



CANP Chapter Connection President to President

Introducing CANP's latest communication tool! You will receive this email from me keeping you updated on what *your* State officers have been working on for the past month and what's coming up for the current month. This is a work in progress and your participation is encouraged. Next month CANP staff will email you a request for information for this report. If you have any information you would like to share with your fellow chapter presidents, please forward your comments. Our goal is to help the chapters communicate better with staff and with each other. Communication is essential for our growth. We hope you find this monthly email helpful and if you would like to see particular information not included in this month's email, please let Holly Macriss know and she will work on adding that information to next month's communications.

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President
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CANP's New Executive Director

It is an honor and a privilege for me to introduce **Holly Macriss to CANP as our new Executive Director**. Holly comes to us from the Hawaii Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and the Alaska Osteopathic Medical Association where she served as Executive Director for both organizations. She was also the Affiliate Consultant to their national organization, the American Osteopathic Association.

Holly started working full time with CANP October 1st, but she was already hard at work September 4th! She has been working with Mark Alcorn and me on the state and federal tax exemptions for the chapters. She has begun working with Peggy Rowberg on the Business & Technology Conference, and with Jill Olmstead on the Educational Conference. She is also working with Jennifer Varma on CANP's first Membership Retreat to be held in October. Please join me in welcoming Holly to CANP! She can be reached at 916-441-1361 or at hmacriss@canpweb.org.

Business & Technology Conference "The Future is Now"

This one-day conference on October 13, 2007 at the Sheraton Gateway San Francisco Airport Hotel will provide practical training in business development, marketing, negotiation skills, technology, and the economic realities of nurse practitioner practice. This is your opportunity to gain an understanding of what role nurse practitioners will play in the future of health care. It will provide you with the needed information about aspects of the industry that is never covered in school.

This conference is for you!

- If you have questions about or operate an independent practice
- Want to track productivity and/or achieve maximum direct reimbursement with billing and coding knowledge.
- Use handheld technology and software.
- Wonder about the future of nurse practitioners in California.
- Need solutions offered in an organized networking and problem-solving session.

Please visit CANP's website at www.canpweb.org for more information and registration.

Call for CANP Board of Director Candidates - Deadline December 1, 2007

Participation on CANP's Board of Directors 2008-2009 is a unique opportunity to enhance your leadership skills and be part of a dynamic organization leading nurse practitioners in the 21st Century. Leadership begins, is demonstrated, and develops at many levels -- at the practice level as well as through state and national positions. Whether your talents are in practice and education, public affairs and public relations, finance and administration, or other areas, your participation is needed.

CANP is seeking members who are ready to make a difference for nurse practitioners and expand their leadership skills by participating on the CANP Board of Directors. Consider making this commitment today.

Positions available for the 2008-2009 year are the elected officers: President, President-Elect, Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, and Speaker of the House. The appointed positions are Chairs of the CANP committees: Educational Affairs, Membership, Policy & Practice, and Public Relations.

The official Call for Candidates is online now!

Call for Delegates for CANP 2008 House of Delegates - Deadline January 1, 2008

The CANP House of Delegates is comprised of delegates and alternate delegates who are elected or appointed by and represent CANP chapters. The House of Delegates is the supreme authoritative policymaking body of the Association with respect to Association health, practice, professional and external matters and, in principle, is the voice of the active members. The House and its members are responsible to guide and direct the policy and activities of the Association in the best interest of the nurse practitioner profession and the public it serves.

CANP values the important role of chapter affiliates in selecting delegates to the House of Delegates, the ultimate authority in establishing the professional policies of the organization. Take advantage of the opportunity to lead – be a delegate for your chapter. We thank you in advance for your work related to the 2008 session.

The official Call for Delegates is online now!

Call for Resolutions for CANP House of Delegates - Deadline January 4, 2008

In preparation for the 2008 House of Delegates Session, the California Association for Nurse Practitioners is announcing its call for resolutions. A resolution can be defined as a declaration submitted to create a new policy, change an existing policy, delete an old policy, change the Bylaws, or direct the Board to take certain actions. Resolutions may be proposed by the Board of Directors, by any chapter, by any committee, or by written petition of at least ten delegates.

The official Call for Resolutions is online now!

**Please visit the CANP website at www.canpweb.org
to learn more about board positions,
House of Delegates and the resolution process.**

CANP Leaders Hard At Work

On Friday, September 14, Governor Schwarzenegger and Speaker Nunez lead a diverse group supporting comprehensive health care reform which I participated in. This event was held at California Hospital Medical Center and you can read the press release and view the video at:
<http://gov.ca.gov/index.php?/press-release/7429/>

Health Policy & Practices Update

NP Scope of Practice Legislation:

AB 1436 (Hernandez) Scope of Practice for Nurse Practitioners is very much alive and well. CANP HPP Leadership will be rolling out grassroots action alerts via CapWiz during this fall in preparation for opening session in 2008. Please encourage your chapter members to log on to CapWiz this month and populate their information so we can get the message to as many NPs as possible. There is potential for Action Alerts to be posted and sent to members within the next 14 days, so please encourage them to be a part of this very important program.

