



## ***What Happened to Scope of Practice?***

**Health Practice & Practice Committee** (with special help from Betsy, Marty and Susie)

As most of you know by now, our Scope of Practice bill, aka 1436, has been pulled prior to vote last month. This decision was made to protect our place in the process and protect our progress.

Many of you may feel doubts and a sense of loss- it is vital that everyone remembers nurse practitioners in California are not at "square one." Scope of practice for any profession is a very difficult subject in Sacramento. The legislators know what the profession is asking for and why, and CANP knows the arguments of the opposing organizations. Perseverance is the key to improving access to care in California, and CANP will be the organization to make a difference in access to quality, cost-effective healthcare.

The firm commitment all of the CANP leadership is to come back harder & stronger—characteristic of the tenacity and commitment that is typical of NPs, including all of you. CANP will need considerable cash to keep this commitment. We must challenge each other to renew, if they'd not yet done so, to recruit new members and to contribute to the PAC ASAP, as we've exhausted our funds in this year's battle.

Some may ask why NPs are being encouraged to contribute to CANP's PAC fund on top of paying the already significant membership dues. Professional Organizations are prohibited by law from using membership dues (which are tax deductible as a business or professional expense) for contributions to political campaigns. Contributing to campaigns is THE way to gain access to, and respect from, our legislative representatives. CANP must have funds available to contribute if we are to have any hope of successfully moving our scope of practice legislation forward. AMA, which adamantly and effectively blocked moving our bill (AB1436) out of committee by their opposition, routinely contributes to all candidates (of both parties) for any office thereby ensuring the ear of those legislators.

We must even the playing field with AMA - and that means dollars! Our CANP membership dues pay for our lobbyist and our legislative director (who spends many active hours very effectively representing us at the Capitol), but they can not grease the wheels of access like PAC fund dollars. Once again I urge each and every one of you to consider sending a contribution to CANP's PAC fund. Make it large, make it small, make it a regular monthly amount or a one time contribution, but please help replenish the depleted war chest.

### **Follow up on 2398**

CANP has officially opposed AB 2398 (Nakanishi). While we were able to influence early amendments to remove the direct supervision provisions of NPs and RNs in cosmetic practice settings, the second part of the bill addresses the medical practice act and the corporate practice of medicine. This is a HUGE issue and not one that we are able to lend our resources to. We have asked ANA/C and CNA to take the lead on this bill due to our limited resources. What is even more important to discuss is the fact that CANP Policy committee has been watching this bill and even made initial contact with the legislator carrying it, requesting that the language be amended to be NP neutral. This was done at our request. We have not done any further work on this bill because it is not related to nursing practice - it is proposing language changes in the Medicine code, which we have no say in. Also, CANP has been focused on our own Scope of Practice bill AB 1436, and all of our resources are being used.

Finally many of you may ask "**What should we be doing as members?**" Keep educating as many in the public as possible. Plan a visit to your legislators just as a social visit, introduce yourself as a nurse practitioner and ask if they are familiar with our practice. Offer your number to contact in case their office ever has questions regarding health care access, etc. Just getting your name out there is important as we lay groundwork across the state for next year's race.

Pace yourselves - this is a long run!

## **AB 1436 (Hernandez) Q & A by Susanne Phillips, NP, Director of Health Policy & Practice.**

The leaders of CANP would like to thank you for all of your encouragement and responses to our update regarding AB 1436 (Hernandez). Many of you had questions, so below are the questions and responses in a Q & A format. Additional information on Support and Opposition can be downloaded at [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov), click "Bill Information," Select "Assembly" and type in "1436", and scroll down until "Senate Analysis" is visible. Click on "Senate Analysis" to view the analysis in full.

Q: What does "Support if Amend" mean?

A: "Support if Amend" is a position that an individual, group, or organization can take on a piece of pending legislation. This refers to an organizations desire to support the bill, but their support is conditional upon taking requested amendments.

Q: Why would CNA, a nursing organization, be opposed to NPs working in retail health centers?

A: CNA argues that healthcare provided in retail clinics pose a major threat to the health, welfare and safety of the store's retail and healthcare shoppers including the public in general in cases of epidemic and pandemic outbreaks. Their position extends to physician assistants and physicians as well as NPs (Public Health and Retail Clinics: Home Study, CAN/NNOC 2008 House of Delegates).

Q: ANA/C is more appropriate to address educational and clinical capabilities of the nursing profession. Did they have a position?

