhere. I’ll still be on the Planning Committee and the Executive Board as the Chair of the Connections Committee. I will support your new President however needed.

Take care and in this new and scary world, stay healthy,

Eileen

Ingrid Hilghman DNP, RN, CPST, CCE
Laura Gartner MS, BSN, RN-BC
Peaches Procaccio MSN, RN
Karla Beden MSN, RN
Fran Cornelius PhD, MSN, RN-BC, CNE
Eileen D’Amico BSN, RN

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Connections Committee- The Connections Committee had to cancel the Spring Event due to the pandemic, but is now planning a virtual social hour- see the flyer below!
- Planning Committee- The Planning Committee is working hard on the Fall Conference plans. The conference will be virtual this year.
- Technology Committee- This committee has been re-energized and being led by Fran Cornelius.
- Nominating Committee- Elections for President and Treasurer are now completed. The Nomination Committee will re-group later this year for the 2021 elections.
INTRODUCING PEACHES PROCACCIO

Peaches Procaccio is the secretary of the Greater Delaware Valley (GDV) ANIA Chapter. She has been working in Nursing Informatics since 2012. Her current position is as the Director of Clinical Education, Informatics and Transformation at the Crozer-Keystone Health System. She is responsible to oversee and facilitate technology projects at all facilities. She earned her Master's Degree in Nursing at Immaculata University with a specialty in Nursing Administration.

Peaches was working in the role of Director of Nursing in Oncology when the organization she worked for decided to create a new informatics role. She expressed an interest and received her new challenge! Proudly, with on-the-job training, she continues to work with these internal teams today.

She has helped and supported teams adopt BCMA, and build a CPOE system with electronic nursing documentation. They are currently on the journey to adopting Cerner Millennium. She has also led efforts around eliminating storage of paper downtime forms and adopting a system to have downtime forms available in the clinical areas to print on demand in a downtime. She has supported work with Vocera and Spectralink phones as well as a transition to Microsoft Teams to enhance team communication. She has also supported use of InVision, Vergence, MS Office, Skype, API, Healthstream, and TigerConnect.

Peaches would like to see Crozer-Keystone Health System and other organizations streamline all “stand alone” platforms and integrate them to provide high quality, seamless and collaborative patient care. She believes that reducing redundancy by staff who may need to re-enter information into different places will increase patient safety. This work requires a dedicated team and senior executive support. She states that she could not do her job without the support of her teams!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT APPLICATION

Nominate yourself or a fellow GDV-ANIA member to be our "Member Spotlight"!

Is there someone you work or go to school with that you think is an exceptional member of the nursing informatics community? Or are you, yourself, a shining star? If so, take a moment and click on the link below to complete the application to become the GDV-ANIA Member highlighted next quarter. We’re looking to tell the stories of all of the incredible members of our community. Don’t be shy!

We look forward to hearing from you!

To nominate yourself or another GDV-ANIA, click HERE!

Find Flo!

Be the first to find a picture of Florence Nightingale in this newsletter and WIN A $5 Gift Card to Dunkin Donuts!

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Not first to find her? Don’t worry! Your name will be entered into a raffle for a second $5 Gift Card to Dunkin Donuts!

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Send to laura.gartner@jefferson.edu
The Greater Delaware Valley ANIA Chapter invites you to a

Virtual Social Hour

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
7-8:30 pm | Zoom

Jump on your favorite device and connect virtually with other Greater Delaware Valley ANIA Chapter members during this virtual social hour. This is a great opportunity to engage with other informatics professionals as we face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion topics:
- Most innovative change implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Biggest challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic

We invite attendees to join us with a Zoom background of a place they would like to visit or visit again (click here for instructions for adding a virtual background in Zoom). Extra kudos if your beverage or snack is coordinated with your Zoom background in some way. We look forward to seeing you on August 19!

Register in advance by emailing Eileen D'Amico at edamico@springpointsl.org - you will then be emailed the meeting link.
The 2019 GDV-ANIA Fall Conference was a success! Please enjoy some pictures of our members and the event below!