



**California Association for Nurse Practitioners
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Advocacy

Legislative Update

This week is the legislative spring recess and while the Capitol appears to be quiet, there is much activity going on behind closed doors. When legislators return to the Capitol on Monday, April 17, policy committee hearings will ramp up in high gear and run up to the deadline for fiscal bills to pass out of the first policy committee on April 28, 2017.

While the volume has been turned down a bit at the Capitol around conversations impacting changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) due to inactivity at the federal level, health care always remains a topic of great interest within the Legislature and we are engaged in a number of discussions around amendments to bills impacting nurse practitioners.

CANP is working with the California Academy of Physician Assistants (CAPA), on amendments to AB 1368, by Assembly Member Calderon (D-Los Angeles). AB 1368 is being sponsored by CAPA and would allow physician assistants to sign any authorization form required by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Medi-Cal benefits and services. In many instances, DHCS has rejected forms that are appropriately signed by PAs, arguing that they must be signed by a physician and resulting in significant delays in access to care for Medi-Cal enrollees. CANP has heard from many NPs that they are experiencing the same sort of administrative challenges and delays, and as such, AB 1368 will be amended to include NPs in that same authority. AB 1368 will be heard in the Assembly Health Committee on April 18th.

This year, CANP is sponsoring AB 1560, by Assembly Member Laura Friedman (D-Glendale), which would eliminate the ratio in existing law that limits one physician to supervising four NPs, if those NPs are furnishing. CANP has proposed this ratio be eliminated or changed, as a means of expanding the ability for NPs to work in multiple settings, often in medically underserved areas and clinic systems that may only have one MD working as a medical director but multiple physical locations providing patient care. As we have begun to engage in stakeholder discussions around the bill, CAPA has requested that PAs be able to join our efforts and be included in the bill. As such, the bill will be amended to also reflect changes to the ratio currently applied to PAs. We expect that AB 1560 will ultimately be amended to come up with a new ratio and CANP will engage in stakeholder discussions to identify what that new ratio should be to provide as much flexibility as possible. AB 1560 is a non-fiscal bill and we expect it to be heard on May 2.

Last but not least, CANP is working with Senator Jeff Stone (D-Temecula) on SB 554. Originally drafted to create a new license category of "independent nurse practitioner", Senator Stone has

decided to take this bill in a different direction. While still seeking to do something that is beneficial to NPs, the Senator has expressed a desire to take on some more incremental change. CANP is working with Senator Stone to amend SB 554 to codify in state law the recent changes in federal law, enacted by the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CARA), that allows NPs and PAs to receive a waiver from the DEA and the authority to prescribe medication for opioid addiction treatment. SB 554 will be heard on Monday, April 24, 2017.

As we move into late April and May, we expect to see this group of bills amended in ways that will not only advance NP practice but that also create opportunities for NPs to educate legislators about how NPs practice in their communities, providing important patient care in multiple and varied settings.

2017 is also shaping up to present opportunities for NPs and PAs to work collaboratively on legislation, further reinforcing how much patient care is provided throughout California by non-physicians. We hope that all of the chapters will continue to engage in grassroots advocacy around these bills and will join us at the Capitol for CANP's annual lobby day, May 8, 2017.

Grassroots Update

During this time, chapters should focus on the 31 newly elected legislators. Request meetings with the new legislators, invite them to a chapter meeting, invite them to tour your place of employment, and attend community events such as a town hall or a legislator sponsored community coffee meeting. These are all examples of how to begin a working relationship with legislators.

Legislators need to be educated on how nurse practitioners work in the community and how important the role of the nurse practitioner is in the community. Talk with legislators about how you became a nurse practitioner, your educational background, your practice setting, and share patient and practitioner stories. This is the first step in creating a long term working relationship with newly elected legislators.

While prioritizing new legislators, remember to keep in contact with existing legislators as well. As you meet with legislators, remember to share your pictures and experiences on social media for all of CANP's members to see.

Action for Chapters:

- Attend Lobby Day
- Continue scheduling "meet and greets" with new legislators
- At your next dinner meeting, bring a computer and have your membership find their legislators then have them sign up for the legislator's newsletter so they can be up to date on the legislator's activities and priorities
- Like and follow your legislators on social media
- Invite your legislator to your chapter meeting or to visit your place of employment
- For assistance in making appointments with legislators, consult with Grassroots Coordinator Stephanie Tseu (canpgrassroots@gmail.com) as the central contact for information on grassroots efforts

California Nurse Practitioners – Leading the Way

There has been a spate of recent articles outlining how nurse practitioners, especially in California, are leading the way in filling numerous voids in healthcare. We encourage you to share these articles (outlined below) with fellow nurse practitioners and with legislators

anecdotally, and/or physically shared during a legislative meeting, or forwarded as a follow-up to meetings.

