

## Memorandum

**Date:** November 19, 2020

**To:** Presidents and Executive Directors, Constituent/State Nurses Associations  
Chair, Individual Member Division  
Presidents and Executive Directors, Organizational Affiliates

**From:** Ann O'Sullivan, Chair, ANA Professional Policy Committee

**Re:** Call for Proposals for the 2021 Membership Assembly Meeting

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On behalf of ANA's Professional Policy Committee, I encourage you to engage your members in the identification of strategic policy topics and the submission of proposals for discussion by ANA's governing body, the Membership Assembly, at the 2021 annual meeting. As nursing leaders, your involvement in ANA's policy work is critical!

During the 2021 Membership Assembly, there will be a special focused session on COVID-19. The goal of this session is to capture lessons learned or innovative ideas/strategies that informed patient care and all aspects of nursing's response to the pandemic. This information will be used to inform the Membership Assembly discussion and ANA's ongoing engagement with responding to the current COVID-19 outbreak and future pandemic planning. Click here to access the [online submission form](#). The link is also on page 3 of the *Membership Assembly Policy Development Guide*.

Section 1 of the 2021 [Membership Assembly Policy Development Guide](#) includes questions for you to consider prior to submitting a proposal. In Appendix A of the *Guide*, you'll find the [ANA Enterprise 2020-2023 Strategic Goals](#). The *Guide* also contains detailed information on the submission and review of proposals, including emergent proposals; Dialogue Forums; examples of approaches used by state nurses' associations that have successfully engaged members in ANA's policy work; and a [link to the online proposal form](#).

Completed proposals must be submitted by **5:00pm ET on Monday, February 1, 2021**. Refer to Appendix D in the *Guide* for key dates and direct questions to Cheryl Peterson, Vice President, Nursing Programs, via email ([practice@ana.org](mailto:practice@ana.org)).