A: ANA/C filed a letter of support for AB 1436 (Hernandez) but was not included in the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee Analysis. Tricia Hunter, Executive Director of ANA/C was present at the hearing and testified in support of AB 1436.

Q: Were AANP, AACN and other national organizations enlisted for support?

A: Representatives from both AANP and ACNP sent CANP Action Alerts to their California members in support of CANP's sponsor bill. CANP will continue to work with national organizations to get the word out to NPs in CA who may not be members of CANP.

Q: Were the legislators aware of the research demonstrating the quality and cost-effectiveness of NP care?

A: Yes. CANP's lobbying team has spent the last two years providing legislators and staff with education on the quality and cost-effectiveness research. All of the members of the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development were given extensive bibliographies and summaries of the data.

Q: Carolyn Buppert, JD, NP has written extensively on legal scopes of practice in all states. Was she consulted on AB 1436?

A: Yes. Ms. Buppert's services were enlisted in drafting the language for AB 1436 in 2007. She provided CANP with several versions of language that would be legally defensible. Much of this language was incorporated into AB 1436.

Q: Why did the physician assistants oppose AB 1436 when we supported them in their advancement and they got it?

A: CANP was not made aware of CAPA's opposition until the hearing. CAPA's lobbyist testified in opposition of AB 1436, citing that their policy is to oppose independent practice [for NPs] and that they support the model of physician-directed patient care. This was unfortunate because CANP and CAPA have enjoyed a collegial working relationship for the past eight years.

Q: Who supported AB 1436?

Organizations who filed letters of support to the Committee included:

- o American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- o Association of California Health Care Districts
- o California Family Health Council, Inc.
- o California Nurses Association (Support if Amended)
- o United Nurses Association of California/Union of Health Care Professionals
- o Numerous individuals, including nurse practitioners, physicians and general public

Q: Who opposed AB 1436?

A: Organizations who filed letters of opposition to the Committee included:

- o California Medical Association
- o California Academy of Family Physicians
- o California Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- o American Association of Dermatologists
- o California Medical Board
- o California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
- o California Society of Plastic Surgeons
- o California Society of Health Systems Pharmacists
- o American Society of Dermatologic Surgery

Q/S: After two years of negotiations, rewrites and amendments, I would have thought that the most significant objections would have been resolved before the legislation was submitted to the committee this time. California has been behind the curve on NP autonomy for far too long, and now we are stuck at square one until next year.

R: CANP has worked with numerous organizations, including CMA, CNA, ANA/C, and other nursing and physician organizations over the last 5 years. Unfortunately, since the policy leadership at the CMA changed two years ago, they have been unwilling to discuss the issue with CANP, despite requests from legislators and legislative and administrative leadership. Our opposition was from physician organizations with a national mandate to oppose all state scope of practice bills.

CANP's lobbying team carefully reviewed each letter of opposition and recommended targeted amendments to alleviate these concerns over three business days. The lobbyists visited each committee member to address the opposition's concerns and demonstrated our willingness to take amendments that addressed patient safety concerns.

Several physicians and physician groups wrote letters to the Committee in support of the bill. Physician groups have already contacted CANP to work on language for the 2009 bill introduction period. Despite the work CANP has done over the last several years, the politics that were involved in the hearing had nothing to do with policy. Clearly, committee members who were in support of the bill going into the hearing were swayed by politics, not by argument from opposing organizations, as they did not provide additional argument that was not provided in the Senate Committee Analysis.

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Q: Your memo mentions those opposing the legislation, but does not provide any details of the opposing arguments. Will anyone do a point by point summary?

A: As cited from the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee Analysis:

"Opponents including the California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons and the California Society of Plastic Surgeons indicate that this bill could increase the potential for patient harm and delay diagnoses of serious systematic medical conditions."

"The California Medical Association (CMA) points out that this bill fails to provide appropriate oversight of nurse practitioners which erodes patient care. CMA states that by allowing nurse practitioners to provide comprehensive health care including making diagnoses, which constitutes the practice of medicine, the BRN is the inappropriate agency that should be interpreting the practice of medicine. CMA also points out that this bill removes current safeguards and would ease the path for episodic care found in the retail health clinic environment. In addition, CMA believes that current provisions authorizing nurse practitioners to admit and discharge patients from hospitals do not make sense. CMA states that current regulations states that patients shall be admitted only upon the order and under the care of a member of the medical staff of the hospital who is lawfully authorized to diagnose, prescribe, and treat patients and nurse practitioners are not eligible for medical staff membership at hospitals and thus have no legal ability to admit patients under existing law."

