

**AFRICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION JAX.**  
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**CHAPTER BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

The African Nurses Association Jacksonville Chapter is a non profit organization formed by nurses from various parts of African Countries with a common aim and ambition. It consists of Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Nurse Assistants.

**MISSION**

As a not-for-profit organization dedicated to help the poor and the less fortunate in our society, our mission is to: -

- Relieve pain and suffering caused by disease conditions that could be cured or controlled.
- Provide access to simple but important medical equipment and supplies needed to diagnose medical conditions heal wounds or treat disease processes.
- Prevent the spread of communicable diseases by providing free community health promotion and disease prevention education.
- Provide help and serve as mentor to our sisters and brothers from Africa.

**GOALS**

Within the above mission, our goals are to: -

- Assist the underprivileged and poor citizens and immigrants who are uninsured in preventive health screenings like mammograms and Pap's smear.
- Educate the community to understand ways to prevent medical problems associated with Maternal and Child Health, Hypertension, Diabetes, Stroke, Cancer of various types, HIV, AIDS and many other diseases.
- Educate the community on ways to prevent and or stop abuse of children, women and the elderly in our community.

- Provide medical equipment and supplies to hospitals and clinics in Africa and respond to tragedies.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Monthly meetings for Association updates
- Occasional volunteered at local homeless shelters to feed the homeless
- Organize continuous education for professional development to the members.
- Hold conference annually to work in collaboration with other professional association.
- Annual symposium, black history month celebration, fashion shows, etc.
- Trip to African Country of choice at least annually
- Mentors to our youths and the community.
- To assist and support those who have been afflicted with pain and suffering

## **ARTICLE II**

### **MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

Individuals may be accepted as members and may remain as members who are:

- a. Licensed to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in Florida.
- b. Actively engaged in or primarily interested in healthcare.
- c. Willing to participate in planned programs and activities of the chapter.
- d. Pay the appropriate dues assign by the chapter.
- e. Currently enrolled in an entry level nursing program which leads to eligibility for the NCLEX examination upon graduation.

- f. Board of Directors has the right to remove or demote any member whose conduct does not fit ethics of the chapter.

## ARTICLE III

### DUES

Dues for members shall be as follows:

- a. Each member shall pay dues as specified by the membership of the chapter on the recommendations of the board of directors.
- b. The board of directors of the chapter shall have the right to impose special assessments.
- c. The board of directors of the chapter shall have the right to exempt members from payment of dues on the basis of illness, undue hardship, or other acceptable reason, if submitted in writing 45 days before the date dues are to be paid.
- d. Chapter dues shall be paid by December 31st of each year, covering membership for the next year.
- e. Newly accepted members shall pay dues for the current year upon being notified of their acceptance into the chapter.
- f. If dues are not paid within six months of the due date, the member will forfeit all rights accorded to members.
- g. Dues will be set by a 60% majority vote of current, active members. Dues rates may be changed only once per year.
- h. **Yearly due shall be set at \$50.00 per year and one time fee of \$5.00 for life time membership.**

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **MEETING**

Chapter meetings shall be held at first Friday of each month or may change under the discretion of the board of directors.

Voting rights shall be allotted to members only.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The control of the chapter shall be vested in the board of directors. The board of directors shall consist of the president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president and other officers as deemed necessary by the chapter but must remain as an odd number. The board of directors shall manage the affairs of the chapter in conformity with laws under which the chapter is formed and in accordance with these bylaws.

- a. The board of directors shall meet at least once a month at a time and place designated by the president.
- b. The board of directors shall conduct the general business of the chapter in the period between business meetings.
- c. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called at any time by the president or by the president upon written request by any two members of the board. Written notice shall be forwarded to each board member not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Each officer of this chapter shall be a member of this chapter. To be eligible to serve as an officer, a member must have been current on dues and have attended 50% of the meetings in the year previous to the election.

The officers of the chapter shall consist of the president, president-elect, secretary/treasurer and other officers as deemed necessary.

Vacancies of the officers of the chapter shall be filled by appointment of the board of directors until an election by the general membership can be held.

**President:** It shall be the duty of the president to chair all meetings of the chapter, and to see that the rules are properly enforced in all deliberations of the chapter. The president shall be an ex-official member of all committees.

**Vice President:** It shall be the duty of the Vice president to serve as the President of the Chapter when the President is unable to attend meetings or functions. The Vice President will perform other duties as requested to assist the President in Chapter Business.

**Secretary:** It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the meetings of the chapter and to keep a register of the membership with the date of admission and the place of residence. The secretary shall send notices of all meetings to the membership at least two weeks in advance.

**Treasurer:** It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep the accounts of the chapter and to collect all monies due the chapter and deposit such funds. The treasurer shall be authorized by the board to expend such funds as are necessary in the payment of the expenses of the chapter and to keep accurate records of them. The treasurer shall provide at least 60 days notice of the amount and time dues are to be paid.

The Secretary and Treasurer and the President or the Vice President's signature will be required for any money transaction or withdrawal from the bank.

## **ARTICLE VII- FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the chapter shall be from January 1 through December 31.

## **ARTICLE VIII – GIFTS**

This chapter shall have the power to accept gifts and grants.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**President:**

Emmanuel Appiadu, RN, BSN

**Vice President:**

Uzo Umerah, RN, BSN

**Secretary:**

Lorraine Nicco-Annan, LPN

**Treasurer:**

Aisha Salau, LPN

**Board member#1:**

Chin Igbokwe, RN, BSN

**Board member#2:**

Cecelia Sumo, RN

**Board member#3:**

Sodinie Tchuisse, RN

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Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

One time membership fee of \$ 5.00  
Dues are \$50.00 per year for local chapter membership, due each  
December.

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