

INA 2023 LEADERSHIP CANDIDATE

INA BOARD NEWLY LICENSED DIRECTOR



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What activities are you currently involved with or have been in the past related to INA or ANA?

I attended an INA Legislative Day before I even became a nurse.

What other professional organizations are you involved with?

Sigma Theta Tau; AHEC Scholars

What other elected, appointed offices or community activities relevant to this position have you been involved with?

I am currently serving my community as a City Council member and my church as a Church Council member and treasurer.

Please write a statement that indicates your view on issues facing INA. Indicate why you want to serve in this role and why you are best qualified to carry out the duties of this office? This statement will be shared publicly with the membership.

I came to nursing late in life. I saw how the pandemic was hitting nurses hard and how many were leaving the profession they loved. Certainly there is a need, and for some people who have been successful professionals in other fields, starting over as an associate degree nurse is not a very attractive option. I did a direct-entry (prelicensure) MSN at Viterbo University and graduated last month. I passed NCLEX and am now licensed in Iowa and working on obtaining my Minnesota license. I believe my experience with becoming a new nurse in a nontraditional way may be valuable in opening doors to others in similar circumstances, with a heart to serve and with life experience to share.

In 2030 the youngest of the Baby Boomers hits age 65! Many of our nurses are reaching retirement age, without enough new nurses to step into their place, yet greater and greater need for skilled nurses as the population ages. We need to embrace innovative pathways to nursing careers. I think that's where I can be of benefit, by advocating for the nontraditional pathways.