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Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology Elects New President and Board of Directors for 2025–2026

Orlando, Florida – The [Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology](#) (FANA) has announced its 2025–2026 President, leadership team, and newly elected Board of Directors. The new officers were sworn in during FANA’s Annual Meeting in Orlando. FANA, Florida’s 89-year-old professional association, represents more than 6,400 nurse anesthesiology professionals across the state.

Ryan Shores, DNP, CRNA, APRN, and Director of the University of North Florida Nurse Anesthesiology Program, will serve as FANA’s President.

“Florida faces a critical health care workforce shortage, and CRNAs are an essential part of the solution,” said Dr. Shores. “I am committed to working with lawmakers to modernize Florida’s laws and remove outdated barriers — expanding patient access by allowing CRNAs to practice to the full extent of their education and training.”

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists ([CRNAs](#)) [practice in every setting where anesthesia is delivered](#). They are also primary anesthesia providers in rural and medically underserved areas, as well as in military settings including forward surgical teams, military ships, and operating bases. With specialized skills in advanced airway and ventilator management, hemodynamic monitoring, and patient assessment, CRNAs meet critical health care needs across Florida, the nation, and the world.

Dr. Shores was elected by the FANA membership and will serve a one-year term. Laura Molina, DNP, CRNA, will continue to serve as Immediate Past-President.

Other Board members elected, appointed, or continuing their terms include:

- **Mayte Diaz**, DNP, CRNA, APRN, University of South Florida – President-Elect
- **Cindi Dabney**, PhD, DNP, CRNA, APRN, University of South Florida – Vice President
- **Jena Hill**, DNP, CRNA, APRN, TeamHealth Anesthesia/Diamante Anesthesia – Secretary Treasurer
- **Gerard Hogan**, DNSc, CRNA, APRN, FAANA, Florida State University – Director
- **John McDonough**, EdD, CRNA, APRN, University of North Florida – Director
- **Lindsey Bell** DNP, CRNA, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, APRN- Florida International University, Advent Health University - Director
- **Stacey VanDyke**, DNP, CRNA, FAANA, Florida State University – Director
- **Jason Duprat**, MBA, MSA, CRNA, APRN, DNP Candidate, Barry University/Ketamine Academy – Director
- **John Waters**, BSN, RRNA, Barry University and **Marley Cain**, RRNA, Advent Health University – Co- Chairs of the Florida Association of Resident Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

The three-day Annual Meeting provided Florida's CRNAs and RRNAs with opportunities to celebrate their profession, learn about the latest advances in anesthesia and therapeutics, and participate in American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology-approved programs offering required Continuing Education credits.

The new FANA Board also convened to set a forward-looking legislative agenda in preparation for the 2026 Legislative Session.

For more information about CRNAs visit www.crnas4safeanesthesia.com.

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About FANA

Founded in 1936, the Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (FANA) represents more than 6,400 nurse anesthesiology professionals. FANA advocates for patients and members at the state and federal levels and serves as a resource for CRNAs, the nursing and medical professions, hospitals, health care facilities, and others interested in anesthesia care. For more information, visit www.fana.org.