



HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By E. Paige Ulcak, CRNA



Preparations for the March 3 - 5 in-person HANA conference began long before the new year, but a hearty belated Kung Hei Fat Choy. We are off to a

great and start to the New Year. We are so excited to see you this week.

The new year is also traditionally a chance to reset and restart, something the HANA board members have taken to heart, seeking to elevate our member services and increase their value. We have engaged local attorney and association management professional Melissa Pavlicek and her team at Hawai'i Public Policy Advocates to serve as the HANA executive director. Their energy and state policy acumen will be evident as we transition to their services on February 1. Please join me in welcoming them by emailing Melissa at info@hanacrna.org or calling (808) 447-1840.



2022 LEGISLATURE ANNOUNCES PRIORITY BILLS

The Hawai'i legislature convened on January 19, followed by the introduction of nearly 3,000 new proposals. Bills that didn't pass last session will still be available to legislators this year, creating a long list of policy initiatives. HANA's advocates are closely monitoring and will report on key nursing, anesthesiology, medical, and healthcare initiatives.

The early bill introduction period included measures to establish limits on the mandatory and voluntary work hours for registered nurses (SB 2602); to create a medical education special fund, which as drafted would pertain only to physicians (SB 2655); and a bill requiring all nursing license applicants to respond to the center for nursing workforce supply survey in conjunction with license renewal (HB 1594). More information will be posted weekly on the HANA website at hanacrna.org

At the opening day ceremonies, curtailed due to the limitations on the capitol which is closed to the public, State Senate President Ron Kouchi and Speaker Scott Saiki emphasized their commitment to increasing the state's minimum wage, addressing the economy while seeking to bring tourism to sustainable levels, and each had areas of focus that the House and Senate members will need to negotiate. More will be reported after the March 4 mid-point of bills being considered.

HANA 2022 CONFERENCE

GETTING READY FOR CPC ASSESSMENT

March 3rd – 5th, 2022
'Alohilani Resort, Waikiki Beach

HANA's two-and-a-half-day conference is an intensive interactive prep course, aims to help CRNA to gain confidence and strategy in passing the CPC Assessment. The topics focus on the CPC Assessment content: Airway Management, Applied Clinical Pharmacology, Human Physiology and Pathophysiology, and Anesthesia Equipment and Technology. Attendees can earn up to 20 Class A CE Credits and 8 Pharmacology Credits.

Day one starts with NBCRNA/CPC update, followed by full day lecture. Day two includes full day lecture, followed by an outdoor Pau Hana on top of the 'Alohilani Resort aquarium. Day three starts with HANA and AANA updates, followed by lecture and a review of MOCK CPC Exam. The guest speakers are Drs. Angela Mund and Garry Brydges, highly acclaimed educators and lecturers in the Nurse Anesthesiology profession, and leaders in America Association of Nurse Anesthesiology.



See You at the Conference!

Dr. Angela Mund is currently an Associate Professor and Division Director at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Anesthesia for Nurses Program.



Dr. Garry Brydges is the Chief Nurse Anesthetist and Director of Anesthesia at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

WELCOME HANA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TEAM



Attorney and association management professional Melissa Pavlicek (top right above) and her team at Hawai'i Public Policy Advocates, LLC will serve as HANA's executive director and strategic partner. The team includes (clockwise from top right) Chief Consultant Stephen Teves, law student Kiyohide Noguchi, External Affairs Director Arlina Agbayani, VP of Operations Lilly Ho and VP of Government Affairs Danny Cup Choy. Not pictured is consultant Nahe Webster. Melissa, a graduate of the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law and Baldwin High School on Maui where she was raised, is the daughter of a retired registered nurse who worked at Kaiser Permanente in Maui for over thirty years.

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