

**California Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Board of Directors Candidates  
2017-2018**

**CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT**



**Richard Paulsen, MSN, CRNA**

**EDUCATION:**

MSN, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 1998

BSN, California State University Bakersfield, Bakersfield, CA 1993

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Private contractor to Valley Anesthesia Associates and Comfort Anesthesia Associates 2001 to present, Premier Anesthesia Medical Associates

**POSITION STATEMENT:** As a CRNA independent contractor in Central California, my experience and perspectives enable me to understand the challenges facing CRNAs in rural areas. I have done my part to expand CRNA private practice. I was the only CRNA initially brought to our group in 2001; now, there are

16. I was a CRNA in the army reserve for 13 years and was an officer leader at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany in 2004-2005, as we received casualties from combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. I learned selfless service and active leadership. My approach is to reach out for everyone's input and to listen and learn, and then address each and every challenge. I intend to build on the work of the many fantastic CANA leaders who have come before me and who continue to work for independent practice and reimbursement in California. I would be grateful for your vote.

**CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER**



**Dawn Clark, CRNA, DNP**

**EDUCATION:**

DNP, Rush University, Chicago, IL - 2012

MSN, Samuel Merritt University, Oakland, CA - 1997

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** The Permanente Medical Group, Diablo Service Area, Northern California; 2000-present

**POSITION STATEMENT:** I have been a practicing CRNA since 1997 and an educator since I completed my CRNA program. I am dedicated to the nurse anesthesia profession and participating in an active role in CANA. The changes in health care and the political challenges facing CRNAs make it more important than

ever to be involved with the nurse anesthesia advocacy. I obtained my DNP in leadership and education from Rush University and continue to utilize my education to help advance CRNAs into leadership roles. It is important for CRNAs to become leaders where they practice and to be empowered to move the profession in a forward direction. As CANA's Treasurer since November, 2014, I have become more informed about CANA, strategic planning and the importance of using our Association's budget wisely to advance the future of CRNAs. I wish to continue to serve in this position to utilize the knowledge and experience I have gained since I was elected to this position to move CANA and CRNAs forward.

**CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY**



**Maricel Isidro-Reighard, CRNA, DNAP**

**EDUCATION:**

DNAP, Texas Wesleyan University, - 2012

MSNA, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, TX- 2005

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Chief Nurse Anesthetist, Kern Valley Healthcare District, Lake Isabella, California. Private contractor for Southern California Orthopedic Institute, Bakersfield Surgery Center and Central California Pain Management. Per Diem CRNA, Kern Medical Center, Bakersfield, California

**POSITION STATEMENT:** I am asking for your vote in my candidacy as CANA Board of Directors Secretary. If given the honor, the 2017-2018 fiscal year will be my fifth year serving CANA and its members. I am proud

to continue in the capacity of Secretary, as this role would ensure that the goals the board has put in place continue to be acted upon into fruition. As Immediate Past President, I have intimate knowledge of our issues in California, and having been CANA's Federal Political Director prior to my presidency, I have firsthand knowledge of our national issues. We have a lot of work to do, and I have the edge to stick it out and see it through. Thank you for your kind consideration.

## CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEE



### **Nancy Christiano, DNAP, CRNA**

#### **EDUCATION:**

DNAP, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia – 2012

MSN, University of Southern California – 2002

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** VA Long Beach Medical Center, Long Beach, CA. Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Georgia.

**POSITION STATEMENT:** It is an honor to accept the nomination for CANA trustee. Working as a CRNA for many years in the public and private sectors has fueled my passion to become more involved in advocating for nurse anesthetists and addressing the challenges that we face. Recent federal changes have highlighted the importance of becoming more politically involved. As a trustee, I will endeavor to

advance our profession and overcome political barriers CRNAs face in both the state and federal level. I believe my tenacity will be an asset as a board of trustee and I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you.



### **Gregory Crawford, MSN, CRNA**

#### **EDUCATION:**

MSN, Samuel Merritt University, Oakland, CA – 2013

BSN, University of Nevada, Reno, NV – 2005

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Staff CRNA, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center – South Sacramento, 2013 – present

**POSITION STATEMENT:** My involvement with CANA since 2014 has been a tremendously positive experience. I have been able to network and share ideas with CRNAs at events throughout California, and nationally, and have come to have a greater understanding of what makes a successful professional

organization function well. Whether monitoring state-level legislation for the board, participating in strategic planning sessions to organize a roadmap for the future of CANA, or organizing federal legislative efforts for Mid-Year Assembly as Federal Political Director, it has been an honor to serve the CANA membership. As I have become more involved, I see how important it is to stay engaged with such a dynamic and ever-changing profession. Changes do not come without challenges, however, thus whether advancing California CRNA practice via provision of dental anesthesia permits or defending practice from advancement of AAs, I ask for the opportunity to face these challenges head-on as a CANA trustee.



### **David Guthrie, MSNA, CRNA**

#### **EDUCATION:**

MSNA, Medical University of South Carolina - 2013

BSN, Pennsylvania State University - 2010

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** University of California Irvine

**POSITION STATEMENT:** I am running for the position of Trustee. The careers that we have put countless hours into perfecting are in jeopardy. As a Trustee, I will dedicate my efforts to making sure our members are informed of issues facing our practice and that our profession maintains its standards of independence and continues to differentiate itself from those who threaten our careers.



### **Ameer Ramirez, DNP, CRNA**

#### **EDUCATION:**

DNP, California State University, Fullerton - 2016

MSN, KP School of Anesthesia/CSUF - 2007

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Downey, CA; American Spine Surgery Center, Corona, Ca.

**POSITION STATEMENT:** My experience as a clinical coordinator for the Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia, Downey hospital, a clinician in both independent and team settings has provided me the

opportunity to witness the challenges facing CRNAs in California. With constant changes in Health Care, it is imperative we as nurse anesthetists stand and function as a unified force. I am grateful for the opportunity; and with your consideration, I will be an active voice, dedicated advocate in helping California CRNAs move forward through the ever-evolving climate of health care policy. I humbly request your vote to fulfill the work on your behalf, our members-owners.