

The Third Term (2011–2012)



Dr. Solymole Kuruvilla was the president during the third time many of the established activities continued to flourish. Through collaborative participation with other organizations at both local and national levels NAINA became a recognized entity in the United States nursing professional arena and within the Indian community. Major activities included a successful pre-conference seminar to lure our fellow Indian nurses to glimpse of what was yet to come followed by a successful third biennial education conference in New York.

Tele-conferences with contact hours were initiated to keep our fellow nurse as abreast with the modern trends in nursing. A mentoring program was initiated during this term which became very useful to our fellow nurses. Another highlight during this term was the formation of a new chapter in Atlanta, Georgia.

HIGHLIGHTS - NAINA 2011-2012

- Ensured compliance with the new 501 (c) (3) status acquisition : Revised bylaws, biannual and annual reports from Chapter presidents and committee chairs were made as requirements and NAINA GB was educated on compliance requirements.
- NAINA became an affiliate of Asian American and Pacific Islander Nurses Association (AAPINA) and through AAPINA, obtained membership at the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurses Association (NCEMNA) and members took advantage of the benefits with excitement
- Inception of new chapters - Indian Nurses Association of North Carolina (INA- NC) and Georgia Indian Nurses Association (GINA)'s framework was in near completion. Efforts were progressing towards uniting Indian nurses in Oklahoma and Missouri.
- Established direct individual memberships for nurses residing in states that do not have established chapters to allow inclusion in NAINA
- The election committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Lydia Albuquerque who spearheaded the committee in establishing the election process for the election of leadership for the future terms.
- Initiated Mentorship program

- First ever virtual (Teleconference) educational program with contact hours was conducted on the topic, Leadership in the Conceptual Age by Dr. Abraham Philip
- Professional involvement with Federation of Malayalee Association of North America (FOMAA) - President Dr. Kuruvilla was one of the invited special guests and panelists at the Professional Summit, Bridging of the Minds in which unique professional and personal challenges along with triumphant secrets were shared.
- Benevolence Endeavors-
 - Partnered with Japanese Red Cross Society to help the victims of 2011 devastating Tsunami
 - Financial support provided to families of nurses who lost their lives on December 9, 2011, in the AMIRI Hospital fire in Kolkata, India

NAINA Pre-conference seminar was conducted to include nurses of tristate in preparation for the upcoming Biennial conference which was attended by more than 150 nurses

- Third NAINA Biennial Educational Conference was held at Westchester Marriot, NY and it was a productive and memorable conference. Collaboration with TNAI, Trained Nurses Association of India, and presence of TNAI president was another highlight.