Healthcare in our schools – nurse practitioners leading the way:

[Compton Community College Opens First Student Clinic](#)

El Camino College opens student medical center staffed by a nurse practitioner. (CBS Los Angeles, March 21, 2017)

Nurse practitioners overtaking doctors on home visits for older, home bound adults:

[Nurse Practitioners Providing Most House Calls to Older Adults](#)

Researchers found that, in 2013, NPs provided more than 1.13 million home visits, surpassing the 1.08 million made by internal medicine doctors. (Managed Health Care Connect, February 17, 2017)

Healthcare on the street – nurse practitioners leading the way:

[Nurse Practitioner Response Unit Launched in Los Angeles](#)

Working side by side with first responders – NPs are cutting emergency room visits and helping those with mental illness. (Journal of Emergency Medical Services, February 1, 2017)

Healthcare for our nation's veterans – nurse practitioners leading the way:

[Nurse Practitioners Win Direct Access to VA Patients](#)

With the recent change in federal regulations almost 5,000 nurse practitioners currently working in Veteran Administration facilities nationwide. (Forbes, December 13, 2016)

Nurse practitioners are one of the fastest growing professions in the United States:

[5 Way Nursing Graduate School Can Pay Off](#)

The number of jobs for nurses with graduate degrees is growing quickly, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, whose forecasts show that the number of jobs available for advanced practice nurses will be 31 percent higher in 2024 compared with 2014. (US News and World Report, September 22, 2016)

Action for Chapters:

- Share information with fellow nurse practitioners
- Share anecdotal information, or as applicable, article(s) with legislators

[University of California, San Francisco Study](#)

We are also bringing to your attention a recent study by University of California, San Francisco, entitled [California's Primary Care Workforce: Current Supply, Characteristics, and Pipeline of Trainees](#). The report presents the most current information on the supply of medical doctors, doctors of osteopathic medicine, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who provide primary care in California. It is the first report in many years to bring together information on primary care physicians, NPs and PAs.

The reports will enable stakeholders to assess the adequacy of the current primary care workforce, anticipate future gaps in the primary care workforce and identify effective policies for addressing these needs. We encourage you to share this with fellow nurse practitioners and legislators.

Action for Chapters:

- Share information with fellow nurse practitioners
- Share anecdotal information and study with legislators

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

Annual Educational Conference

CANP's 40th Annual Educational Conference, supported by Nurses Services Organization (NSO), took place March 16-19, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Hotel in Burlingame. Many thanks to NSO and our other 2017 conference sponsors.

Among the many conference highlights was the presentation of the Annual CANP Awards. Congratulations to Susan Tiso, recipient of the Nurse Practitioner of Distinction Award, and to Evy Silk, recipient of the Bridging Health Care Needs Award.

In order to receive Continuing Education credits, conference attendees must complete an online evaluation for each session or workshop they attended. Please anticipate a two-week processing period before certificates will be available in the "My Account" section of canpweb.org. All evaluations must be completed by May 1, 2017.

The next rendition of the Annual Educational Conference takes place March 22-25, 2018. Save the dates and make plans to join us in San Diego for our 41st Annual Educational Conference.

Action for Chapters:

- Remind members to complete their Conference Session Evaluations

CANP Annual Raffle

Thank you to all the chapters that donated a prize, time and support to the Annual Raffle. The raffle earned a total of \$10,460.

Lobby Day

More than 150 CANP members and allies will head to Sacramento on Monday, May 8, 2017 for CANP's 2017 Lobby Day. [Registration](#) is available for members at a rate of \$20 and non-members at a rate of \$30.

In order for CANP's staff and legislative advocacy team to facilitate scheduling of legislative office visits, online registration will close Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Onsite registration will be available at a rate of \$50.

Lobby Day will be held at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. The Sheraton is located at 1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Those planning to attend Lobby Day 17 can book hotel accommodations now at the Sheraton. The group rate of \$215 per night is available until Friday, April 14, 2017.

Check our [Lobby Day](#) page at canpweb.org for more information as it becomes available.

Action for Chapters:

- Encourage members to [register](#) for Lobby Day by May 2, 2017.

Operations

Quarterly Reports

March 31, 2017 marked the end of the third quarter for CANP's 2016-2017 fiscal year. The Quarter 3 Report was distributed to chapter presidents on Monday, April 10 with a return deadline of Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Addendum D of the Alignment Agreement outlines the compliance requirements for chapters. Chapters are required to submit the quarterly report, complete the mandatory items and receive a minimum score of 70 points in elective items. Chapters that do not meet the compliance standards mentioned above and further defined in Addendum D of the Alignment Agreement will not receive their quarter 3 membership dues.

