

**PSNA Position: Board of Directors**

Jennifer Graham Partyka MSN, RN

Geisinger

Nurse Manager

Years at Employing Agency: 8



**Education:**

- MSN. Nursing. Wilkes University. 2020
- BSN. Nursing. University of Scranton. 1995
- Diploma. Scranton Preparatory School. 1990

**Previous Employment (last two positions)**

- Current: Nurse Manager Gastroenterology, Nutrition/Weight Management, Pulmonary Clinics.
- Nurse Manager, Outpatient Anesthesia (Interventional Pain & Pre-Surgery Centers) 2016-2020.
- Data Coordinator/Cardiovascular Quality 2014-2016.

Have you ever held a position in the American Nurses Association (ANA) or the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA)? Yes

- Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA)
- I have served nearly all of my two year term on the Government Affairs Committee.
- I was the "Member Spotlight" for our Pennsylvania Nurse Journal in 2019.

Please list any activities with other professional associations.

- Democratic Committee in Lackawanna County.
- Volunteer for nurses' campaigns (we can never have too many nurses representing our communities).

**Past Involvement:**

- Friends of The Abington Community Library, Boardmember "Art in the Park" of Lackawanna County, Boardmember "Act Out Theatre Group," Daffodil Days Chairwoman, Scranton Community Concerts, American Cancer Society, First Night Scranton Board for 6 years, Parent/Teacher Association President, Society of Irish Women, Scranton Sea Knights, Scranton Fringe Festival, "Northeast Woman" 11/6/2011, PSNA's "Member Spotlight" 2019.

**Why do you feel that you are the best candidate for this office?**

I have been a Registered Nurse for 25 years and active member of my community my entire life! My current role is in nursing leadership, and I am fully engaged with my teams and my patients. I believe #NursesAreSuperheroes and I am so proud to be one of you. I have used my experiences to strive to always create better outcomes and experiences for those I serve. I will do the same in this role.

**How do you plan on helping PSNA meet its mission to lead, advocate, educate, and connect with registered nurses across the Commonwealth?**

I will lead by example and I vow to never forget those I'm representing on this board.

I will advocate for patients and nurses while serving on your board, fully understanding that these causes are the same.

The educate piece of this role is one that is dear to me. I am grateful for the open communication PSNA offers to our fellow nurses, and I appreciate the message boards, emails and newsletters. I feel, under this goal as well as "connect," we need to prioritize outreach efforts for POC. Approximately 90% of RNs in Pennsylvania are Caucasian and this is not reflective of our state population. How are we leaving POC out of these opportunities in our commonwealth? How can we help extend nursing educational opportunities into all neighborhoods and schools in Pennsylvania? These are important questions for me.