



### A Welcome Message from MANA President, Dave Macdonald

Greetings and welcome to MANA's Spring newsletter.

We hope you take this opportunity to catch up on MANA activities, as well as look ahead to things we have planned. It is an exciting time to be a CRNA and an important time to stay informed.

As President of MANA, it is my honor and pleasure to represent more than 850 CRNAs and SRNAs in front of our government officials, health care leaders and industry stakeholders from across the country. I do this work with the help of a passionate Board of Directors and the support of all our members who care deeply about our patients and shared profession.

As we approach Memorial Day, MANA wants to recognize and thank our Veterans and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice. CRNAs have long been primary anesthesia care providers to our men and women in armed services. It is a true privilege to serve in this capacity and we wish everyone a Memorial Day filled with gratitude and good memories.

Please remember to stay connected with us on all of our social media channels, tag us on work related posts and check out our website for the most up to date information!

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas.

Sincerely,  
Dave



*MANA President, Dave Macdonald speaking at the 2019 New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists*

[Visit our Website](#)



## Advocating for CRNAs

In April the MANA team joined thousands of CRNAs from across the country to collaborate and advocate. We met with many of our Congressional leaders to educate them on relevant health care policy, our profession and thank them for their commitment to CRNAs and our patients.

## MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY - WASHINGTON, D.C.



*with Congressman Joe Kennedy*



*with Congressman Jim McGovern*



*CRNAs and SRNAs on Capitol Hill*



*with Congressman Bill Keating*



*with Congressman Stephen Lynch*



*with Congresswoman Lori Trahan*

## Honoring & Celebrating CRNAs

Check out the latest ways our members are being recognized for their good work, as well as working to support our profession!

## Congratulations to our recent CRNAs of Distinction!



[Trish Labieniec](#)



[Sian O'Leary](#)



[Michael Storey](#)

### CRNAs In The News

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WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

#### Letter: Celebrate 20th anniversary of National CRNA Week

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Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester was home to one of the first nurse anesthesia programs in the country, graduating more 250 nurse anesthetists from the end of WWII until its closure in 1986. Today, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are educated and trained in premier colleges and universities and go on to administer anesthesia in every facility that provides anesthesia services in central Massachusetts and throughout the Commonwealth.

Ten years ago, I became a CRNA, joining a community of hard-working, empathetic and highly educated professionals who put patients first. CRNAs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who safely administer more than 45 million anesthetics each year, as well as, answer patients' questions, monitor vital signs, address physiologic responses, and manage airways.

With a trusted history spanning over 150 years, CRNAs take pride in knowing their patients, and staying with them throughout their entire surgical experience. CRNAs practice in every type of anesthesia care setting, including hospital operating and delivery rooms; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; pain management centers; and all U.S. Military service branches. CRNAs are the sole providers of anesthesia in nearly 100 percent of American rural hospitals.

From Jan. 20-26, more than 800 Massachusetts CRNAs will join thousands of colleagues across the country to celebrate the 20th anniversary of National CRNA Week, established by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

To learn more about CRNAs, visit: [www.masscrna.com](http://www.masscrna.com) or [www.future-of-anesthesia-caretoday.com](http://www.future-of-anesthesia-caretoday.com).

Melissa Croad, CRNA, MSNA,

President-Elect and Chair of Government Relations, Massachusetts Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Staff CRNA, St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester

#### Maria Van-Pelt, PhD, CRNA creates winning MGH Nursing Poster Presentation



Maria presented on her work, "Preliminary Psychometric Evaluation of the Nurse Anesthesia and the Aftermath of Perioperative Catastrophes Survey and Ways of Coping Questionnaire".

In addition to being the Director of the Nurse Anesthesia program Bouvé College of Health Sciences at Northeastern University, Maria also serves as one of MANA's State Peer Assistance Advisors.

### Congratulations to Crystal Grant, CRNA!

MANA Member, Crystal Grant has added the title of author to her resume.

In her just released book, *Acceptance Granted: One Woman's Journey to Becoming a Certified Nurse Anesthetist*, she documents the high, lows and unknowns on her way to becoming CRNA. A must read for all those wondering about and reflecting on our profession.



Crystal is currently a practicing CRNA in Western Massachusetts. [Get your copy today!](#)

## Use Your MANA Voice!

We are seeking your input to help advance our profession, both in Massachusetts and nationwide. Strong and committed leaders will help ensure a bright future for CRNAs.

**Deadline is MAY 21**

### MANA WANTS YOU!



We are seeking candidates for the 2019-2021 MANA Board of Directors.

