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Legislative Update

Early fall is bill signing season in Sacramento as the Governor deliberates over the hundreds of bills sent to his desk in the final weeks of session. Of the 1,307 bills passed by the Legislature this year, 977 were signed by Governor Brown and 118 were vetoed. Brown's 12 percent veto rate this year was lower than the 15 percent he vetoed last year, but of the legislation he did veto, a recurring theme was clear -- bills that were unnecessary and/or sought to create duplicative policy did not receive the Governor's blessing.

Other bills Brown considered too restrictive were vetoed, such as measures prohibiting cigarette smoking at state parks and beaches and a bill that would have tightened limitations for new drivers between the ages of 18 and 22. In his veto message of the smoking ban, Brown pondered "If people can't smoke even on a deserted beach, where can they? There must be some limit to the coercive power of government." Further demonstrating his propensity for moderation, Brown denied a bill that would have required presidential candidates to release their tax returns in California, reasoning that it would create a dangerous precedent and institute an "ever-escalating set of different state requirements for presidential candidates."

The Governor signed all of the bills supported by CANP that cleared the Legislature this year, including SB 554 on September 11th. It codifies in state law the recent changes in federal law, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CARA), that allow NPs and PAs to receive a waiver from the DEA and the authority to prescribe medication for opioid addiction treatment.

Governor Brown also signed SB 799 by Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee chairman Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo). The bill extends the sunset date of the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) until 2022. Every four years, boards operating under the Department of Consumer Affairs must undergo a "sunset review" process, by which the boards are evaluated by the Legislature and authorized to continue operating for another four years.

Because the BRN protects patients while safeguarding the integrity of the nursing profession, including scope of practice and continuing education, CANP supported SB 79.

AB 422 by Assemblyman Arambula was signed by the Governor on October 12th. Without it, the CSU's authority to enroll new students in the DNP program would have expired on July 1, 2018. This authority is necessary for the CSU to grow its own nursing faculty and maintain critical industry partnerships while meeting California's healthcare workforce needs.

SB 562, the bill by Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) to implement a single-payer healthcare system in California, is now a 2-year bill as well as the impetus for the formation by Assembly Speaker Rendon of the Assembly Select Committee on Health Care Delivery Systems and Universal Coverage. The Committee held its first in a series of hearings on October 23rd and 24th to examine single-payer and discuss expansion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and "hybrid systems." The October 23rd hearing was a "healthcare 101," focusing on California's current healthcare system, and the October 24th hearing looked at other countries' universal healthcare systems. Committee co-chairmen Jim Wood (D-Healdsburg) and Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno) both emphasized that the goal of the hearings was to ask hard questions and come up with a healthcare system that will provide insurance to all Californians in a way that is feasible and attainable. They believe healthcare is a human right that should be provided to everyone.

2018 Election Update

The single-payer debate will continue into next year, both legislatively and potentially at the ballot box if the proposed initiative to fund single-payer qualifies for the November ballot. Not only the second year of a two-year session, 2018 is also a gubernatorial election year and all other Constitutional offices are on the ballot, as well as every Assembly seat and twenty of the forty state Senate seats. In the Senate, there will be a fair amount of turnover with seven open seats. In the Assembly, however, there are only three open seats where members are termed out or seeking higher office.

Many open seats are in solid Democratic or Republican areas so they may not switch parties in November. However, there are a few targeted seats in play -- four in the Senate and at least six in the Assembly. Josh Newman, who was narrowly elected in 2016 and the current target of a recall campaign, represents one of the targeted Senate districts. In April, he voted for the transportation package which included the \$0.12/gallon gas tax. This vote gave Republicans the impetus to initiate the recall. In response, the Democrats passed a law extending the recall timelines to ensure Newman's recall takes place concurrently with the June 2018 primary election. The law is being challenged in court, but if it is upheld, Newman's chances of defending his seat will be greater.

