members should contact the respective Committee Chairs, which can be found on the Nursing web page under the “Officers and Committees” on the ATS website. Please note that committee memberships are determined in the Spring prior to the International Conference.

5. Submit proposals or ideas for symposia, sunrise seminars and post-graduate courses for the International Conference. Email your ideas to any member of the Program Committee.

6. Join one of the working groups

7. Eligibility for Nursing Awards including:
   - **Marilyn Hansen Award**: The award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement and the highest rated abstract submitted by a nurse to a Nursing Assembly category.
   - **Early Career Achievement Award**: The ATS Nursing Assembly Early Career Achievement Award will be given to a Nursing Assembly member (primary or secondary assembly member) who has made outstanding contributions relevant to nursing in the area(s) of research, clinical care, teaching, and/or service. This person shows commitment and support of the Nursing Assembly and ATS. The award recognizes individuals who have made valuable contributions focused on patient and family responses related to pulmonary conditions, critical illness, or sleep disorders early in his or her career. The awardee will be presented with a framed certificate at the annual Nursing Assembly meeting during the ATS International Conference.

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Our Mission and Vision Statement
The ATS Nursing Assembly is committed to fostering an international pulmonary nursing network dedicated to building the scientific foundation for nursing practice that is translated and implemented to deliver patient-centered, interprofessional care for people affected by pulmonary, critical care or sleep-related conditions across the lifespan and care settings.

What are our areas of Research and Practice?
Assembly participation is the primary mechanism by which
- Preventing disease and disability related to pulmonary, critical care and sleep-related conditions
- Improving management of symptoms resulting from and associated with pulmonary, critical care or sleep-related conditions
- Enhancing end-of-life and palliative care
- Nursing education and professional training programs related to the management of persons with lung diseases.
- Education and training in the definition and evaluation of pulmonary patient outcomes

Why participate in the Nursing Assembly?
Assembly participation is the primary mechanism by which ATS members become involved in the ATS. Assembly participation allows members to experience the ATS on a smaller and more manageable scale and to meet like-minded people. The Nursing Assembly in collaboration with other Assemblies are responsible for Programming the annual International Conference, developing and updating ATS Official Documents along with serving on interprofessional working groups and committees.

The following are some specific advantages for clinicians, predoctoral, postdoctoral trainees and junior faculty to actively participate in the Nursing Assembly:
- Access and interact with academic and clinical Nursing leaders in the fields of pulmonary, critical care and sleep-related conditions through assembly activities, leadership, and collaborative projects.
- Share common or similar interests, with opportunities to engage in projects across research disciplines, disease management pathways, and training backgrounds.
- Become acquainted with your colleagues as an important part of establishing a successful career. The annual Nursing Assembly Membership Meeting is a dedicated time for interacting with your friends and peers along with hearing about what is happening in the fields of pulmonary, critical care and sleep-related Nursing as they relate to research and practice.
- Opportunities at the International Conference to chair symposia or mini-symposia and/or facilitate poster discussions or thematic poster sessions.

How to become involved in the Nursing Assembly activities
1. If you are not a member of ATS, JOIN NOW! Visit the ATS Web site and click on the members tab to see various membership options.
2. If you are a member, update your ATS profile by visiting the ATS website and clicking on the members tab and selecting “Update Your Profile” and following the instructions on how to designate the Nursing Assembly as either a primary or secondary assembly.
3. Attend the annual membership meeting, generally held late Monday afternoon during the International Conference. At this meeting, the Assembly Chair updates the membership on important issues, Committee Chairs provide updates on activities, and an ATS officer provides an overview on the ATS.
4. Serve on one of the Nursing Assembly standing committees: the Planning Committee, Program Committee, and Nominating Committee. Interested