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WHY I BELIEVE IN ANPA MORE THAN EVER

A reflection from ANPA's 17th President

100 Days of Listening • Connecting
Strengthening • Serving



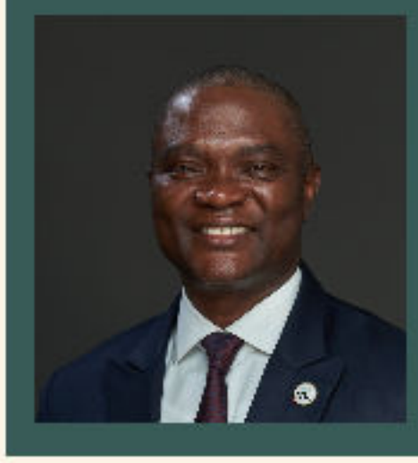






ANPA NATIONAL EXECUTIVES 2026 TO 2028

OUR PEOPLE. OUR IMPACT.



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100 DAYS LATER

WHY I BELIEVE IN ANPA MORE THAN EVER

WHY I JOINED



Dr. Gertie Chimeka Anyanwoke
MD, MBA, FIDSA, FACP • 17th President, ANPA

Nearly eight months ago, before I became President, I wrote about why I joined ANPA.

I wrote that medicine, for me, has always been more than a profession. It is a calling to serve humanity, uplift communities and build bridges across borders.

I saw in ANPA a place where excellence meets service, heritage meets global leadership, and community becomes impact.

Today marks 100 days since I was entrusted with the privilege of serving as the 17th President of the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas.

And I find myself returning to that earlier reflection with a simple question:

Do I still believe in the reasons I joined?

I do.

Perhaps more deeply than ever.

Serving as President gives you a different view of an organization.

You see its tremendous strengths. You also see where its systems can be strengthened. You encounter ideas waiting for someone to champion them, people waiting to be invited into the conversation, and opportunities that become possible when individuals begin working toward a common purpose.

These first 100 days have shown me what can happen when people are invited to participate, ideas are given room to grow, and an organization begins to see itself not simply for what it has been—but for what it can become.

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IT IS THE PEOPLE

We have begun strengthening our Secretariat and organizational infrastructure. We have expanded our leadership table and created new avenues for engagement and inclusion. We have strengthened our communications through ANPA Pulse and launched the inaugural ANPA Insights.

We are advancing education and leadership development, expanding conversations with potential partners, building toward ANPA Global Health 2027, and laying important groundwork for our 2027 Annual Scientific Convention in New Orleans and the future of ANPA.

These things matter.

But they are not what has encouraged me most.

It is the people.

Members volunteering their expertise.

Leaders bringing forward ideas.

Chapters serving their communities.

Healthcare professionals teaching, mentoring, researching and innovating.

Partners asking how they can participate.

And people who may once have stood at the edges beginning to see that there is a place for them within ANPA.

That is the ANPA I joined.

And that is the ANPA I believe we are building together.

One hundred days is only the beginning.

Leadership has reminded me that progress is rarely neat. Institution-building requires patience, listening, discipline, courage, collaboration and sometimes difficult conversations.

Meaningful transformation cannot simply be measured by how many initiatives we launch. It must ultimately be measured by whether we leave ANPA stronger, more inclusive, more sustainable and more capable of fulfilling its mission long after any one administration has ended.

Because this presidency is temporary.

ANPA is not.

Our greatest strength is our people.

Our greatest opportunity is what becomes possible when we bring those people together around a shared purpose.

I joined ANPA because I believed in what we could accomplish together.

One hundred days later, I believe in ANPA more than ever.

And we are only beginning.

OUR PEOPLE.
OUR STRENGTH.

One hundred days is only the beginning.



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100 DAYS: BUILDING ON OUR LEGACY

Honoring what was built. Strengthening what we have. Preparing ANPA for what comes next.

LISTENING & ENGAGEMENT



- Membership Town Hall
- Expanded Leadership Forum
- Chapter engagement
- Broader member participation

COMMUNICATION & CONNECTION



- ANPA Pulse
- ANPA Insights
- Strengthened member communications

STRENGTHENING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE



- Secretariat modernization
- Digital infrastructure
- GoHighLevel implementation
- Operational improvements

EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP



- Education infrastructure
- Global Health Leadership Institute
- ECHO
- CPD development

GLOBAL HEALTH & PARTNERSHIPS

- ANPA Global Health Impact
- 2027 planning
- Strategic partnership development

PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT





Winter Meeting 2026 • New Orleans 2027 • Membership engagement • Long-term institutional sustainability

For more than three decades, generations of ANPA leaders and members have built the organization we inherited today. These first 100 days have been about honoring that legacy, strengthening what we have, and helping prepare ANPA for its next chapter.

