

MEETINGS

The IENA Board of Directors meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM in the conference room upstairs from the IENA office at 222 W Mission in Spokane. **All members** are welcome to attend.

OPPORTUNITIES AND COMMITTEES

Annual Nurses Celebration / Awards Ceremony Committee Scholarship / Awards Committee

Chooses award and scholarship winners.

Finance / Investment Committee

Reviews the association's financial stability and investments; makes recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Headquarters Committee

Responsible for oversight of the IENA office, policies and procedures, and Administrative Secretary.

Nominations Committee

Compiles list of candidates to fill vacant board positions.

Legislative Reception Committee

Plans and prepares all aspects of the Legislative Reception typically held in October.

Education

Works in conjunction with spring event/Legislative Receptions to determine if IENA will offer CE, then prepares paperwork per WSNA guidelines.

OUR FUNCTION

- ◆ Promote standards of nursing practice, nursing education, and nursing service as defined by the American Nurses Association (ANA).
- ◆ Promote adherence to the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses.
- ◆ Influence legislation, governmental programs, and public health policy.
- ◆ Promote and protect the economic and general welfare for nurses.
- ◆ Provide for the continuing professional development of nurses.
- ◆ Encourage research in nursing and the utilization of research findings as a basis for nursing.
- ◆ Represent nurses and promote relationships with allied, professional, community and local governmental groups and with the public.
- ◆ Assume an active role as consumer advocate in health.
- ◆ Advocate the merits of professional nursing as a career.
- ◆ Meet the qualification requirements as a constituent of WSNA.
- ◆ Promote relationships with local chapters of the State of Washington Associated Nursing



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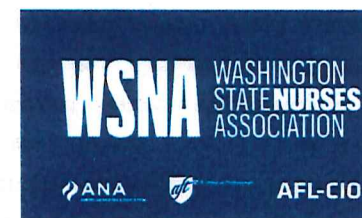
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As a member of WSNA, you are also a member of IENA. IENA is your Regional Nurses Association of the Washington State Nurses Association representing Adams, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens & Whitman counties.



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ABOUT US

In October 1898, nine Spokane Graduate Nurses met and organized the *Spokane County Nurses Association*. In 1909, this association was incorporated and named the *Spokane County Graduate Nurses Association*, the foundation for today's IENA.

In 1908, Washington State Graduate Nurses Association (WSGNA) Convention finalized and adopted the original Articles of Incorporation, and in 1909 the state's first Nurse Practice Act was passed.

Currently, IENA has more than 1800 members.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of IENA shall be to act and speak for the nursing profession and to promote and enhance the accountability and control of nursing practice by the nursing profession through:

- ♦ Working for the improvement and availability of health standards and health care services for all people, fostering high standards of nursing.
- ♦ Stimulating and promoting the professional development of nurses.
- ♦ Advancing economic and general welfare for nurses.

THIS COULD BE YOU!!!

PROMOTE ACTIVE NURSE PARTICIPATION IN LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES!

Join the nurses who sponsor the Legislative Reception, providing nurses in our community the opportunity to network with city, county and state legislators. *Legislative Reception Committee.*

PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING THE PRACTICE OF NURSING!

Recognize your colleagues in Clinical Practice, Leadership, and Lifetime Achievement. Educate graduating nursing students about their professional association at area nursing schools. *Annual Nurses Celebration/Awards Ceremony Committee/Scholarship/Awards Committee.*

ADVANCE IENA AS A MULTIPURPOSE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION!

Share your professional experience by contributing articles for the District Newsletter. Promote WSNA to other practice sites. Promote the nursing profession and advocate for health and safety in our community.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Affiliation with your professional nursing association is positive and beneficial. Membership in ANA and WSNA strengthens our nursing voice in advocating for nursing and healthcare issues at the state and federal level. Additionally, our local association (IENA) strives to keep the local membership informed and offers support to strengthen individual voices. To join, simply download and complete the application from the WSNA website at the link below. WSNA will contact you shortly with a welcome packet and membership card.

<http://www.wsna.org/Membership/Application/documents/application.pdf>

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- ♦ Concurrent membership in WSNA.
- ♦ License to practice as a registered nurse or holding a temporary permit to practice in Washington State or is licensed in another state, District of Columbia, territory or possession of the United States.
- ♦ Lives or is employed within the IENA jurisdictional boundaries.
- ♦ Application for membership in IENA has been accepted.
- ♦ Dues are not delinquent.
- ♦ Membership is not under revocation.
- ♦ Does not have a license under suspension or revocation in any state.