

# AANN 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented jointly by the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
with the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing and the  
Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation



# Connecting Educating Inspiring



The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN), and the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF) present the 2020 Annual Report. Together, we are the three pillars driving neuroscience nursing excellence. This report highlights our accomplishments from March 2020 through April 2021 and looks at our goals for the duration of 2021.

During a difficult year, we kept our mission and strategic plan in mind and made great strides in the areas of membership, engagement, education, and advocacy. We kept the needs of neuroscience nurses at the forefront and found new ways to provide education and support for our members and certificants.

AANN led several initiatives to support its members and all nurses during this time:

- We extended the amount of time members had to renew their membership and pay their dues by 30 days.
- We offered a 20% discount on products during Neuroscience Nurses Week.
- We hosted free monthly webinars offering CE contact hours.
- We allowed students and recent graduates to join AANN for free.
- We collaborated with the American Nurses Association to offer well-being and mental health resources.

The 2020 AANN Annual Meeting theme, *Illuminating Opportunities in a Time of Change*, was a driving force for our work this past year. We had to illuminate opportunities in a time of change and uncertainty when the 2020 Annual Meeting was cancelled due to the coronavirus. AANN pivoted the Stroke Conference and International Neuroscience Nursing Research Symposium (INNRS) in August 2020 to virtual conferences. We were proud to provide dynamic education in a virtual setting for the first time. And in January 2021, AANN hosted the inaugural Neuroscience Advanced Practice Provider Educational Meeting as a virtual event.

During a difficult 2020, ABNN supported certificants by launching a certification toolkit. This toolkit includes education about the benefits of certification and sample letters to leadership to help make the case for certification. They also added a fourth exam window in 2020 and allowed applicants to postpone their exam window because of COVID. ABNN is currently investigating options for remote proctoring and hopes to have more information available soon.

AMWF supported neuroscience nurses by creating a membership grant to cover the cost of membership dues and continued to provide grants for research, leadership, and educational pursuits.

We thank you for your continued support and invite you to get involved!

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## AANN MISSION

AANN leads neuroscience health through engagement, education, and advocacy.

## AANN VISION

AANN is indispensable to nurses and neuroscience health care.

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

AANN represents a diverse population of nurses pursuing excellence in neuroscience practice. Our organization is strengthened by our support of members regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability, or life experiences. It is through inclusion that we foster and respect the diverse ideas, opinions, and thoughts that ensure that AANN will continue to excel, innovate, and encourage learning and leadership. Embracing and celebrating our differences through diversity and inclusion ensures an environment of respect and engagement that will contribute to the growth and viability of the AANN organization.

# AANN's 2020–2022 strategic plan focuses on three main goal areas:



## **Membership and Engagement:**

Nurture an inclusive, engaged community. Involve others in decisions affecting them.



## **Education:**

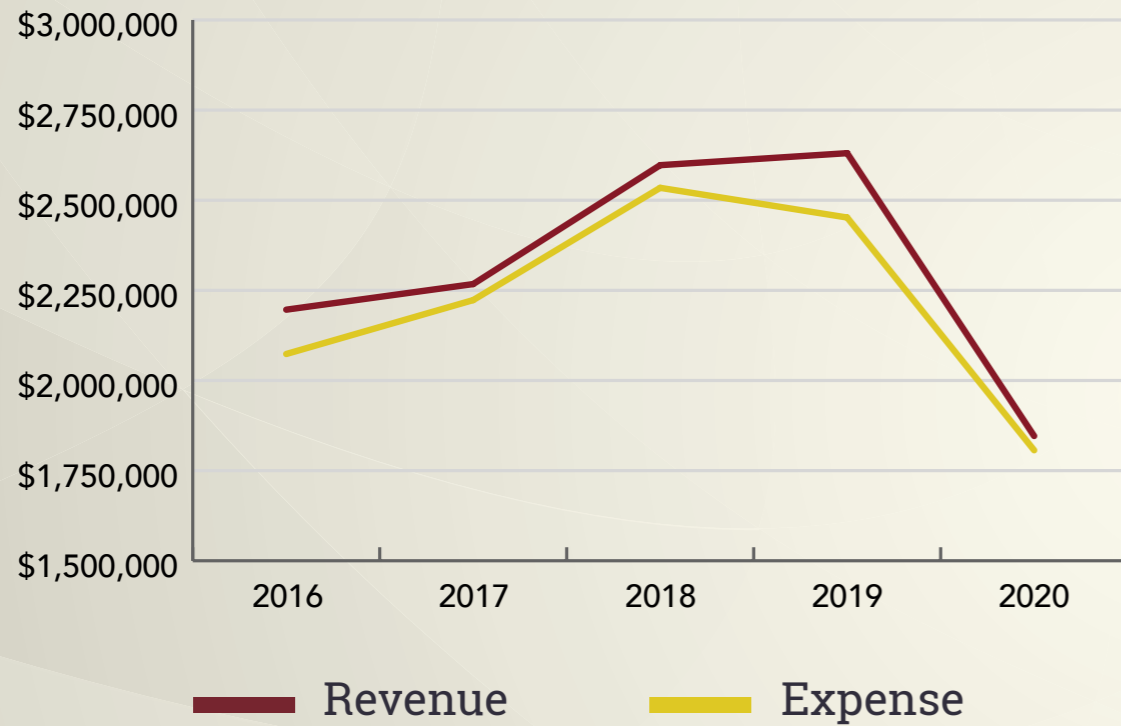
Provide dynamic, relevant educational experiences.



