



Dear ANA-NY Members,

As you know, ANA-New York was formally established on December 3, 2013 to meet the needs of registered professional nurses in the state to maintain their membership in the American Nurses Association (ANA) through a vital state nurses association.

ANA-NY's Interim Board (2012-2013) worked to create the foundation and framework of a new state affiliate of ANA. The officers and board members, who subsequently were elected in 2013 and 2014, have listened to nurses, who want a professional connection with ANA, especially related to ANCC certification discounts, continuing education opportunities, and other benefits from ANA affiliation. Additionally, ANA-NY is a participant in ANA's Northeast Multistate Division (NE-MSD) (NY, CT, RI, NH, VT, ME) that is designed to collaboratively develop and share their many resources. One is the review and offering of continuing education credits for programs that meet established criteria – an opportunity that ANA-NY would like to share with our colleagues!

The current Board has been working to establish policies to guide our actions and promote the offerings of ANA-NY. One of our priorities has been creating the policy to actualize our *Bylaws, Article III Organizational Affiliates*. This new policy provides a unique opportunity for interested local and state nursing organizations to collaborate with ANA-NY on professional issues, participate in professional development activities, including our Annual Meeting and Governing Assembly, and network with members across the state.

ANA-NY is pleased to invite all local and regional nursing associations; state-level specialty nursing organizations; groups of nursing educators, and other nursing assemblies to become an ANA-NY Organizational Affiliate to mutually enhance each association. Details about the criteria, application process, fee scale, benefits, and obligations are attached, as well as an application form.

We look forward to hearing from you and responding to any questions that you have. Feel free to contact Executive Director Karen A. Ballard at 518-729-6821 or executivedirector@anany.org.

Best wishes for continued success in all your professional undertakings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Mahoney".

Elizabeth A. Mahoney, EdD, RN
President

Policy 1.15 Criteria for ANA-NY Organizational Affiliate Status

Article III of the bylaws provides for the definition, qualifications, responsibilities and rights of organizational affiliates. Article III further stipulates that the board of directors grants organizational affiliate status. This policy: provides for an application review process; and establishes organizational affiliate benefits, obligations, and a fee scale.

Criteria

The bylaws state that an organizational affiliate must maintain a mission and purpose harmonious with the purposes and functions of ANA-New York. In addition, an organizational affiliate must:

1. be in existence for at least two years;
2. be comprised of and governed by a majority of registered nurses;
3. agree to pay an annual fee;
4. agree to an initial two-year review as an organizational affiliate and thereafter every five years, or at the request of either the organizational affiliate or the ANA-NY board of directors

Application Review Process

A task force of the board of directors – currently the Membership Committee – reviews each application after staff review and makes a recommendation to the board of directors for acceptance. There will be an initial two-year review of organizational affiliate status. Subsequent reviews will take place every five years or at the request of either the organizational affiliate or the ANA-NY board of directors.

The application for organization affiliate status is attached to this policy.

Other Organizational Benefits

In addition to the rights stipulated in the bylaws, organizational affiliates shall have the following benefits:

1. discount on exhibiting at ANA-New York annual meeting;
2. attendance at ANA-New York's annual meeting at a member registration rate for the organizational affiliate's representative;
3. right of organizational affiliate's RN liaison to attend and speak at ANA-NY's governing assembly, without vote;
4. link with logo on Website with recognition of Organizational Affiliate status;
5. access to professional development opportunities for affiliate's members and staff;
6. access to experts in a variety of nursing specialties;

7. opportunities to network with ANA-NY members across New York state;
8. access to speakers from the membership on a variety of nursing topics;
9. preferred sponsorship opportunities at special events and other programs.

Organizational Affiliate Obligations

1. Notify ANA-NY of any officer changes.
2. Add ANA-NY to press releases and publication distribution lists.
3. Notify ANA-NY of annual meetings.

Organizational Affiliate Fee Scale

Organizations with memberships of:

1 – 100 RN members	\$100
101 – 200 RN members	\$125
201 – 300 RN members	\$150
For each 100 RN members above 300	\$ 10

The fee for organizations with memberships greater than 1,000 will be determined by the board of directors.

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Application for ANA-New York Organizational Affiliates

Organization name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Main Phone Number: _____ Main Fax: _____

Web Address: _____

Executive Director/CEO: _____
(if applicable)

Phone: _____

Email: _____

President: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

President- elect or Vice President: _____

Email: _____

Organization's Mission and Purposes (*please attach complete mission/purposes*):

Number of Members: _____ Number of RN Members: _____

Year Incorporated: _____ Annual or Biennial meeting? When? _____

Number on Executive Board: _____ Number of RNs on Executive Board: _____

Please indicate if you can share your membership list with us. Yes ___ No ___

Please attach a copy of your bylaws and list of current board members, and submit by email to the address below.

Organizational Affiliate Membership dues:

\$100: 1-100 RN members _____ \$125: 101- 200 RN members _____ \$150: 201-300 RN members _____

Plus \$10 for each additional 100 members _____ Total dues submitted: _____

Please return this form to: membership@ANA.NY.org