

**PSNA Position: Board of Directors**

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University of Pennsylvania  
Full-time PhD Candidate  
Years at Employing Agency: 2



**Education:**

- PhD (candidate), Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 2018 – Present
- MPH, Global Health, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 2003 – 2005
- BSN, Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 2001 – 2003
- BS, Biology, Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL 1995 - 1999

**Previous Employment (last two positions)**

- Clinical Roles
- Registered Nurse - Wesley Enhanced Living, Philadelphia, PA 2019 – 2019
- Certified Case Manager (RN) - Independence Blue Cross, Philadelphia, PA 2015 – 2018

Have you ever held a position in the American Nurses Association (ANA) or the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA)? No

Please list any activities with other professional associations.

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**Why do you feel that you are the best candidate for this office?** (see below)

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

As a PSNA Board member, I would love to take another “one step” to promote nurses’ participation in civic engagement, making strong connections with Pennsylvania’s leaders. I plan to provide instrumental support that crafts concrete steps nurses can take to integrate political action into their nursing paradigms. As a nurse who also had to figure out how to become more engaged, I know I represent many nurses with a similar challenge.

PSNA represents nurses from their official starts to retirement and beyond. There is a place for every nurse to find a point of engagement that fits their lives. I will be a Board member that keeps the bigger picture in mind that we are both recipients and donors to the lives we live as humans who are also nurses. I anticipate being involved in reviewing current organization policies, developing strategic goals, bringing stakeholders’ views/concerns to our leadership team, and being a reliable, trustworthy and ethical PSNA Board practitioner.

Our current civil unrest, political, and public health environments are garnering global concern that can negatively impact the reach of PSNA. That is, unless we approach our current sociopolitical state as a wonderful opportunity to rally nurses and future nurses into very solid activities which we all can engage

in at the places we live, work, play, worship, and visit. Some of those solid activities I plan to support, include increasing visibility and urgency to act on PSNA legislative priorities as well as promoting professional-political skill-building opportunities for our nurses. Some additional “small” yet quite significant actions I plan to commit to as a board member is being enthusiastically engaged, teachable, optimistic, hardworking, and embodying the professionalism PSNA members deserve and require. I look forward to being a part of this Board that is as diverse as nursing is and will continue being, so that we truly reflect our mission to amplify nursing’s civic reach!