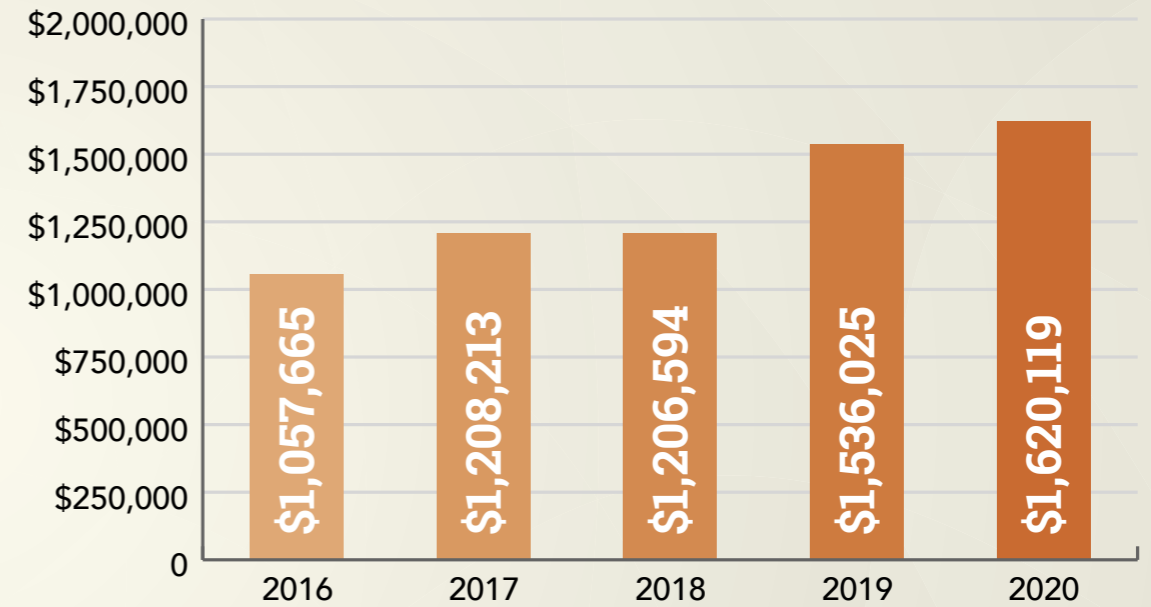
## **Advocacy:**

Represent and advocate for neuroscience health.

