## National Association of Nephrology Technicians/Technologists

# Ballot for 2017 Officers and Directors



# **President-Elect Candidate**

## William Macias CHT

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Technical Operations Manager, Satellite Health, Inc.



#### **Leadership Positions**

- 2011—13 Southwest Region Vice President
- 2016—17 Chapter Affairs
  Awards
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2015 Compliance Advocate of the Year-Satellite Healthcare, Inc.

#### **Position Statement**

One of the most important issues facing NANT is increasing our membership and retaining our members. As President Elect, I would take an active role in reaching out to past and current members to identify what additional value we as an organization can bring to dialysis professionals. My commitment to increase membership will allow NANT to pull from dialysis professionals with a different perspective for future meeting and symposiums.

I'm organized, focused and I'm a result driven individual. These are important traits for the NANT President Elect.

## Secretary-Treasurer Candidate

Heather Paradis Director of Biomedical Services,

Fresenius Medical Care



#### Leadership Experience

- 2006 09 NANT Northwest Regional VP
- 2009—14 Presidentelect, President and Immediate Past President

- 2009—17 Idaho Chapter President
- 2014—15 Water Treatment Manual Director
- 2015—17 NANT Secretary-Treasurer

#### Awards:

- Torchbearer Awards
- Dennis Kennedy Chapter Award
- President Award
- NANT Mark Rolston Award
- NKF Leadership award

#### **Position Statement**

I have an in-depth knowledge of board operation processes. I sit on multiple boards within the Rodeo community as well as my past experience with Dialysis boards. I have a lot of experience as a secretary/treasurer and this will allow me to continue to advance NANT in the direction we need to take the organization to grow. I am well connected to the dialysis industry and this will be important relationships to continue to partner with in order to accomplish the goals NANT has for the future.

The largest challenge I see is the need to continue to promote the dialysis technician/ technologist by advancing the education level in an effort to ensure the best quality care for our patients. Budget cuts throughout the industry have made this a challenge for everyone. My goal would be to find creative ways to offer educational advancement opportunities at an affordable and easy to access way for the dialysis technician/technologist.

I hope to continue to seek new ways to grow the organization and up the level of education available to the Dialysis technician/ technologist. My job will be to continue to find the ways to grow the organization in a financially challenged industry and offer the most value added possible to our membership.

# Northeast Regional Vice President Candidate

## Clarica J. Douglas, CHT

Renal dialysis technician, Medstar Good Samaritan



## **Leadership Positions:**

- 2014—2015 Symposium **Committee Member**
- Vice President Baltimore Chapter
- 2015—2017 Northeast **Regional Vice President**

Awards

• Dennis Kennedy Chapter Development Award

#### Position Statement

My goal is to educate technicians. I am actively involved in planning dialysis conferences and symposis. I love making sure we have interesting and engaging conferences for all attending.

One day I hope to be NANT president. As a vice president, I stay engaged with the technicians and stay in touch with what's going on in the centers. This way I can effectively see how to educate.

In Maryland, the complaint is everything is costly. We pay for CPR, for continuing, your Nursing Assistant license and CHT or CCHT. All these are mandatory as well as raising children and maintaining everyday life. As a director of the chapter, we have costs as well, but I have managed to find ways to make coming in on your day off cost effective and enjoyable, educational and fun.

## Southeast Regional Vice President Candidates

## **Rosa Watson Albert, CHT, CCHT**

Dialysis Technician Externship Director, Blue Cliff College

#### **Leadership Positions**

- Vice President, Southeast Region
- President, Louisiana Chapter
- Louisiana NKF Board

#### Awards

- Torchbearer Award 2008, 2010, 2012
- Dennis Kennedy Chapter Development 2009
- LA National Kidney Foundation Kidney Hero 2015

#### Position Statement

The advancement of biomedical technicians role is an issue facing the dialysis community today. NANT needs to help provide as many possible ways for technicians to earn the contact hours they need to achieve and maintain their certification.

I enjoy giving back to the profession that I truly care about and as I continue my role as Southeast Regional Vice President, my goal is to encourage the dialysis technician to become more involved in their profession.