One of the open Democratic seats in the state Senate next fall is currently held by Senate pro Tem Kevin de Leon, who is termed out next year. He announced his candidacy last month for U.S. Senate, running against incumbent Diane Feinstein, who also recently announced that she is seeking another term at age 84. In office since 1992, Feinstein's institutional status and

financial backing make her a difficult target. De Leon will run as the next generation, more dynamic, progressive candidate, touting his recent successes on big issues like immigration and the environment, and his fight against the Trump Administration on virtually every front. Further complicating his efforts, de Leon is no longer the only progressive in the race. Liberal activist Alison Hartson announced her candidacy on November 2, hoping to appeal to Bernie Sanders supporters. Whether de Leon can raise the money needed to run a competitive race is unknown, but it is clear that he faces a tough road to victory.

De Leon's impending departure will create a leadership vacancy, and some Democrats in the Senate are already rallying support within their caucus to become the next pro Tem. There is no timeline set for the vote or the transition but the most commonly mentioned contenders include Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) and Connie Leyva (D-Chino).

The Governor's race continues to heat up. Governor Brown is termed out next year, and among the Democrats running to succeed him are Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, former Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, State Treasurer John Chiang, and former Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin. The Republican candidates include Assemblyman Travis Allen and businessman John Cox. Gavin Newsom leads the pack in fundraising and is currently the clear frontrunner according to all the polls, followed distantly by John Cox, then Antonio Villaraigosa. There was a lot of early speculation that Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti would jump into the race, which could have changed the dynamics, but he announced in late October that he would not be pursuing the post.

Lawmakers will hit the ground running when they return to Sacramento on January 3rd to resume work in the 2017-18 legislative session. All 2-year bills must pass out of their houses of origin by January 31st in order to remain alive, and all new bills must be introduced by February 16th.

Grassroots Update

On our last Grassroots Advocacy Call, chapters received an update on the legislative timeline, heard an update from the Health Practices and Policy Committee, discussed past and upcoming opportunities for chapters to engage in grassroots advocacy efforts, and ideas and plans on incorporating grassroots outreach efforts into NP Week activities. On the Grassroots Advocacy Call, each chapter has an opportunity to share what they are doing with their legislators in the district as well as ask questions of other chapters. It is truly a collaborative call with idea sharing and problem solving.

Several chapters discussed their plans to join legislator sponsored community drives. This is an excellent opportunity for chapters to continue relationship building with legislator's office while providing needed items in the community. Some identified drives are Thanksgiving drives, socks drives, coat drives, and gift drives. If your chapter would like to participate in a drive, please contact your legislator's district office to see if they are hosting a drive and how best to participate. Most legislators will announce drives and upcoming holiday events in their newsletters which is another reason to make sure your chapter is signed up for these newsletters.

The next Grassroots Advocacy call will be held on Monday, November 20, from 7:00-8:00pm. There will not be a call in December due to the holidays. The first call of 2018 will be on Monday, January 15.

Please contact Stephanie Tseu at canpgrassroots@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Social Media

CANP continues to urge all chapter leaders to use social media, especially Twitter, as an efficient and effective way of keeping members updated on grassroots opportunities and ultimately engaging legislators. Every morning CANP receives a report of local legislative meetings. When there are meetings our chapters should attend, we'll post information via Twitter. This presents incredible opportunities to interact with legislators in your area.

Action for Chapters:

- Register for Twitter and follow @CaliforniaNP
- Use social media, including Facebook and Twitter, to like and follow CANP and your legislators
- Post pictures of grassroots activities to Facebook and Twitter

New This Month

NP Week

National Nurse Practitioner Week is November 12 – 18. We are including an NP Week toolkit that is available [online](#). The toolkit contains a number of items sure to be helpful in commemorating NP Week and promoting NP awareness including:

- Details on this year's [Blue Ribbon Campaign](#)
- Fact sheets on ["What is an NP?"](#) and ["About CANP"](#)
- A [promotional flyer](#) regarding a CANP membership special running in commemoration of NP Week
- Ideas for how to commemorate NP Week
- NP Week [social media tips](#)

NSO, in conjunction with CNA Healthcare, will present a special webinar "[Nurse Practitioner Claim Report: 4th Edition.](#)" The webinar takes place Thursday, November 14, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Pacific time.

