EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Position Description

(Note: Members on this committee are APPOINTED by the President Elect and approved by the AANA Board of Directors during the upcoming fiscal year)

AANA Vision: AANA is the transformative leader driving innovation and patient-centered excellence in anesthesia and healthcare.
AANA Mission: The AANA advances patient safety and our profession through excellence in practice and service to members.
AANA Member Value Proposition: The AANA is dedicated to advancing its members’ profession and anesthesia patient safety through advocacy, evidence-based practice standards, professional development, and commitment to innovation, collaboration, diverse ideas, experiences, and beliefs.
AANA Core Values: Member Service, Compassion, Professionalism, Advocacy, Innovative Solutions and Diversity and Inclusion
AANA Motto: Safe and effective anesthesia CARE for every patient.

AANA Bylaw Language:

Article VII, Section 5, D: Education Committee

“The Education Committee shall review requirements and standards for programs of nurse anesthesia education and formulate recommendations regarding same for any accreditation entity recognized by the AANA and shall also plan and conduct the assembly of school faculty programs. One student Associate member may be elected to serve on this Committee by the Student Associate Members attending the annual meeting. Two committee members are elected by the attendes at an assembly of school faculty meeting. They each serve an alternating two-year term.”

Term of Office: Begins at the conclusion of the AANA Annual Congress through the following Annual Congress.

Membership Criteria: Members on this committee are selected in three ways:

1) APPOINTED by the President Elect of the AANA. These committee members serve for a one-year term.
2) Two committee members are ELECTED by the attendees at the Assembly of Didactic and Clinical Educators (ADCE). They each serve a staggered two-year term.
3) One committee Student Member is ELECTED by the Students attending the Annual Congress. The student representative serves for a one-year term.

Committee Meetings/Expected Time Commitment: Three meetings per year: (1) Joint Committee Conference (JCC) in September; (2) Assembly of Didactic and Clinical Educators (ADCE) in February; (3) Annual Congress in August. In addition to the formal meetings, business is conducted via e-mail and conference calls between meetings.
Committee Member estimated in-person time commitment: A total of approximately 12 days per year as follows:

- Approximately 3 days for JCC {1-day travel, 2-day meeting}
- Approximately 5 days for ADCE {1-day travel, 1 full day committee meeting, 3 days Assembly responsibilities}
- Approximately 4 days for the AANA Annual Congress* {1-day travel, 1 full day committee meeting, 1-day ADCE, 1-day Student Session, Student Luncheon and College Bowl}

*NOTE: Committee member duties at the Annual Congress occur both just prior to and during 2 days of this meeting. Committee members are typically not obligated for all days of the Annual Congress.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Participates in Committee orientation at JCC and actively participates in Committee meetings.
- Plans the educational program, including identifying speakers, for both of the ADCE meetings; plans and implements the Student Session at the AANA Annual Congress; organizes and manages the AANA College Bowl in conjunction with AANA staff.
- Provides educational session oversight and assists AANA staff with speaker liaison and session management during the ADCE meetings and during education-related activities at the Annual Congress.
- Provides oversight of the Simulation Subcommittee.
- Develops and hosts faculty development workshops as appropriate.
- Monitors trends in nursing, anesthesiology and medicine to determine their impact on nurse anesthesia education.
- Addresses current issues that impact nurse anesthesia education.
- Provides feedback to the COA on educational requirements for nurse anesthesia programs, including revisions to the Standards.
- Implements portions of the AANA strategic plan related to education.
- Promotes the submission of nurse anesthesia education-related articles to the AANA Journal.
- Accepts additional duties delegated to the Committee as deemed advisable by the AANA Board of Directors.

Expense Reimbursement: Expenses related to Education Committee travel and meetings are reimbursed in accordance with the AANA Business Travel and Reimbursement Policy.

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