These are foundations for continued work—not finish lines.

OUR SHARED VISION

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TREASURER'S CORNER

STEWARDSHIP • MEMBERSHIP • SUSTAINABILITY



Dr. Oranu Ibekie
National Treasurer, ANPA

ANPA's growing programs, communications, educational initiatives and community impact require sound financial stewardship and an engaged membership.

Membership dues help sustain the infrastructure that supports ANPA's national programs, chapters, professional development and organizational operations.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

ANPA membership is valid for one year from payment.

CHECK • RENEW • PARTICIPATE • ENGAGE

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Your membership strengthens ANPA.

OUR CULTURE OF SERVICE

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OUR PEOPLE. OUR IMPACT.

Building capacity. Strengthening institutions. Creating possibilities.

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE EDUCATION

PROF. WALE SULAIMAN LEADS NATIONAL MEDICAL SIMULATION INITIATIVE



Prof Wale Sulaiman
MD., PhD., FRCS(C)., CON
CEO and CMD of RNZ Global Ltd

ANPA celebrates the former ANPA Louisiana Chair, Prof. Wale Sulaiman, CON, Chairman of the TETFund Medical Simulation Committee, who led a multidisciplinary team of medical experts, professional regulators and academic leaders in submitting an interim report on proposed world-class medical simulation centres across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones.

The report was presented to Nigeria's Minister of Education, Dr. Olatunji Alausa, in Abuja.

The initiative seeks to strengthen practical and competency-based training across:

Medicine • Dentistry • Nursing • Pharmacy • Allied Health

BUILDING CAPACITY • STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION

The proposed simulation centres would provide modern environments where students and healthcare professionals can develop clinical skills before applying them in patient care.

The committee brings together leadership from medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing and academia.

Prof. Sulaiman's work demonstrates how ANPA members are contributing their expertise to strengthening healthcare education and workforce development.

Prof. Wale Sulaiman leads the TETFund Medical Simulation Committee in submitting its interim report to the Minister of Education



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INNOVATION IN ACTION

SURGICAL HISTORY MADE IN ABUJA

Building Advanced Robotic Surgical Capacity in Nigeria



PROF. OBI EKWENNA, MD, FACS
Chair, ANPA Surgical Subspecialties Committee

ANPA celebrates Prof. Obi Ekwenna, MD, FACS, Chair of the ANPA Surgical Subspecialties Committee, and the multidisciplinary team at NISA Premier Hospital, Abuja, following a landmark achievement in advanced surgical care.

The team reported performing the first robotic Whipple procedure on the African continent, using the Toumai robotic platform.

The Whipple procedure is among the most technically demanding operations in surgery.

But the larger story extends beyond one procedure or one piece of technology.

BUILDING CAPACITY, NOT JUST BRINGING TECHNOLOGY

The effort represents investment in the people, training, infrastructure, clinical systems and expertise necessary for advanced robotic surgery to become sustainable in Nigeria and across Africa.

This milestone demonstrates what can happen when technology transfer is paired with training and local capacity development.

INNOVATION • TRAINING • CAPACITY • IMPACT



Prof. Obi Davies Ekwenna, CEO of Robomed Global, shares his vision for transforming healthcare in Nigeria and Africa through advanced technology, training, and robotic surgery

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INVESTING IN OUR ALMA MATER

₦ 149 MILLION

POWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

The College of Medicine, University of Lagos North America Alumni Association (CMULNA) has demonstrated the power of alumni engagement through a major ₦149 million solar-power investment at its alma mater.

The project was initiated and commissioned before the June 5, 2026 leadership transition in Chicago.

Successful installation was subsequently reported on August 28, 2026, covering:

Block 2 • Block 5 • Block 8
Both wings of the OPH Female Hostels

Reliable electricity supports student learning, studying, safety and daily life.

This investment represents more than infrastructure. It demonstrates what is possible when diaspora alumni remain connected to the institutions that helped shape them and invest in those coming behind them.

A LEGACY OF COLLECTIVE SERVICE

The project was initiated and commissioned during the CMULNA administration led by Dr. Gertie Chimeka Anyanwoke, before the handover to Dr. Chinedu Nweke, who assumed the presidency on June 5, 2026.

