

**Delaware Valley Association of Neonatal Nurses  
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the **DELAWARE VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF NEONATAL NURSES.**

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To promote the highest standards of neonatal nursing practice and education.
2. To assist the neonatal nurse in advancing professional development and economic welfare.
3. To support families and the community.

ARTICLE III GOALS

The goals of this organization shall be:

1. To facilitate an exchange of information between nurses in the neonatal field.
2. To make available to its members a forum for continuing education.
3. To establish a communication network among nurses working in the neonatal field.
4. To support nursing research.
5. To promote awareness of legislative issues that impact neonatal nursing practice and family health.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I Membership in this organization is a privilege and is contingent on concurrent membership in the National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN).

SECTION II Membership of this organization shall not be limited by numbers.

SECTION III Membership shall consist of members as set forth by NANN Bylaws.

SECTION IV A person shall be declared a member upon payment of local and national dues.

SECTION V Dues shall be determined by a majority vote of members and **MAY NOT EXCEED** national dues.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

SECTION I The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Immediate Past President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SECTION II The officers shall be elected by written or electronic ballot, to serve for a term as specified under each description. The term of office shall begin at the first of January following the election.

SECTION III Duties of the officers are as follows:

- A. President: To preside at any official meeting of the Association and to coordinate the work of the officers and committees. To ensure that the objectives and policies of the Association are maintained and promoted. To oversee all officers. To serve a two year term.
- B. President-Elect: To preside at meetings in the absence of the President and to oversee committees & chairpersons. To succeed to the Presidency upon completion of the term as President-Elect or upon vacancy of the office of the President. To serve a one year term.
- C. Secretary: To record the minutes of business and Executive Committee meetings. To conduct official correspondence of the Association. To maintain bylaws and membership records. To serve a two year term.
- D. Treasurer: To be responsible for collection and disbursement of Association funds and to present a statement of financial condition, at least quarterly in general business meetings. To oversee the Finance/Fundraising/Sponsorship of the Association. To serve a two year term.
- E. Immediate Past President: To serve as a resource person to the elected officers and to function in a supportive and collaborative role. To serve a one year term.

SECTION IV Executive Committee meetings shall be held quarterly and as necessary. Meeting time and place shall be arranged by the President.

SECTION V In the event of a resignation or vacancy of an office, nominations shall be sought held at the next business meeting and an election shall be held as soon as possible to fill the office for the un-expired term.

## ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

SECTION I The regular meetings of the Association shall be held quarterly. The meeting time and place shall be arranged by the President or President-Elect.

SECTION II A quorum shall consist of all active members present at the meeting.

SECTION III Each active member present shall be entitled to one vote on matters properly placed before the membership.

ARTICLE VII EXPENDITURES

The President may approve expenditures for DVANN purposes up to \$100.00 per quarter without general membership or Executive Committee approval.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

SECTION I By-laws shall be reviewed annually.

SECTION II The by-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Association by a favorable vote of 2/3 of the members present if a minimum of 15 members are present.

ARTICLE IX RULES AND PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules governing the Association shall be decided upon by a simple majority of members present at any regular business meeting. The rules contained in the most current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall be the parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE X ADOPTION

Originally adopted at a meeting of the **DELAWARE VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF NEONATAL NURSES** on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1993.  
Amended with approval on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

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Thomasine Farrell RNC  
PRESIDENT

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Kameela Miller BSN, RNC  
SECRETARY