

Meet the 2016 Candidates

Greetings MoANA members,

Please see your 2016 slate of candidates below. We appreciate the willingness of all of these candidates to serve and help protect and advance the practice of nurse anesthesia in Missouri.

Thanks for all you do.

Kelli Pryor
MoANA President



President Elect **Jean Covillo, CRNA, MA, APRN**

Jean Covillo received her BSN at the University of Kansas in Kansas City and a Master of Arts degree in 1992 from the University of Kansas City, (UMKC) and Truman School of Nurse Anesthesia. With close to twenty five years' experience as a CRNA, including twenty years in private practice as an Owner/Manager of an all CRNA company, I have had ample opportunity to identify and work within the Missouri "system" toward goal oriented solutions aimed at removing obstacles preventing Missouri CRNA advancement. I have been privileged to serve MoANA both as a Region I director, and now as Vice President and would consider it a privilege to continue advocating on behalf of Missouri CRNAs as President Elect.



Vice President **Mike Nichols, DNAP, MSNA, CRNA**

Michael Nichols graduated from Missouri State University DNAP completion program 2016. He resides in Missouri and works as the Chief CRNA at the University of Missouri Columbia. As part of his work at the University, he has acquired two new practice facilities. He has served as region V director for MOANA and is the FPD for MOANA. He started an affiliation with both Webster University Nurse anesthesia students as well as Missouri State University Nurse anesthesia students. He serves as clinical site coordinator as well as adjunct faculty at both universities. He developed a peripheral nerve block program in a community hospital in Lebanon, Missouri, and has published research in ultrasound in OB anesthesia.



Secretary **Christin Stoner, DNAP, MS, CRNA**

Christin Stoner received her BS in Nursing from University of Missouri - Columbia in 2005. She received her MS in Nurse Anesthesia in 2014 and her DNAP in 2016 from Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. As a student she participated in MoANA, attended Lobby Day as well as Mid Year Assembly in Washington, DC. As Secretary, she was on the committee responsible for updating the MoANA website. She works at University Hospital in Columbia, MO. Christin currently serves as Secretary for MoANA and is seeking a second term.



Treasurer **Corry Coopmans, MS, CRNA**

Corry Coopmans, CRNA, received his BS in Nursing from the University of Missouri -Columbia in 1992. He graduated from the University of Kansas Nurse Anesthesiology Program in 1996. Corry currently works as a CRNA at Metro West Anesthesia Group in St. Louis. Corry has served as a member of the Wellness Committee and has been selected twice to be a lecturer for MOANA continuing education conferences. Corry most recently served as Region IV Director.



Region I (One-Year Term)
Mitch Simmons, DNAP, CRNA

Mitch Simmons has been a practicing CRNA in the Kansas City area since 2005, having received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Missouri, Kansas City (UMKC) and Truman Medical Center's School of Nurse Anesthesia. This past August, he completed his Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice degree from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas.

"Since entering the nurse anesthesia profession, I have had the opportunity to work in a variety of practice settings. I have been employed by two private anesthesia groups, was on the faculty of Truman Medical Center's School of Nurse Anesthesia and provide care as a solo practitioner here in Kansas City. With this varied experience, as well as the advanced education in health care policy I received at Texas Wesleyan, I hope to work with the MoANA board in developing innovative solutions to the challenges facing our profession as Region I Director. Thank you for your consideration



Region II
Lindsay Banta, CRNA

Lindsay Banta graduated with honors from the University of Missouri- Columbia with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing in 2007. She spent several years as a critical care RN at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO and Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, GA. In the spring of 2014, she graduated from Webster University's Nurse Anesthesia program and took a full time position with Metrowest Anesthesia in St. Louis. Lindsay also spends her time volunteering at a women's domestic violence shelter and attended a medical mission trip to Tegucigalpa, Honduras to provide anesthesia services for the needy. She is currently a full time CRNA at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO.



Region IV
Thomas McHugh, CRNA

Thomas McHugh, has been a CRNA and AANA member since 1983. He received his BSN from Excelsior College in 2012. He graduated from Berkshire Medical Center School of Anesthesia in 1983 and has over 30 years of experience in community, military and academic hospital settings. He has presented at state and national level meetings and participated in research published in peer reviewed journals.



Region IV
Michael Mueller, CRNA

Michael Mueller graduated from Barnes Hospital School of Anesthesia at Washington University in 1984. He has a BA from Columbia College in St. Louis. He is a member of the clinical staff at DePaul Hospital in St. Louis and a clinical instructor for students from Webster University and Southern University of Illinois-Edwardsville. He previously served as co-editor of THE AIRWAY, MoANA's newsletter.



Region V (One-Year Term)
Joshua Britton, MS, MFT, MSNA, CRNA

Joshua Britton discovered the field of nurse anesthesia after working for several years as a Marriage and Family Therapist with a focus on addictive disorders. He was the primary family therapist at an inpatient drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility and had the opportunity to work closely with numerous CRNAs and anesthesiologists. These experiences that lead him to pursue a career in anesthesia. He completed his nursing degree at Texas Tech University, followed by his Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia from the University of South Carolina. After graduation he took a position at the University of Missouri Healthcare System. He is currently the Associate Chief CRNA at the Women's and Children's Hospital and the Missouri Center for Outpatient Surgery. "I am committed to serving MoANA and the CRNAs in the state of Missouri to protect the well-being of the CRNA profession."