

ing year. The new leadership team is:

- President: Ynden Lizardo
- First Vice President: Dylan Albert
- Second Vice President: Devin Nowakowski
- Secretary/Treasurer: Adisa Somalia
- Region 1 Director: Ifeadi Ofokansi
- Region 2 Director: Lily Garza
- Region 3 Director: Lena Limmer
- Region 4 Director: Colton Denby
- Region 5 Director: Judelyn Placide
- Region 6 Director: Ivis Mendoza
- Region 7 Director: Kenny Bholanauth
- Hotline Editor: Lady Rose Arsenio

These newly elected leaders will represent students across Florida, oversee committees, support statewide initiatives, strengthen chapter engagement, and advance the mission of the Florida Nursing Students Association throughout the 2025–2026 year. They will also help to prepare the next board for a change in

structure initiated by bylaws changes that changed regional lines and reorganized the board roles and structure.

The convention concluded on Friday morning with the Post-Conference Board Meeting and Breakfast, where newly elected officers transitioned into their roles. Delegates and attendees departed with new knowledge, strengthened leadership skills, and a renewed sense of purpose as future registered nurses.

The 2025 FNSA Convention celebrated not only the accomplishments of individual students and chapters but also the collective strength of Florida's nursing student community. United by dedication, guided by service, and committed to excellence, these future nurses continue to shape the profession's future—one convention, one resolution, and one leadership moment at a time. ■

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Florida Nurses Association Opens Membership to Licensed Practical Nurses

The Florida Nurses Association is proud to announce a landmark decision made at the 2025 FNA Membership Assembly: Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) are now eligible for membership in the association. This historic step reflects FNA's ongoing commitment to fostering unity, strengthening the nursing profession, and supporting every nurse who contributes to the health and well-being of Floridians.

By welcoming LPNs into the association, FNA is embracing a more collaborative and inclusive future—one that

recognizes the essential role LPNs play in patient care across diverse settings. This decision enhances opportunities for professional connection, shared advocacy, and collective impact, ensuring that all nurses in Florida have a strong and unified voice.

At the national level, the **American Nurses Association (ANA)** is currently exploring a similar membership expansion. While ANA membership for LPNs is not yet available, FNA's change positions LPNs to seamlessly advance their profes-

sional engagement. If ANA approves LPN membership, FNA members who are LPNs will be able to upgrade their membership to include ANA as well, gaining access to national resources, advocacy efforts, and professional support.

FNA looks forward to welcoming LPNs into its community and working together to elevate the profession. This milestone marks a shared commitment to collaboration, respect, and unity among all who provide nursing care in Florida. ■

