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The Year in ANNA History

Looking Back: 1969-1970



Bernice Hinckley
President

The Year in Review

- The success of a 1968 dialysis symposium for physicians and nurses in Philadelphia led to the announcement of a formal educational program for nurses the following year.
- In Atlantic City in April 1969, a formal educational meeting, “A Dialysis Symposium for Nurses,” was sponsored by the Kidney Disease Control Program under the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.
- During this historic meeting in Atlantic City, a small group of nephrology nurses met to formally begin a new organization.
- During the Atlantic City Meeting, the name American Association for Nephrology Nurses (AANN) was formally adopted for the new nursing organization.
- In Atlantic City, AANN held its first elections, developed its charter and bylaws, and established its membership fee of \$2.50.
- Bernice I. Hinckley was elected as the Association’s first President.
- The new organization spent the following year promoting networking with other dialysis professionals and industry sponsors as well as implementing plans to increase its membership.
- The First Annual AANN National Symposium, held in Washington, DC in April 1970 in conjunction with ASAIO, attracted 450 registrants. Proceedings from the symposium were published.