"The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, District IX indicates that only physicians are authorized to practice medicine in California due to their education and training. Under physician supervision, nurse practitioners are able to perform certain services that would otherwise be considered to be the practice of medicine, because there is the safeguard of physician supervision. To change the supervisory relationship to one of collaboration for hospital admissions and discharges violates the premise of why nurse practitioners can do what they do. Physicians should be involved in complex medical decisions requiring hospitalizations."

"The California Society of Health Systems Pharmacists indicates that it is concerned that expansion of the scope of practice of nurse practitioners could have unanticipated consequences, including, but not limited to, improper prescribing and medication errors to patients."

"The Medical Board of California points out that this bill could potentially mislead patients into assuming that there is physician oversight when a nurse practitioner is acting independently.

- Q: Where were the deans from UCSF and other California colleges of nursing with major NP programs when it came time to testify in support of the legislation? It seems to me that they would command significant respect and stature at such a hearing.
- A: Deans from colleges of nursing with NP programs are not at liberty to testify on behalf of their educational institution. Many of the deans are also NPs and belong to CANP. They received the action alerts which gave them an opportunity to write letters in support of the legislation.

## ***Time to Contribute to the CANP PAC***

**Submitted by Mary Eng-Huntsinger, VP Finance**

On July 9<sup>th</sup> the San Diego Chapter raised \$1,780 for the PAC fund of which the Chapter leadership matched and contributed \$1,780 to the Provider Project. They had such success with little effort that Elisa Evans, San Diego Chapter Treasurer, agreed to share how they did it:

"During our Chapter meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, our President, Tim Lazerek, was brain storming with our members about ideas on how to raise money for the PAC Fund. He suggested a dinner/dance/raffle. Our member Barbara Andrews had a thought...when you consider the cost of buying a dress, getting your husband to dress up and the time involved just to attend an event, she said she would rather just write a check for \$100. So, I put it like that to our members! Apparently, she wasn't the only one! Tim offered to match the donation from our chapter account (which will go to the Provider Fund). The Grand total donated is \$3,560.00! Bottom line is how important AB 1436 is and needs to be passed! I saw first hand at Lobby Day (*which occurred May 27<sup>th</sup>*) how much money is needed to rally the senators to pass AB 1436."

*Elisa ended her email with a challenge to the other chapters to beat their donation. If all chapters raised \$1,000 through individual contributions to the PAC we could raise close to \$20,000. Following is a list of San Diego Chapter members who donated to the PAC at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:*

Yvonne Battle	50	Elisa Evans	100
Marianne Placey	50	Monsita Faley	100
Mary Margaret Rowe	50	Cathy Gross	100
Donna Worcester	50	Roya Jannesari	100
Rose White	80	Marcella LaBonte	100
Barbara Andrews	100	Mary Lacy	100
Diane Brooks	100	Janet Macauley	100
Dawn De La Cruz	100	Cheryl Ahern-Lehmann	300
Laura Dolata	100	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1780</b>
Zoe Droske	100		

What is a PAC and why do we have one?

- When an interest group (CANP) gets directly involved within the political process, a PAC is created. These PACs receive and raise money from the special group's constituents, and on behalf of the special interest, makes donations to political campaigns. (Wikipedia 2008). CANP formed their PAC in the mid-1990's when then CCNP first became active in the political scene in Sacramento. CANP regularly contributes PAC funds to political campaigns under strict policies put forward by the Board of Directors. These policies are available to all members.

How much do we need?

- Due to the extremely busy 2007-2008 two-year legislative session, CANP had donated quite a bit of money to various campaigns. It is important to restore the PAC account by the Fall. To that end, our goal is to raise \$15,000 by September 1, 2008. We will reassess our situation at end of September and inform you of our next goal.
- Please keep in mind that our PAC account is different and separate from our provider project fundraising efforts.

How can we do this now?

