



2010 PNANJ NOMELEC

Follow Instructions to Make Your Vote Count

In recent years, several votes could have made a difference were not counted. The election rules are simple and straight forward. Departure from basic instructions could invalidate a precious vote.

Some of the basic reasons why a vote is not counted are:

- Ballots did not arrive on time. Ballots must be received by the prescribed date (not postmarked)
- Unnecessary extra markings on the ballot including erasures. A stray marks could invalidate a ballot. This includes unsolicited signature. Signing the ballot is considered tampering. Tellers will inspect the physical appearance of the ballot **DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME** on the ballot.
- Place the ballot in the **BALLOT envelope**. Write your name and address as they appear on your membership card in the upper left hand corner of the outer return envelope.
- Use only official envelopes and labels that are provided. Personalized mailing labels are not permitted
- Explicit instructions shall be contained with the official ballots. Return the ballots upon receipt to ensure that your vote is counted.
- **Mail the ballot no later than April 12, 2010 with a date of receipt at HQ no later than April 14, 2010. Late ballots will not be counted.**

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

MAJUVY L. SULSE MSN, RN, CCRN

Short as it may seem, my membership in the PNANJ has been very productive. The nurturing and trusting environment of PNANJ has paved way for my personal growth and professional transformation. My basic platform is to continue to create a culture where commitment, service and professional growth through community building and interagency collaboration will serve as a vehicle to uphold the purpose for which PNANJ was established. Aside from empowering professional nurses, nursing student participation will be encouraged to train them become altruistic leaders by providing opportunities for volunteerism. PNANJ with its plethora of great leaders and mentors will be in a position to assist towards this goal.

Current Position : Instructor & Clinical Coordinator-Essex County College
Adjunct Faculty-County College of Morris
Critical Care Nurse-Veterans Healthcare, East Orange

Educational Background: Doctor of Nursing Practice-Education Track
Farleigh Dickinson University
September 2007-present
Certificate of Distance Education
Thomas Edison State College
September 2008-present

Positions held in PNANJ: 2006-2008 Recording Secretary
2008-2010 President-Essex Subchapter

VICE-PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

FE V. EGUARAS, RN, BSN

As the founder and past President of Atlantic-Cape May subchapter, 2006-2008 and the number one with the most members in those years in PNANJ, my contribution to PNANJ will exceed my performance with our subchapter. My exposure to PNA, as a whole has added value to me and if given the chance as a Vice-President again, I will assist the President and the Executive Board the best I can to make PNANJ serves its members quality activities and initiatives.

Current Position : Clinical Manager (Tele-Med-Surg)-Atlantic Care
Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Positions held in PNANJ: Founder and Past President of Atlantic-Cape May Subchapter
Vice President – PNANJ 2008-2010

AMELIA “MAE” GUZMAN, MSN, RN

I have been fully committed to PNANJ service 2006 to present. As Board of Director, member and Chairman of Education & Practice, the organization continues to flourish and lead as a member chapter of PNAA. My past record in PNANJ is my testimony of commitment and dedication to the Filipino nurse.

Current Position : Lead Utilization Specialist, VA of New Jersey
Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing
MSN – Rutgers University
Positions held in PNANJ: Board of Director 2006-2010
Co-Chair Education & Practice Committee 2006-2010

TREASURER

ARBIE RAMOS, RN, BSN

To monitor, manage and report financial activities of the organization. Maintain checking and certificate of deposit with banks. To work hand-in-hand with the Membership Chair for collection of membership and renewal dues.

Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Current Position : Nurse – Community Medical Center
Positions held in PNANJ: PNANJ-Treasurer-2008-2010

SECRETARY

JACKIE J. BARAS, RN, BSN

The success of one’s organization does not rely on a decision of a leader alone, but it’s the group of people that represent the voice of the majority. If elected, I would like to strengthen the retention and recruitment program of the PNA-NJ as well to create more educational and leadership programs that will facilitate a more defined succession planning in creating future PNANJ leaders.

Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Current Position : Nurse Manager- Medical/Surgical Telemetry Unit –Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
Positions held in PNANJ : President, PNANJ Middlesex Subchapter 2008-2010

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

LAURA GARCIA, MAN, MSN, RN

With my background in Communications as both a public speaker and writer of communications materials, I am uniquely qualified to be the spokesperson of "Media Specialist" (Public Relations Officer) of the Philippine Nurses Association of America. Whether it comes to promoting services or launching a new project, I will have the ability to organize press conferences, write sociable person and work well with other people and I love to interact with groups, especially potential members and the community in general. I have long enjoyed teaching nursing students.

I believe I will be an asset to the Association in terms of communication and building and maintaining and managing the reputation of the association. I will ensure that our image shall be burnished in terms of public service, conveyance of public message and in the negotiation and maintenance of goodwill among the various PNAA Chapters and subchapters. It will be a pleasure to serve PNANJ.

Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Siliman University
BS Communications: Kean University, NJ
MAN: Southwestern University, Philippines
MSN: Seton Hall University, New Jersey US.
Current Position: Long Island College Hospital School of Nursing
Positions held in PNANJ: None

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TERESA DE VRIES, RN,BSN,CCRN

I have been a member and officer of the PNANJ since 2004. I continue to uphold the goals and principles of PNANJ. I will preserve the professionalism expected of PNANJ member and officer. If elected to the office of secretary, I will try to attend to all the PNANJ activities, to inform all members and thus will keep our chapter moving forward.

Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Current Position : PACU-Charge Nurse- One Robertwood Johnson Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Position held in PNANJ
2004-2006- President elect Middlesex Subchapter
2006-2008-President PNANJ Middlesex Subchapter
2008-2010- Board Member PNANJ

MERIAM F. CANARES, RN, BSN, CCRN

By working with different people and serving in different capacities, I was able to develop leadership skills and collaborative strategies that helped the organization attain its goal and foster its growth. In my capacity as one of the Board of Directors equipped with this attributes I will be able to continue working with the rest of the PNANJ team to enhance the PRISM of the organization through:

- Offers of scholarship and develop educational programs that will enhance the professional growth of members
- Be an advocate that support regulatory agenda favorable to our organization
- Collaborates with other agency to promote programs and services that will promote the welfare and advancement of the Filipino-American nurses
- And that will maintain the ethical standards of the organization

Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing
CCRN currently enrolled in John Hopkins University MS-Bioscience Regulatory Affairs

Current Position : Case Data Management Specialist – Sanofi Aventis
Positions held in PNANJ: PNANJ-Recording Secretary 2008-2010
Board of Director – 2006-2008
Subchapter President – 2004-2006

MARIETTA DATAR, RN BSN

Proactive in pursuing activities that will enhance the image of the Filipino nurse in New Jersey through my communication skills.

Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Current Position : Cardiopulmonary Rehab - Monmouth Medical Center
Positions held in PNANJ: Public Relations Officer -2008-2010
Subchapter President – Monmouth-2006-2008
Editor – In Touch Newsletter

EDGAR M. MARIANO, RN, BSN

Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Positions held in PNANJ: Board of Director

ISABELITA PITAO, RN, BSN, CCRN

Attends to our regular meetings, convention and Gala night. Supports the organization's goal and objectives. To be available when needed.

Educational Background : Bachelor of Science in Nursing with 18 units Masteral Course
Current Position : CN Dialysis Unit - Jersey City Medical Center
Clinical Coordinator – Fresenius Mobile Dialysis Unit
Positions held in PNANJ: Vice-President – Essex Subchapter

CHARLOTTE C. QUALLS, RN, MA

If elected, I will apply my drive and passion for nursing excellence to the organization and uphold the mission, vision and goals of PNANJ. My goals as a member of the Board of Directors are;

- To support the goals of the incoming 2010-2012 PNANJ Officers
- Offer guidance and advise when needed towards the accomplishments of PNANJ initiatives
- Support and collaborate with the PNAA initiatives as needed in conjunction with PNANJ
- Provide necessary encouragement and assistance when needed to PNANJ subchapters

Educational Background : Doctor of Management - University of Phoenix
MA Teachers College, Columbia University, New York
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Current Position : Adjunct Instructor, Christ Hospital School of Nursing, Jersey City
Founder-Owner of Healthcare Leadership & Management Consultants
Positions held in PNANJ : President – Morris Subchapter 2008-2010

Visit our website www.pnanj.org for further details.