

2026 -2027 PANC Service Work Groups

Committee – PANC Board members only

Task Force – Minimum 2 Board members and others

Alliance – Nonincorporated entity – any can join

Minimum 3 people per committee/task force

Executive/Finance Committee (as needed)

Discuss expedited issues or of significant importance and lead to Board meetings. 5 members. Chair: Harry Starkey Co-Chair: Members: Jen Westoby, Kim Hawkins, George Mazzotta

Staff: Jan Whitney

Bylaws/Governance Committee (starting July 2026, as needed)

Reviews and updates PANC Bylaws and policies. Chair: Anders Bostrom Members: Chris McIlwain, Myron Jantzen, Allen Schaad Staff: Jan Whitney

Parkinson's Advocacy Task Force (as needed)

Reviews issues/organizations to support and rally participation. Chair: Harry Starkey Co-Chair: Members:

Staff: Jan Whitney

Support Group Task Force (monthly)

Discusses issues/development of PANC Support Groups and develops annual workshop. Chair: Jennifer Westoby Co-Chair: Members: Myron Jantzen, Gillian Galligan, Allen Schaad, Katelyn Epstein

Staff: Sara Willen

PD Services Task Force & Fundraising Task Force (monthly)

Reviews program proposals, processes and procedures for fundraising, events, education donor recognition, etc. Chair: Jan Whitney Co-chair Chris McIlwain: Members: Tom Cadman, Kim Hawkins, Buck Shaw (or rep), Harry Starkey

Staff: Jan Whitney, Shanna Lowder, & Sara Willen

Nominating Committee (as needed)

Facilitates annual board self-assessments (January), solicits for board membership, interviews candidates, presents Board/officer slate to Board at April meeting. Chair: Myron Jantzen, Co-Chair: Harry Starkey, Members: (2) Kim Hawkins, Anders Bostrom

Staff: Jan Whitney

Rural Parkinson's Alliance (as needed)

Participate/advise in meetings, facilitates the objectives of the organization. Chair: Harry Starkey, Co-Chair: Members: Myron Jantzen, George Mazzotta, Gillian Galligan

Staff: Jan Whitney & Maria Ramirez

Medical Advisory Panel (as needed)

Medical community members advise PANC on conference agenda, Journal Club topics, pharma/product expertise, medical advice, etc. Chair: Suketu Khandhar Co-Chair: Norika Malhado-Chang Members: Kristina Hart, etc.

Staff: Jan Whitney & Sara Willen

PANC Board members are required to attend one in-person meeting per year and that is the annual strategic planning session (generally the second Saturday in January). Will confirm the date as soon as possible. At this year's meeting, we will bring in a contract strategic planner to help us determine the organization's direction/budget implications for the next several years.