- Request members to consider contributing to the PAC account with their dues renewal at each meeting and through your local Chapter e-mail distribution list.
- Encourage members to go on-line to contribute. Go to "Join now" and click on "Contribute to the CANP Political Solution Action Committee".
- Updated membership application includes PAC contributions for new and renewing members. (This is in addition to our membership dues).
- Request the Chapters consider sending their next dinner meeting contributions to the PAC account. \*Have your members make their checks to CANP, P.A.C. and send to CANP headquarters. Here are some fundraising ideas which have worked for different chapters:
  - Request additional fundraising efforts at your next 3 monthly meetings to go directly to PAC account. For example, "donate \$25 dollars per participant at your next dinner meeting for PAC." (Remind your members to bring their checkbooks).
  - Silent auctions
  - Wine tasting fundraisers
- I realize the sizes of different chapters range from 24-294 members. I encourage chapters to fundraise for goals ranging from \$250 - \$3,000+ depending on the size of your chapter. Try to have fun and spread the word while fundraising for this incredibly worthy and important cause!

Note: The rules for PAC contributions are strict. Contributions must to be from either an individual or a company. Contribution checks *can not* come directly from a CANP Chapter account. California State PAC laws require documenting the individual names of each contributor.

## ***CANP Committee Spotlight***

### **Conference Committee**

#### ***32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference***

The Call for Abstracts for conference presentations went out in April and will continue until September 1, 2008. Included with this communications is the Call for Abstracts guidelines. We will have a call for poster presentations which will be until February 1, 2009. ***Information on submitting an abstract is available on line at the CANP website.*** Consider submitting an abstract or poster today. If this is your first time, take the leap! Use this as an opportunity to share your professional activities and knowledge with your colleagues. Please remember to contact your local pharmaceutical representatives to provide the conference dates so you can request them to consider exhibiting at next year's conference. We had over 40 exhibitors last year and have the room for more at the Sacramento Convention Center. If you are interested in being a moderator or volunteer please contact us.

The Annual Conference Committee needs to be established and Karen is looking for volunteers. This committee will be divided into a number of sub-committees as follows:

- Sponsorship/Exhibitors
- Sponsorship and Grants
- Abstracts Review/Speaker Selection

Karen is also looking for someone to be the Moderator Coordinator and on-site point person for the moderators. This individual may be a moderator as well.

Please feel free to e-mail Karen at [karenketner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karenketner@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for a committee.

## Membership Committee

### **Membership Renewal Underway**

As of July 1<sup>st</sup> we have 1481 members for the 2008-2009 membership year and only have a little more than 1,000 folks left to renew – and its only the first official month of a new membership year. This is outstanding! The friendly chapter renewal completion is going well too. Below is the benchmark report showing each chapter's renewals as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Continue to encourage your members to renew before August 30<sup>th</sup> and help your chapter to accomplish 90% renewals.** All chapters are so close to hitting the 90% renewal mark. Remember, if your chapter achieves this goal of 90% renewed members your chapter will receive a *complementary 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference registration.*

If you have any membership questions please contact Bridgette Jacques at 916-441-1361 extension 101 or email her at [bridgette@amgroup.us](mailto:bridgette@amgroup.us).

Chapter	Member Type	Grand Total	90%	Renewed by 060108	Renewed by 070108	Renewed by 080108	Total Mbrs Renewed	Ending % on 083108	Chapter Sent Certificate
1	REGFull -Total 23			7	13				
	Student1- Total 1								
	<b>Grand Total Renewed</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
2	REGFull -Total 42			14	23				
	Student1- Total 1			1	1				
	<b>Grand Total Renewed</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
4	REGFull -Total 26			5	10				
	Student2*			1					
	<b>Grand Total Renewed</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
5	Associate -Total 2			1	1				
	REGFull -Total 88			36	57				
	Student1- Total 10			1	1				
	<b>Grand Total Renewed</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
6	Associate -Total 5				4				
	Emeritus- Total 2			1	1				
	REGFull -Total 145			44	72				
	REG 2year -Total 1								
	Student1- Total 15			4	6				
	Student2- Total 2			2	3				
	<b>Grand Total Renewed</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>151.2</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
7	Associate -Total 7				2				
	REGFull -Total 134			39	86				
	Student1- Total 8			2	2				
	<b>Grand Total Renewed</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>134.1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

