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Dan Lovinaria attended the Oct 2019 NOBC meeting in Washington, DC. Pictured with other NOBC members.

Nurses on Boards Coalition — Be Counted and Share Your Story



The AANA is proud to be one of 29 national nursing association member organizations that comprise the Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC). We are committed to working together to advance the NOBC mission to improve health in communities across the nation through the service of nurses on all types of boards. The key strategy of the NOBC is to increase nurses' presence and influence on corporate, health-related, and other boards, panels, and commissions. As the AANA representative to the NOBC, I encourage you to learn more and be counted for your past or current board service or indicate your interest in serving on a board at www.nursesonboardscoalition.org.

What is the Nurses on Boards Coalition?

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and AARP joined forces to form The Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC) in 2014, as a direct response to the landmark 2010 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*.

With 29 coalition national nursing association members and growing, the key strategy of NOBC is to help ensure that at least 10,000 board seats are held by nurses in 2020. Our goal is to raise awareness that all boards would benefit from the unique perspective of nurses to achieve the goals of improved health, and efficient and effective healthcare systems at the local, state, and national levels.

Which Boards are the NOBC targeting?

NOBC defines a board as one with strategic influence to improve the health of communities and the nation. This includes corporate, governmental, non-profit, advisory or governance boards or commissions that have fiduciary or strategic responsibility.

How Can CRNAs Get Involved?

Nurses, particularly CRNAs, as leaders can have immense influence within their healthcare system, facility, and at the local, state or national level when involved in a board position.

Share Your Service and Story with NOBC:

- Register your current board service or indicate your interest in serving on a board to nursesonboardscoalition.org. Be sure to register ALL the boards you serve on (e.g., corporate board, state association board, student organization board, school board, religious institution board).
- If you are currently serving, please share your story by completing the "The Reason I Serve survey." NOBC will post your story of why you serve on their website to recognize you and inspire others to serve. See www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYZZRXM.
- "Opt in" to be notified of future board opportunities and to receive occasional communications from NOBC.
- Access available resources on the NOBC website to help you on your board journey. See nursesonboardscoalition.org/resources/for-nurses.

Where Might You Serve?

Consider an organization where you are passionate about their mission. What organization in your community might benefit from your skills, experience and qualifications? Approach them to express your interest in serving as a potential board member.

Conclusion

Board service is an extension of leadership. Through our partnership, we engage and support our nursing leaders. Together we make a significant and lasting impact in improving health in communities across the nation through the service of nurses on boards. As of December 2019, over 7,000 board seats held by nurses were registered with NOBC. Let's support NOBC's vision for over 10,000 board seats registered by the end of 2020!

For questions, please contact Laurie Benson, BSN, Executive Director, NOBC at laurie@nursesonboardscoalition.org. ■