As a volunteer leader you:

- Play a significant role in advancing CRNAs;
- Have an opportunity to enhance the value of MANA and CRNAs;
- Access up-to-date information about what is impacting our profession; and
- Share ideas and perspectives with a diverse group of volunteer leaders.

To nominate yourself or a colleague, click [here](#).

**Nominations close May 21, 2019**

MANA is seeking three (3) Directors, President-Elect and Treasurer positions in this election year.

MANA values and seeks diverse leadership. Candidates should possess positive leadership attributes, emotional intelligence, ability to work collaboratively and engage in appropriate debate and discussion when needed, and visionary and strategic drive.

### AANA Spring Elections

**AANA ELECTIONS**

(WRITE-IN)

**BOB GAUVIN**  
PRESIDENT  
ELECT

**NICK BLANCK**  
REGION 1

**MARIBETH MASSIE**  
TREASURER

MANA SUPPORTED! VOTE TODAY

AANA election cycle is in full swing.

This is your chance to have a VOICE, to choose those individuals who you believe will advance the profession and who will work diligently to fight for your practice and reimbursement rights.

You have A VOICE, A VOTE, and an OPPORTUNITY to be engaged with Leadership.

[VOTE NOW!](#)

**The election closes May 21, 2019**

Take the time to vote. Every vote counts!

# Legislative Update

MANA is dedicated to advancing legislation that promotes policies that fairly recognize the training, skill and value CRNAs bring to our health care system. We deserve a seat at the table when decisions are being made that impact our livelihood. With the help of our expert lobbyists, we work tirelessly on Beacon Hill and Capitol Hill to make sure CRNAs have a voice.

## MANA's Legislative Priorities for 2019-2020 Session

**Senate Bill 716**, *An Act to remove the restrictions on the licenses of certified registered nurse anesthetists as recommended by the Institute of Medicine and the Federal Trade Commission* filed by Senator Marc Pacheco

**House Bill 1868**, *An Act to remove the restrictions on the licenses of CRNAs* filed by Representative Paul Donato

- These identical bills would both remove unnecessary restrictions on prescriptive practice of CRNAs. Both bills are under review by the Joint Committee on Public Health and are awaiting public hearing.

**House Bill 1979**, *An Act relative to equitable board representation* filed by Representative David Nangle

- This bill would ensure that each classification of APRN has a seat on the Board of Registration in Nursing. It is under review by the Joint Committee on Public Health and is awaiting public hearing.

## Government Relations Committee Report

While we await public hearings to be scheduled for these bills, we are meeting regularly with state legislators to educate them on the legislation and the practice of CRNAs. We're also building a coalition of support to help achieve our goals. The public hearing will offer us an opportunity to testify in front of the full committee of legislators who are working on these and many other health care bills.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in our advocacy efforts, if you are interested in getting involved [Click Here](#) or email [contact@masscrna.com](mailto:contact@masscrna.com).

## Our Voice is only as Strong as our PAC



Our MANA Government Relations (GR) committee and Board of Directors are hard at

work to ensure that CRNAs have a seat at the table when decisions are made that could impact our work.

The GR committee's ongoing work includes, meetings with key government officials, organizing fundraisers, creating effective educational messaging, attending stakeholder events and staying vigilant in opposing efforts to undercut our roles and minimize our voices.

**We know that our strong and proud membership is a very busy group, so while our GR committee does the work on the ground will you support their efforts with a contribution?**

This is an individual investment in the future of CRNA's in Massachusetts. **No amount is too small.** To donate go to: [www.masscrna.com](http://www.masscrna.com) and click on "donate to MANA PAC." **Please consider a contribution so CRNAs are represented in decisions about the future of our health care system.**

## Important Dates & Upcoming Events

- **May 21: Deadline to Vote in AANA elections & Nominate for MANA Board of Directors** - [Vote Now](#) & [Nominate Now](#)
- **June 6: A reception in honor of Massachusetts Speaker of the House of Representatives, Bob DeLeo** - [Learn More](#)
- **June 10: MANA presenting to the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans**
- **June 14: Representative Kate Hogan's Annual Biz Luncheon** - [Learn More](#), if you are interested in attending with MANA [email us!](#)
- **August 9-13: AANA 2019 Annual Congress** - [Learn More & Register Here](#)
- **October 4-6: NEANA Fall Meeting** - [NEANA Fall Meeting Info](#)

## Recent MANA Events





### In Memoriam

*MANA would like to offer its deepest condolences to the friends and families of the following longtime MANA members who have recently passed away.*

Patricia Krzelest  
Roberta "Bobbie" McCutcheon  
Irene McHarg