Chapter	Member Type	Grand Total	90%	Renewed by 060108	Renewed by 070108	Renewed by 080108	Total Mbrs Renewed	Ending % on 083108	Chapter Sent Certificate
8	Associate -Total 5			1	3				
	Emeritus- Total 1			1	1				
	REGFull -Total 162			45	84				
	Student1- Total 17			1	3				
	Grand Total Renewed	185	166.5	48	91	0	0	0	
9	Associate -Total 4				2				
	Emeritus- Total 1				1				
	REGFull -Total 88			18	30				
	Student1- Total 3								
	Grand Total Renewed	96	86.4	18	33	0	0	0	
10	Associate*			1	1				
	REGFull -Total 44			9	15				
	Student1- Total 1								
	Student2- Total 1								
	Grand Total Renewed	46	41.4	10	16	0	0	0	
11S	Associate -Total 2			1	1				
	Emeritus- Total 1			1	1				
	REGFull -Total 64			15	28				
	Student1- Total 5			1					
	Grand Total Renewed	72	64.8	18	31	0	0	0	
12	Associate -Total 5			1	2				
	REGFull -Total 86			12	38				
	Grand Total Renewed	91	81.9	13	40	0	0	0	
14	Associate -Total 2								
	REGFull -Total 78			12	32				
	Student1- Total 4			1	2				
	Student2- Total 2			1	1				
	Grand Total Renewed	86	77.4	14	35	0	0	0	
15	Associate -Total 9			6	8				
	Affiliate – Total 1				1				
	REGFull -Total 257			70	138				
	Student1- Total 22			3	8				
	Student2- Total 6				2				
	Grand Total Renewed	294	264.6	79	157	0	0	0	
16	Associate -Total 12			5	6				
	Emeritus- Total 1				1				
	REGFull -Total 86			23	45				
	Student1- Total 3			1	1				
	Student2- Total 1				1				
	Grand Total Renewed	103	92.7	29	54	0	0	0	

Chapter	Member Type	Grand Total	90%	Renewed by 060108	Renewed by 070108	Renewed by 080108	Total Mbrs Renewed	Ending % on 083108	Chapter Sent Certificate
17	Associate -Total 2			2	2				
	Emeritus- Total 1			1	1				
	REGFull -Total 94			18	45				
	Student1- Total 7			3	3				
	Student2- Total 5								
	Grand Total Renewed	109	98.1	24	51	0	0	0	
18	Associate -Total 9			1	2				
	Emeritus- Total 1				1				
	REGFull -Total 161			33	75				
	Student1- Total 8				2				
	Student2- Total 5				2				
	Grand Total Renewed	185	166.5	34	79	0	0	0	
19	Associate -Total 1			2	2				
	Emeritus- Total 1								
	REGFull -Total 104			36	57				
	Student1- Total 8			2	3				
	Student2- Total 2				0				
	Grand Total Renewed	116	104.4	40	60	0	0	0	
20	Associate -Total 9			1	2				
	REGFull -Total 200			67	109				
	Student1- Total 14			3	4				
	Student2- Total 4			2	2				
	Grand Total Renewed	227	204.3	73	117	0	0	0	
	21	Associate*			1	1			
REGFull -Total 37				10	16				
Student1- Total 1									
Student2- Total 2									
Grand Total Renewed		40	36	11	17	0	0	0	
OS	Associate -Total 9			2	3				
State	Silver- Total 1				1				
Responsible	Emeritus- Total 1				1				
For	Grand Total Renewed	11	9.9	2	5	0	0	0	

## Public Relations Committee

### July is "Beat the Heat" Tip Sheet

For the month of July our media outreach focus is "Beat the Heat". Randle Communications has sent out the tip sheets and Karen Ketner, CANP President Elect, is our media spokesperson. The May "Tips" focused on Allergies with interviews with KGO radio in San Francisco and KPSI Palm Springs. Karen was our spokesperson for that month as well. June's media outreach focused on Prostate Health; Tim Lazarek, member of the PR committee and President of the San Diego chapter was interviewed by radio stations KPAY Chico, KFWB Los Angeles and KFBK Sacramento. In addition, Tim was interviewed by KUSI Television in San Diego. The link to this interview as well as all previous tip sheets is on our website.

### ***NP's Making A Difference***

The PR committee continues to actively recruit stories for our e-newsletter and for the CANP Connections newsletter. This column is titled "NP's Making A Difference." Please send your inspirational stories to Laurie Granberry, CANP PR Chair, at [lgranberrycui@aol.com](mailto:lgranberrycui@aol.com). These inspirational NPs will also be considered for the 2009 Bridging Health Care Needs Awards as well as the NP of Distinction Award.

### ***CANP Career Center***

Do you know about the CANP Career Center? Haven't you been receiving the monthly emails? If you haven't, please contact Staff to verify your email address. The CANP Career Center is your one stop shop for employment in healthcare.