# AANN's 2020 Financial Activity

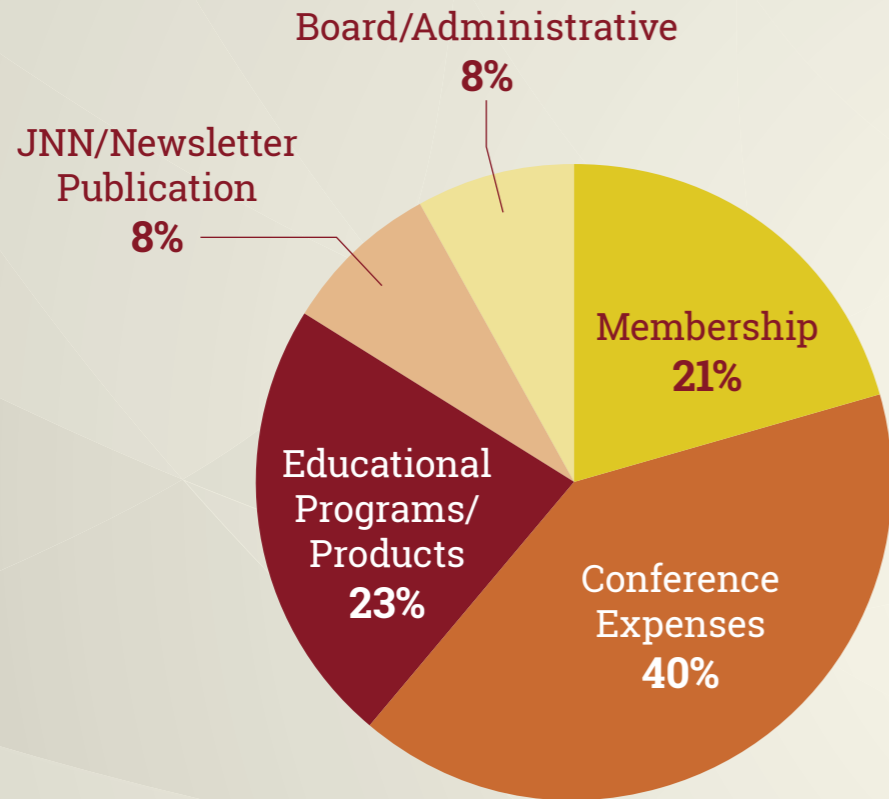


2020 Operating Trends

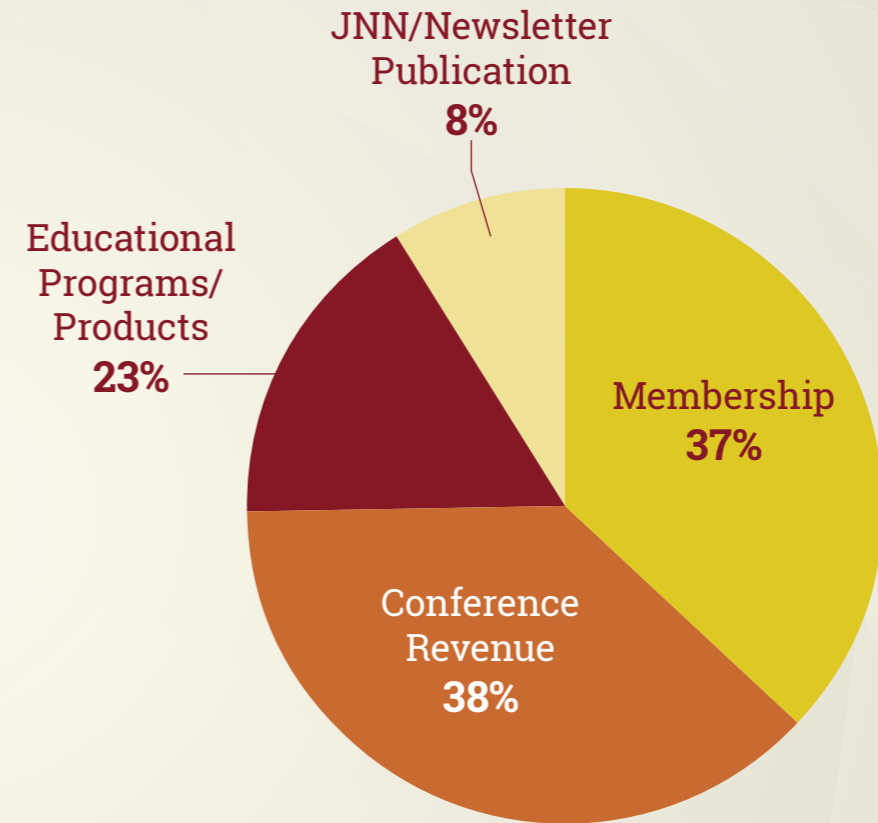


2020 Net Assets

# AANN's 2020 Financial Activity



2020 Operating Expenses



2020 Revenue Sources





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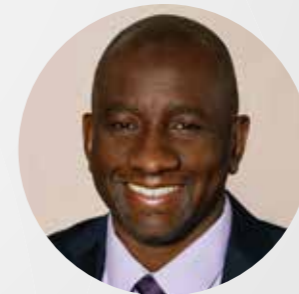
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## ABNN MISSION

To promote and advance the practice of neuroscience nursing through specialty certification.

## ABNN VISION

Every person with neurological health needs will receive care from ABNN-certified registered nurses.