## Brenda Rickards, CHT, CCHT-A

Medical Instrument Technician, VA Medical Center - Columbia

### Awards

#### **Position Statement**

- 2016 NKF Scholarship Recipient
- Juvenile Diabetes
- Team Captain Veteran Affairs Leadership Program

**Leadership Positions** 

2013-Present SC Palmetto Chapter President

Education that will assist us with the growing diverse population of patients is crucial. Heroin addiction, chemotherapy medications, English as a second language, and accommodating patients with service animals are a small sample of issues the dialysis community faces today.

I am a very outgoing person and I love to meet people and enable creation of new innovative ideas and delivery of exemplary patient care. I have also served as a dialysis technician on 8 Dialysis @ Sea Cruises and had the opportunity to meet staff and patients from around the globe.

As the Southeast Regional Vice President, I hope to build synergistic relationships with diverse groups of people to collaborate and communicate new and fresh trailblazing technology and ideas to include Tele-Health.



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# North Central Regional Vice President Candidates

## Leslie Dottery, CCHT

CCHT, PCT II, Fresenius Kidney Care

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	• Outstanding Reviews for Patient Care	A major hurdle of dialysis today is reaching undeveloped areas. There are a lot of technicians in my area are unaware of NANT. I'd like to share with them the benefits of a partnership with NANT. National input and insight to share with others in the nephrology world is vital.
		As a Regional Vice President, my goals will be to reach a wide variety of technicians, encourage education, patient safety, improve quality of life for all.

## Maria Karen Magnaye, CCHT, CPT, FSSMC

Part Time Dialysis and Phlebotomy Program Instructor, Midwestern Career College and Fox Valley Dialysis

	Awards	Position Statement
	• Preceptor Award	To participate and support National Association of Nephrology Techni- cians/Technologists advocacy and inspire all dialysis technicians to whole heartedly perform their duties and responsibilities to care for the patients.
		As the North Central Regional VP, I will encourage more participation through membership and community services. I will continue serve, man- age and assist NANT to be successful in everything planned. I will develop more activities that can help increase funds and finances of NANT. I will encourage all members to follow state compliance requirements. I will be able to accomplish these tasks and more through teamwork, flexibility, and a willingness to listen to suggestions.

## Georgia Stroud, CCHT

Lead Technician, DSI - Duneland Dialysis - Coffee Creek



### Leadership Positions

2015—17 North Central Regional Vice President

## **Position Statement**

Technicians are there to provide a service. We should know all that is available about our job and how it affects our patients. We are required by our employer(s) to deliver quality care. To accomplish this, we must be informed and kept up to date on what is going on across our nation and not just in our own back yard. We need to mentor and help new staff to be well informed and share any and all information so that they will continue to excel in their dialysis career as well.

I am not biased to any ONE dialysis company, I approach people and can relate and understand any job related to the dialysis profession.

My goal is to continue to increase memberships and chapters within the North Central Region.

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# **2017 Election Process**

Voting for the NANT Officers and Directors can be done by faxing your ballot by noon, ET, 17 February OR by voting at the NANT Annual Symposium by noon on 21 February 2017.

All ballots will be counted on Tuesday afternoon, 21 February 2017 and the winners will be announced at the State of the Association session on Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 pm.

To validate your ballot, you must SIGN your ballot. Only ballots from current NANT members will be counted.

# BALLOT - Please either mail or fax to 937.586.3699 by noon 17 February ET OR vote at the NANT Symposium by noon on 21 February 2017.

## President-Elect

William Macias, CHT

# Southeast Regional Vice President

- Rosa Watson Albert, CHT, CCHT
- Brenda Rickards, CHT, CCHT-A

## Secretary-Treasurer

Heather Paradis, CCHT, CHT

## **Northeast Regional Vice President**

Clarica J. Douglas, CHT

## North Central Regional Vice President

- Leslie Dottery, CCHT
- Maria Karen Magnaye, CCHT, CPT, FSSMC
- Georgia Stroud, CCHT

Please vote for just ONE candidate for each position.

To VALIDATE your vote, you MUST sign your name below:

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