Looking for a job? Go online and post your resume. Not looking for a job, but your employer is looking for a qualified NP? Direct you human resource department to the CANP Career Center which provides access to the most talented nurse practitioner candidates in California.

As a center for professional development, CANP is the premier resource for targeting the most talented candidates with industry specific knowledge and experience. The CANP Career Center can be accessed at <http://nprac.ca.associationcareernetwork.com>.



Visit the CANP Career Center  
[www.canpweb.org](http://www.canpweb.org)

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- Access premier job postings
- Receive job alerts via email
- Find your next career-changing opportunity

#### **Employers**

Navigate through unqualified candidates and target the industry's best

- Broadcast your job to thousands of professionals
- Sign-up for resume alerts
- Save time and money
- Hire talented candidates



### ***CANP Booth For Your Next Chapter Event***

The new CANP display booth is available for use for any upcoming events. The Alameda/Contra Costa chapter utilized the booth at the Gay Pride festival in San Francisco on June 29th. The event was a tremendous success and many thanks to Sharon Blashka, President of the Alameda/Contra Costa Chapter, for her hard work and effort. CANP does have an agreement form in place for any chapters that are interested in utilizing the booth. If interested please email Bridgette Jacques at the CANP Sacramento office at [bjacques@amgoup.us](mailto:bjacques@amgoup.us).





## CANP Booth Rental Form

CANP Booth Rental Agreement:

A program flyer or other information regarding the meeting the CANP booth will be displayed must accompany this rental form. Rental form must be received one month prior to event date to ensure timely arrival of booth. Booth will be shipped ground and chapter will be invoiced for all shipping costs once booth is returned. Booth must be returned within one week of rental. Chapter will be responsible for any damage to the CANP Booth and will be charged accordingly for replacement of needed parts.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to use the CANP booth for educational or information purposes only. My Chapter takes responsibility for the CANP booth and agrees to the terms outlined above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please type or legibly print all information.

**Name of Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date booth needs to be received by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Billing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping Address if different than Billing Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Health Policy & Practice Committee

### **Medicare Cuts Averted** – Submitted by Marty Williams, National GR Lead

As many of you may be aware, a 10.6 percent cut in Medicare reimbursement rates which was to go into effect July 1, was averted when the Senate finally passed a bill on July 10<sup>th</sup> to restore rates to their previous levels. The House had passed their version of the bill before the July 4 Holiday recess, but in the Senate a similar bill was defeated by one vote prior to the recess. As a result of the impasse, CMS had decided to delay payment on all Medicare reimbursements claims submitted in July for at least 2 weeks, anticipating resolution of partisan differences and restoration of reimbursement rates before the end of July. For more details, refer to the National GR Report in the upcoming issue of *CANP Connections*.

## Education Committee

The Education Committee is developing a survey to learning more from members about what they want out of chapter meetings, regional events, and the annual conference. We are interested in hearing from the members about your ideas and concerns. If you would like to suggest survey question, please contact Karen Van Leuven, Educational Chair at kavanleuven@usfca.edu.

## ***2008 Business and Technology Conference The Future is Now***

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

**Pasadena City College  
Community Education Center  
3035 East Foothill Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91107-3106**

### **Featured speakers and topics:**

Carolyn Buppert, NP, JD, author of *The Nurse Practitioner's Business Practice and Legal Guide*, is on hand to address **"Avoiding Malpractice"** and **"Documenting Your Productivity and Maximizing Your Reimbursement"**.

A special guest speaker will present **"An Unhealthy America: The Economic Burden of Chronic Disease"**. This report, published by the Milken Institute in October 2007 reveals the enormous human and economic toll of chronic disease on patients' families and society. Learn how to chart a new course to save lives and increase productivity and economic growth.

Other topics include, **"Navigating the Malpractice Process"**, **"Essential Skills, Effective Delivery for Leaders"**, and **"Practice Ownership: Legal and Practical Business Considerations for the Nurse Practitioner"**.

For the first time, CANP's Business & Technology Conference will offer "One on One Techno- Gadget" help! Assistance will be provided that will include setup of your Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), Smartphone, iPhone, Bluetooth headset setup, digital camera, and downloading Medical software to your PDA. Can't decide what drug software for your PDA? Available at the conference will be the demonstration of three programs Epocrates, Lexi-Comp and Pepid. Take advantage of this benefit by attending the Business & Technology conference to have your questions answered and get One-on-One instruction with the "Gadget Man"!

