

2020 Outstanding Chapter Award
Tampa Bay Chapter
Nominated by Karen Wilson



Our Tampa Bay AANN Chapter is in the beautiful Tampa Bay area on the west coast of Florida. We are made up of numerous hospitals throughout the greater Tampa Bay region with Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Nurses that care for Neuroscience patients. We have a website as well as a Facebook page to keep our members up to date. Our meetings are held every other month with yearly Chapter dues of \$20/year which are paid through the AANN website. We average 45-50 Chapter members that attend these wonderful Neuroscience education meetings. In 2017, 2018 and this year, we were able to offer additional educational dinner meetings due to the increased interest in Neuroscience topics. It has become easier to find sponsors because board members have developed positive relationships with many sponsors. Board members are consistently notified by past sponsors when new products or education is made

available.

Our Board members meet before our meetings and review our current budget and discuss upcoming local education events as well as future AANN educational meetings that we do sponsor our members to attend.

We have added an additional executive board member position called "Fundraising Coordinator" which has been a positive addition. Our meetings always include what type of donations we will be collecting for that meeting. These donations are then distributed to either local or areas of devastation with fires, hurricanes or tornadoes. For those folks that donate items, they are then entered into a raffle. During our meeting we will randomly select a ticket from participants that have donated items and the person selected will win a prize for participating. We also have various donated items that are raffled off during our meetings to raise money for our local Chapter. Our moneys are then put back into our Chapter for our members to participate in either local or regional AANN conferences. We plan to send as many chapter members as possible to the April 2020 AANN Educational Meeting in Orlando.

At our local educational events, we do have a table to promote not only our local Chapter but to also encourage folks to join the National AANN Chapter. Certification for CNRN and SCRN are also highly encouraged with several of our members with these certifications.

Lastly, every other month we have a beach cleanup for our members to participate in our community to help keep our beaches beautiful.