### ABNN'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUSES ON THREE MAIN GOAL AREAS:



**Provide certification services.**



**Identify and promote the value of ABNN certification and certificate programs.**



**Promote a strategic and sustainable organizational structure.**

## 2020 CNRN Data

**441**  
applicants

**248**  
new CNRNs

**4,324**  
total  
certificants

**60%**  
recertification  
rate

**CNRN**  
Certified Neuroscience  
Registered Nurse

## 2020 SCR N Data

**1,498**  
applicants

**1,065**  
new SCRNs

**5,873**  
total  
certificants

**51%**  
recertification  
rate

**SCRN**

Stroke Certified  
Registered Nurse



# Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF)

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# Thank you to everyone who donated to AMWF in 2020.

*We appreciate your generous support of neuroscience education.*

## AMWF MISSION

Supporting neuroscience nursing through education, research, professional development, and certification to promote excellence in patient care.

### PLATINUM (\$1,000+)

Michele Gritaitis-Reyes

Judith C. Limenson

Anonymous

### GOLD (\$500-\$999)

Pat Lane

MoKan Blues Chapter of AANN

Kyna Seale

Linda Littlejohns

DaiWai Olson

Valerie D. Lyttle

Flora and Michael Salvo

### SILVER (\$200-\$499)

Boston Chapter of AANN

Andrea L. Strayer

Lourdes Januszewicz

Triangle Chapter of AANN

Rachel Malloy

Virginia Prendergast

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## BRONZE (\$50-\$199)

Ann Bates	Debra Ferguson	Heidi W. Maloni	Rosemary Powell
Tracey M. Berlin	Kathryn Funk	Debra Marley	Robin Reed Jones
Tiffany Bogart	Beverly A. Gish	Joyce McIntyre	Michael Rogers
Suzanne Byczynski	Mary McKenna Guanci	Norma D. McNair	Gordon Siu
Susan M. Chioffi	Robin Jones	Janet Morrison	Carol Wilson
Shannon Doerhoff	Lisa Klein	Madona D. Plueger	Evana Yates
	Jennifer Lobo Edwards	Kelly Podkowa	

## SUPPORTERS (\$1-\$49)

Lucy A. Amenyio	Maria Kaminsky	Lindsey Patterson	Jamie Sands
LeighAnn Brown	Joyce Kern	Erieka Peyton	Ingrid Santa Maria
Erna Edejer-Lacebal	Sarah Knorr	Tonya Phillips Disorbo	Lisa Haefeli Schultz
Susan B. Fowler	Twyila Lay	Terrese Price	Nancy Shiles
Elizabeth Frederick	Rebecca Macmillan	Jean Pruitt	Tonia Swensen Brendel
Esmerelda Gonzalez Singh	Nan Morgan	Renee Richard	Christina L. Taylor
Megan S. Handy	Patti Ogden	Lee Rink	Luann K. Vachon
Ellen Harvey	Margaret O'Malley	Haley Robinson	Marianne Vyas
Jennifer Ray Johnson	Lana M. Pasek	Mary Ellen Rush	Leah Zamora

# Awards



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PATIENT CARE AWARD**

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# AMWF Grant Recipients

More than \$22,000 in grants were awarded by AMWF between March 2020 and April 2021. Since 2014, AMWF has granted more than \$147,000 to 202 nurses!

## 2020 GRANTS

### CNRN OR SCRNP CERTIFICATION GRANT

Heather Dicristina  
Kathryn Wright  
Kellie Capone  
Lisa Wasko  
Samantha Doucoure  
Victorina Malones

### RECERTIFICATION GRANT

Amy Coffman  
Tiffany Muhly

### VIRTUAL STROKE CONFERENCE GRANT

Debra Marley  
Jennifer Munksgard  
Luann Vachon  
Matthew Johnson  
Megan Elsass  
Tennille Creekmore

### RESEARCH GRANT

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### VIRTUAL INNRS GRANT

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James Montegrigo  
Magdalena Deaton  
Rennan Ribeiro  
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## 2021 GRANTS

### VIRTUAL AANN ANNUAL MEETING GRANT

Cindy Cabrera  
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Penny Amos  
Aaron Lowenkamp  
Molly Malnor  
Clarenne Mathieson  
Stephanie Welch

### MEMBERSHIP GRANT

Sarah Rueda  
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### CNRN OR SCRNP CERTIFICATION GRANT

Kimberly Ott

### VIRTUAL NEURO-APP CONFERENCE GRANT

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