Registration is available on-line at [www.canpweb.org](http://www.canpweb.org) or use the registration form included in this communications. Space is limited so register today!

**Hotel Reservations: Saga Motor Hotel**  
1633 East Colorado Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
Reservations can be made under CANP's  
special \$98.00 rate by calling (626) 795-0431

**Airports: Burbank – Bob Hope Airport**  
2627 N. Hollywood Way  
Burbank, CA 91505



## Upcoming CANP Events

August 5, 2008	Membership Committee Teleconference – 8:00pm
August 11, 2008	Health Policy & Practice Committee Teleconference – 8:30pm
August 19, 2008	Public Relations Committee Teleconference – 8:00pm
September 20, 2008	Business & Technology Conference – Pasadena
September 21, 2008	CANP Board of Directors Meeting - Pasadena
March 11–12, 2009	CANP 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual House of Delegates – Sacramento
March 12–15, 2009	CANP 32 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference – Sacramento





# Membership Year 2008-2009

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New Member     Renewing Member

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CREDENTIAL \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED E-MAIL (used only by CANP for CANP updates) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete both addresses and then mark your mailing address preference:

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ HOME TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED BY \_\_\_\_\_ CA RN LICENSE # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (month/date) \_\_\_\_\_

### CANP Membership Categories – Chapter dues are included in State dues

#### Regular NP

\$250 – Full Membership  
*Membership good till June 30, 2009*

\$175 – First Year Graduate  
*Membership good till June 30, 2009*

**Full Membership** is extended to those NPs licensed to practice and reside in California. This member shall have full and exclusive voting privileges and rights to hold office.

**First Year Graduate members** must provide diploma or transcript showing graduation date occurring during December 2007 through November 2008 to qualify for this discounted rate and is good for one year only. This member shall have full and exclusive voting privileges and renewal will be at Full Membership rate.

#### ASSOCIATE

\$160-Membership  
*Membership good till June 30, 2009*

**Associate Membership** is extended to those individuals who are retired NPs, out-of-state NPs, or those interested in and/or associated with the profession, but who are not included in any other classification of membership. These members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

#### STUDENT

\$125-Membership  
*Membership good till June 30, 2009*

**NP Student Membership** is extended to students enrolled full-time in a Masters level or above state-approved NP program and to those who renew their student membership, limited to two years. School and graduation date must be provided. These members shall not have the right to vote or hold office, but may sit on committees.

#### REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP:

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIALTY (INDICATE YOUR PRIMARY SPECIALTY – i.e. Adult, Cardiology, Pediatrics, Women’s Health, etc.)

### Payment

CANP Political Action Committee PAC ID # 860692 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please consider making a contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or any amount you can contribute to the CANP PAC Fund. Your contribution will help ensure Nurse Practitioners have a strong voice in our State Capitol.*

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Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (**Checks payable to CANP**)     Visa     MasterCard     American Express     Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Your check or money order is your receipt. Pursuant to Federal Law, we must notify you that 25% of your dues are for lobbying expenses and are not tax deductible. The remainders of CANP dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Tax purposes, but may be deductible as a business expense. All contributions and gifts to the CANP PAC are considered political contributions and are not tax deductible.

## CANP Committees

I am interested in serving on one of these committees when the opportunity is available:

Membership

Educational Affairs

Public Relations

## CANP Resource

I am interested in being a resource when an expert is needed for media, legislative purposes, etc. My area of expertise is:

## CANP Member Communications

I do not wish to appear on the consumer searchable database.