Healthcare Reform:

As most of you have read in news articles, several sources have confirmed that the discussions between the Governor's office, Senator Perata's office and the Speaker's office are getting very close to a deal. The outstanding issues are twofold: 1) the "individual mandate," whether or not to require all individuals to have health insurance AND 2) how to pay for the expansion. Legislation is being prepared for this special session that will change the statutory framework but will be tied to passage of the ballot initiative which will include the financing mechanisms. The initiative would be on the November 2008 ballot and would include the following compromises from both the Governor's reform package and the Democrat's AB 8. Discussions should be concluded by mid-October.

CANP HPP leadership continues to be in direct communication with both the Governor's staff and the staff of both Senator Perata and Speaker Nunez on the issues surrounding NP practice within the context of healthcare reform. Both parties are extremely supportive of NP practice. AB 1436 (Hernandez) will be among the many pieces of legislation that will provide the details of this framework. It will be important for members to be aware that the legislation will be a compromise between both parties and it is important for CANP to be supportive of the overall goal. Of course, members are free to voice their own opinions outside the concept of CANP as an organization.

Laws relating to NP practice effective January 1, 2008:

1. Nurse practitioners will be able to perform physical examinations and sign the appropriate DMV forms for patients requiring a physical for a license to operate a bus, paratransit vehicle, or farm labor vehicle. Form DL 51 is currently under revision and will be available on the DMV website (<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/dl/dl51.pdf>) after January 1, 2008
2. Nurse practitioners will be authorized to consent a patient for a blood transfusion effective January 1, 2008. Specifically, Section 1645 of the Health and Safety Code can be viewed on the following webpage: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0101-0150/sb_102_bill_20070720_chaptered.html.

Legislative Action Center - CAPWIZ

If you haven't signed up for CANP's Action Network E-List yet, what are you waiting for? When you join CANP's Action E-List you will receive important updates regarding NP issues and how you and your chapter members can assist in communicating with your lawmakers.

**Visit www.canpweb.org, click on the CAPWIZ box
and sign up today!**

Chapter Visits by a Member of the CANP Board of Directors

To promote communication between the chapters and their state Board of Directors, a Chapter Visit Program as been established. This program provides chapter members with a unique opportunity to share chapter success stories and governance issues with a member of CANP's Board of Directors who, in turn, can share valuable information concerning the future direction of the organization.

If you are interested in having a member of CANP's Board of Directors visit your chapter, please complete and submit the attached Chapter Visit Request form to admin@canpweb.org.

For additional information, please contact Holly at hmacriss@canpweb.org.

CANP Membership Update

CANP Membership Committee Chair Jennifer Varma, and the Membership Committee, is hard at work on membership recruitment and retention ideas for the 2007-2008 CANP membership year. Recently, Jennifer engaged the CANP Board of Directors at their board meeting September 8th in Sacramento. The Board encouraged Jennifer to hold a retreat of the Membership Committee. This retreat will take place **Sunday, October 21st** in Southern California. Your Chapter Membership Chairs have been notified and RSVP's have been received. We will hold a retreat in Northern California for those chapter chairs that are unable to participate in the October 21st retreat. Jennifer and her committee are working with staff on finalizing the CANP Membership PowerPoint presentation and handouts for distribution to NP schools through the chapters. This presentation has already been given to 1st year NP students at UCLA and CSULA.

CANP membership continues to recover from the transition of dues payments from Chapters to State. CANP ended the 2006-2007 membership year with 2246. On August 1st, CANP dropped **523 members who still had not renewed**. As of September 30th we have seen **136 renewals**. Currently, CANP has **1987 members** and are 259 members away from hitting our ending numbers for last year, but we still have 387 2006-2007 members who have not renewed. **We need your help!** Please encourage your chapter members who have not renewed to go on-line or use the invoice they received and renew their membership. **Your chapter receives \$50 for each Full member and \$25 for each Student, Associate, or Emeritus member.** Please contact Michelle Nesbitt, CANP Membership Manager, at michelle@canpweb.org or 916-441-1361 for assistance with membership materials.

NP Week is coming!

Soon you will receive information regarding our NP Week which is scheduled for November 12th – 16th. Keep your eye out on how your chapter can participate this important week for NPs.

Mark Your Calendar

October 13, 2007 - Business & Technology Conference, San Francisco

November 12-16, 2007 - California Nurse Practitioner Week

January 26-27, 2008 – CANP Board of Directors Meeting, Sacramento

March 6 – 9, 2008 – CANP Annual Conference, San Diego