Chapter History/Status
At the 2017 ANIA conference in New Orleans, a small group of members realized that New York State did not have a chapter and felt a need for one. We met with the Northeast Regional Director at the conference to get information. A core group of us exchanged numbers and worked on forming the chapter.

Challenges
- The first challenge was understanding the chapter formation process, which we worked through with the guidance of the Northeast Regional Director.
- Second was the membership outreach. We have a dedicated board member to act as membership outreach coordinator. He utilizes email and social media to engage our members.
- Third was learning preferences of our members to assist in tailoring educational sessions to meet their needs. A survey monkey was sent out and we have reviewed the results.
- Lastly, we are brainstorming methods to build our chapter funds. We are fortunate that ANIA does provide reimbursement for our educational events.

Wins
- We achieved provisional chapter status
- We hosted a meet and greet for founding members
- We hosted our first educational session with 29 attendees
- We promoted a logo contest to establish our social presence
- We established the chapter website
- We collaborated with other organizations to post and share information on our website

Introduction of the President
Jennifer Lebron is one of the core members who formed the chapter. She stepped into the role of the 1st chapter president in April of 2017, and committed to the two year requirement with the hope to empower members and build up nursing informatics field in the New York Tri-State region.

Ms. Lebron advanced educationally from 2007 through 2016 and now holds a degree in Associate in Applied Science, a Bachelor of Science, and a Master of Science in Nursing with a specialization in nursing informatics. She is a Progressive Care Certified Nurse (PCCN) and maintains Alumnus PCCN status; she is certified in nursing informatics (RN-BC) and in EpicCare Inpatient Documentation. As she progressed in her education, she became a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau, Omicron Sigma Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau, Phi Nu Chapter. She has served as chair/member on various councils and task forces throughout her career, including the nurse experience, peer review, and nursing informatics councils, and CAUTI, CLABSI and ERAS task forces.

Prior to transitioning to her current informatics role, Ms. Lebron’s gained clinical experience working in the following specialties: critical care, cardiac catheterization, ED, and observation unit.

Ms. Lebron believes it is her professional duty and honor as a masters prepared nurse informaticist, to mentor and nurture the future of nursing, especially in the specialties she gained experience in. For students out there, she is open to precepts students on site and virtually.

Informatics Related Events
Nursing Informatics Certification Review Course (Hosted by ANIA New York Tri-State Chapter).

Please Register On-line. Saturday, June 9, 2018 to Sunday, June 10, 2018
Location: White Plains Hospital
41 East Post Road, White Plains, NY
Sponsor: ANIA New York Tri-State Chapter

Registration Fees: ANIA Member: $400; Nonmember: $490.
Join ANIA now to receive the discounted member rate!
- Information for directions, parking, local hotels and eateries are located in the registration link.
- If you are traveling via air, please note: ANIA highly recommends travel insurance in the event the course is canceled or postponed due to low registration.

Cancellations:
Cancellations must be made in writing to the ANIA National Office (email ANIA@ajj.com; fax 856-218-0557). A $100 administrative fee will be assessed on all cancellations received prior to/on June 1, 2018. No refunds will be issued after this date.

Course Schedule (1.5 days – 12.0 Contact Hours)
Saturday, June 9 - Registration opens at 7:30 am.
Course runs from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. (Lunch is on your own.)
Sunday, June 10 – Sign in at 7:30 am. Course runs from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.