

The July 26, 2009 FNA Emergency House of Delegates has been postponed

The ANA Board of Directors have decided to end their affiliation agreements with the United American Nurses (UAN) and the Center for American Nurses (The Center). Subsequently, the dues that ANA previously sent to us to pay those entities will now be kept by ANA. They have decided to now send one half of the amount that they previously sent to assist the states in continuing the relationships with UAN and The Center. The Center has indicated that they will accept that rebate amount as their dues for the coming year. However, the UAN will still require their full dues amount. This creates a dues deficit of approximately \$40 per UAN member in Florida. To ease the financial burden for this first year going forward, the ANA will rebate to the state organizations one-half of the membership dues for UAN [collective bargaining] and the Center [workforce advocacy] members. Several alternatives for bridging the UAN dues deficit are being explored at this time, one of which would entail a dues increase and the other which would not, but would constitute a change in membership status. We believe that it is premature then to continue with our earlier plans for an emergency FNA House of Delegates until all options are known. It is possible that we will be able to resolve the immediate issue outside of the House of Delegates. But in the event that we do need a House of Delegates, we have set the alternate date of Saturday, September 27, 2008 a dues increase vote, or other bylaw changes are needed which would require 60 days notice. Once the options have been determined, we will make the official notice. We appreciate the work that our District leaders have done in bringing their delegation up-to-date on this important issue. We will keep you informed as our work progresses. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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