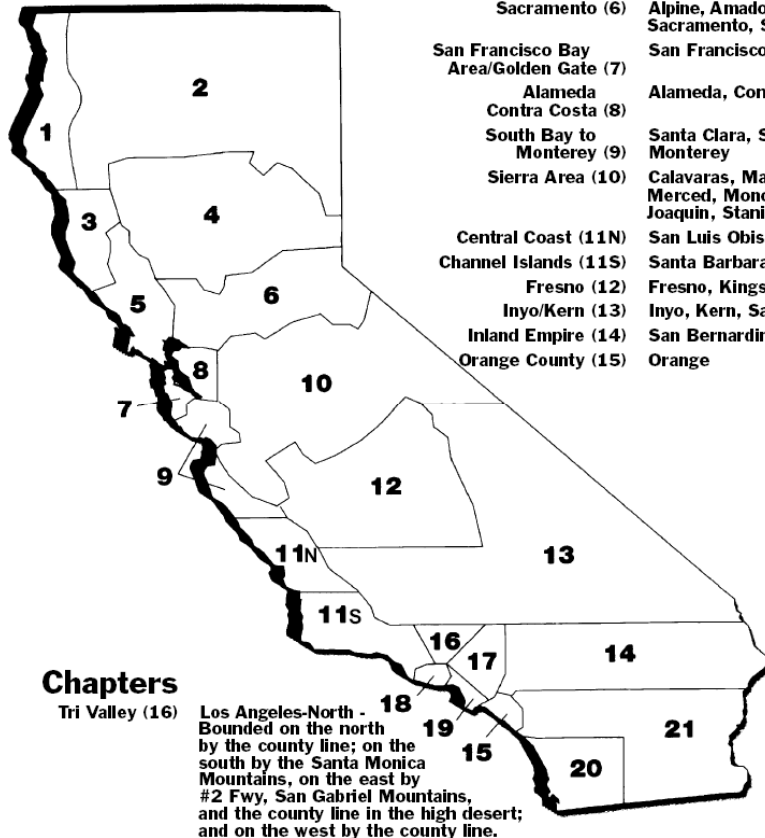
I do not wish to receive fax or email correspondence from CANP.

Please remove me from outside (organizations not endorsed by CANP) mailing list requests

# CANP Chapter Selection

Please select your chapter using this map. Select only one.

- (1) North Coast
- (2) Redding
- (3) Mendocino (not affiliated)
- (4) Three Rivers
- (5) North Bay
- (6) Sacramento
- (7) San Francisco Bay Area/Golden Gate
- (8) Alameda Contra Costa
- (9) South Bay to Monterey
- (10) Sierra Area
- (11N) Central Coast (not affiliated)
- (11S) Channel Islands
- (12) Fresno
- (13) Inyo/Kern (not affiliated)
- (14) Inland Empire
- (15) Orange County
- (16) Tri Valley
- (17) Greater Pasadena
- (18) West Los Angeles
- (19) South Bay
- (20) San Diego
- (21) Coachella Valley



### Chapters

- Tri Valley (16)** Los Angeles-North - Bounded on the north by the county line; on the south by the Santa Monica Mountains, on the east by #2 Fwy, San Gabriel Mountains, and the county line in the high desert; and on the west by the county line.
- Greater Pasadena (17)** Los Angeles-East - Bounded on the north by the San Gabriel Mountains; on the south by the #105 Fwy and the county line; on the east by the county line; and on the west by the #2 and #10 Fwys.
- West Los Angeles (18)** Los Angeles-West - Bounded on the north by the Santa Monica Mountains, the south by the #105 FWY; the east by the #710 Fwy; and the west by the coast.
- South Bay (19)** Los Angeles-South - Bounded on the north by the #105 Fwy; the south by the coast; the east by the county line, the west by the coast.
- San Diego (20)** San Diego
- Coachella Valley (21)** Imperial, Riverside

### Chapters

- North Coast (1)** Del Norte, Humboldt
- Redding (2)** Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Trinity
- Mendocino (3)** Mendocino (not affiliated)
- Three Rivers (4)** Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba
- North Bay (5)** Lake, Marin, Napa, Sonoma
- Sacramento (6)** Alpine, Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Solano, Yolo
- San Francisco Bay Area/Golden Gate (7)** San Francisco, San Mateo
- Alameda Contra Costa (8)** Alameda, Contra Costa
- South Bay to Monterey (9)** Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey
- Sierra Area (10)** Calaveras, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne
- Central Coast (11N)** San Luis Obispo
- Channel Islands (11S)** Santa Barbara, Ventura
- Fresno (12)** Fresno, Kings, Tulare
- Inyo/Kern (13)** Inyo, Kern, San Bernardino-North
- Inland Empire (14)** San Bernardino-South
- Orange County (15)** Orange

## CANP Membership Agreement

Upon submission of this application, I hereby agree to act in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of the state of California, the federal government, and in accordance with the Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice, and bylaws of the California Association for Nurse Practitioners. Failure to do so may result in the termination of my membership without refund. Once accepted into membership, dues are non-refundable. I understand that I will receive correspondence via fax/phone/e-mail sent by or on behalf of the California Association for Nurse Practitioners (CANP).

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_