OUTGOING LEADERSHIP

Dr. Gertie Chimeka Anyanwoke — Outgoing President

Dr. Hope Ijaola — Outgoing Secretary

Dr. Saka Disu — Outgoing Treasurer & Project Committee Chair

Dr. Felicia Bassey-Akamune — Outgoing Social Secretary

CURRENT LEADERSHIP

Dr. Chinedu Nweke — Current President

Dr. Bilikis Oladimeji — Current Secretary

Dr. Babatunde Salako — Current Treasurer

Dr. Adedeji Adefuye — Immediate Past President

Dr. Benjamin Blagogee — Ex-Officio

The project's completion after the leadership transition also represents continuity of service from one administration to the next.

GIVING BACK. BUILDING FORWARD.

Alumni investing in their alma mater—and the next generation.







The solar project story for College of medicine University of Lagos, North America Alumni Association (CMUL-NA) investing in their Alma mater

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CHAPTERS IN MOTION

ANPA MEMPHIS

COMMUNITY • CONNECTION • FELLOWSHIP













ANPA Memphis recently brought members together for fellowship, connection and community at Shelby Farms this past Saturday.

Our chapters remain among the most important places where members experience ANPA locally—building relationships, serving their communities and strengthening the bonds that connect our national organization.

Thank you to ANPA Memphis leadership and members for continuing to show up and strengthen our community.

COMING UP



SEPTEMBER 26
ANPA Houston
Houston Reloaded



SEPTEMBER 26
ANPA New Jersey
Biennial Gala

SEPTEMBER 26
ANPA Carolinas
Community Health Fair



OCTOBER 3
ANPA Middle Tennessee/Nashville
Nigeria Independence Day Celebration

DECEMBER 5
ANPA Southern California
Fundraising Gala • Building Healthier Communities Together

CHAPTERS ARE WHERE ANPA COMES HOME.

Connect locally. Participate. Volunteer. Bring a colleague.

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ANPA People • Partnerships • Possibilities

YOUR EXPERTISE BELONGS HERE

Our Advanced Practice Providers and allied healthcare colleagues bring extraordinary expertise across clinical practice, education, research, leadership, innovation and community service.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Share your achievements, upcoming events and opportunities:

- Publications
- Research
- Awards
- Professional Accomplishments
- Clinical Expertise
- Community Service
- Global Health Work
- Innovations
- Leadership

Your story may inspire another member, create a collaboration, or introduce the ANPA community to expertise already within our Association.

EVERY VOICE. EVERY SKILL. EVERY CONTRIBUTION MATTERS.

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KNOWLEDGE IN MOTION

LOOKING FOR SPEAKERS & COLLABORATIONS

SPEAK. SHARE. COLLABORATE.

ANPA is looking for speakers, panelists and collaborators on relevant, timely and newsworthy prevailing healthcare topics.

Clinical Medicine • Public Health • Global Health • Leadership
Technology & AI • Research • Innovation

Have expertise to share? Know a great speaker? Want to collaborate?

info@anpa.org Share achievements, events and ideas.

ANPA 2026 WINTER MEETING



NOVEMBER 12–15, 2026

InterContinental San Antonio Riverwalk

A gathering of ANPA leaders, members and partners focused on organizational development, governance, connection and the future of our Association.

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NEW ORLEANS 2027

33RD ANPA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 23–26, 2027 — **NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**



GLOBAL HEALTH IS LOCAL HEALTH

From Community Response to Critical Care—Advancing Safety, Quality, and Equity

WATCH FOR

- Scientific Programming
- Abstract Submissions
- Partnership Opportunities
- Innovation & AI
- Global Health
- Leadership Development
- New Orleans Community Health Outreach
- Networking & Fellowship

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SAVE THE DATE — JUNE 23–26, 2027

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THE NEXT

100 DAYS

BEGIN NOW.

There is a place for you in what we are building together.

- ✓ Bring your expertise.
- ✓ Bring your ideas.
- ✓ Mentor someone.
- ✓ Strengthen your chapter.
- ✓ Join a committee.
- ✓ Share your research.
- ✓ Open a door to a partnership.
- ✓ Volunteer.
- ✓ Renew your membership.
- ✓ Invite another healthcare professional to ANPA.

WHAT WILL WE BUILD TOGETHER OVER THE NEXT 100 DAYS?

NATIONAL CALENDAR

SEP 26	Houston Reloaded • NJ Biennial Gala • Carolinas Community Health Fair
OCT 3	Middle Tennessee/Nashville Independence Celebration
NOV 12–15	ANPA Winter Meeting — San Antonio
DEC 5	Southern California Fundraising Gala
JUN 2027 23–26	33rd ANPA Annual Scientific Convention — New Orleans

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