The program will explore top allegations made against nurse practitioners in malpractice lawsuits as well as patient injuries and outcomes. Using this information, nurse practitioners can examine their own current practices in relation to the claims and losses experienced by their peers. Selected claims asserted against nurse practitioners will be discussed.

All CANP members are invited to [register for this free event](#). This webinar is certified for one contact hour of continuing education credit. Participants who attend the event and complete a post-event survey evaluation will earn one contact hour of credit.

Again, this year, CANP is offering a membership special in conjunction with NP Week – join CANP during the month of November and receive an additional two months of membership for free. The offer is available to those who are either a new member or a returning member after at least two years away.

CANP's 40th Anniversary

CANP is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and a variety of activities have commenced in honor of this milestone. We launched the 40 faces of CANP campaign in the spring where we introduced 40 members on our social media channels and highlighted one word to describe how they feel about being an NP. Additionally, we had several videos recognizing the anniversary highlighted on social media.

To culminate the 40th celebration, we offered \$40 off new memberships from Oct 6-10 and showcased a video via email and social media from CANP president Theresa Ullrich thanking all members for supporting the Association.

Events

Leadership Summit

Thank you everyone that participated in the Leadership Summit, Saturday, September 29. 45 leaders were in attendance, representing a total of 23 chapters.

We will be sharing a “key learnings” document from the event later this month.

Annual Educational Conference

The 41st Annual Educational Conference is being held on March 22-25, 2018 at the Sheraton Hotel & Marina in San Diego, CA. [Registration](#) is now open. The agenda is available [online](#) and this year's event offers 10 workshops, 60 In-Tracks and more than 10 poster presentations. The conference will be accredited by AANP again this year. The total number of CEU and Rx credits is being determined at this time.

House of Delegates

The CANP House of Delegates (HOD) will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. Find out more about HOD and upcoming deadlines via [this link](#).

Lobby Day

Lobby Day 2018 takes place Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. Lobby Day planning efforts are still being finalized. Check our [Lobby Day page](#) for further details as they emerge.

Operations

Quarterly Reports

Thank you to the chapters that completed their 1st Quarter Report. Quarter 1 dues and events payments were mailed to chapter treasurers on October 24.

Below is a list of remaining quarters and due dates in the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

2017-2018

Quarter	Dates	Report Due Date
Quarter 2	October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017	January 26, 2018
Quarter 3	January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018	April 23, 2018
Quarter 4	April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018	July 25, 2018

Website Instructions

CANP provides chapter leaders a set of tools to assist them in managing their chapter through the CANP website. Leaders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Chapter Leadership Toolset by reviewing the [Website Administration Guide](#).

Taxes

It is each chapter's responsibility to apply and maintain federal and state tax-exempt status. CANP offers the following resources to assist chapters with filing their taxes:

- [CANP Chapter Federal & State Filing Exemption Instruction Manual](#) – Provides direction in how to verify your chapter's status and other helpful resources
- [Ask a Tax Question](#) – Allows chapter leaders to ask questions about tax filings and other issues related to financial aspects of running a local chapter
- Twice yearly leadership calls focused on tax filings (January and August)

As a reminder: If your chapter tax year is *calendar year* (ending December 31st), please file your federal and California tax returns by March 15th. If you are on *fiscal year* (ending June 30th), please file your federal and California tax returns by September 15th. Please consult your chapter tax advisor for more detailed information.

Political Action Committee (PAC)

The current balance in the PAC account is \$64,418.75. CANP encourages chapters to raise funds for the CANP PAC. Information on how to do so may be found [online](#).

Note: PAC donations must be submitted via check or credit card. Cash donations are not permitted.

Action for Chapters:

- Emphasize the importance of contributing to the CANP PAC
- Utilize the “Political Action Committee Guidelines” document to host a CANP PAC fundraising event

Membership

Membership Renewals

CANP renewal efforts are ongoing with members renewing on a monthly basis. Chapter leaders can find a list of their chapters’ current and expiring members in the Chapter Leadership Toolset. Membership statistics are available via [this link](#).

Strategic Plan

CANP’s Strategic Plan was adopted by the CANP Board of Directors on November 9, 2012 and can be found on the CANP [website](#). The board recently met to update the Strategic Plan and will publish it shortly.