Action for Chapters:

- Complete and return the Quarter 3 Report and Financial Worksheets by Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Taxes

It is each chapter's responsibility to apply and maintain federal and state tax-exempt status. The [CANP Chapter Federal & State Filing Exemption Instruction Manual](#) provides direction in how to verify your chapter's status and other helpful resources. We will reserve time twice a year during the Monthly Leadership Call to address any questions. Additionally, please don't hesitate to contact CANP VP of Finance, Barbara Lome, with any treasurer questions. Barbara can be reached at barbaralomednp@gmail.com.

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.

If you have general questions about chapter taxes, please use the [Ask a Tax Question](#) feature of canpweb.org or refer to the [CANP Chapter Federal & State Filing Exemption Instruction Manual](#).

Political Action Committee (PAC)

The current balance in the PAC account is \$29,305.15 (not including funds raised at the conference). 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

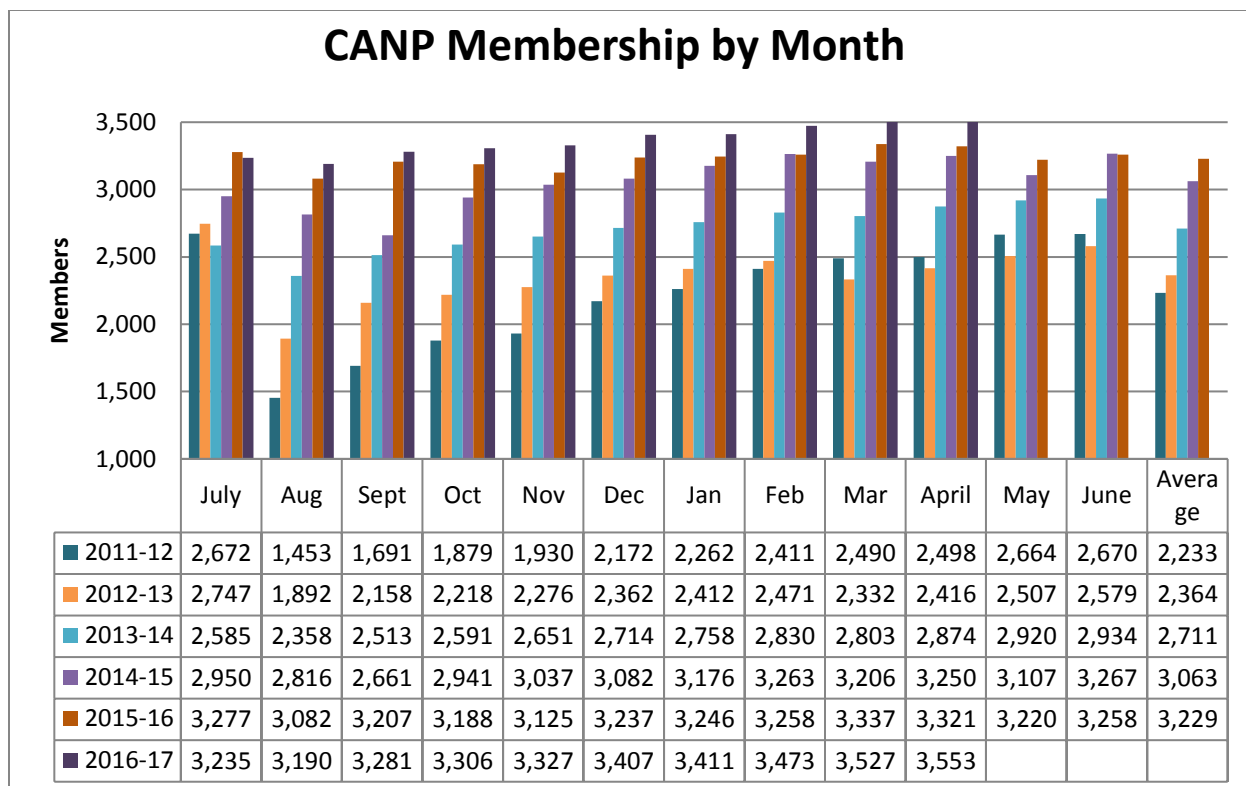
CANP renewal efforts are ongoing with members renewing on a monthly basis. As CANP notifies members several times regarding their upcoming renewal, it is equally important for chapter leaders to reach out to those members. Membership invoices are available in the member’s “My Account” section on canpweb.org.

Current membership by type for April 2017:

NP Full	2,155
First Year Grad	529
Student Year 1	196
Student Year 2	429
Senior	111
Associate	62
Corporate	64
Affiliate	3
Emeritus	4
Total Active	3,553

The chart below shows CANP membership over a six year period.

CANP Membership by Month



The Chapter Leadership Toolset, which offers chapters the opportunity to access reports on new and renewing members and their contact information is available on canpweb.org.

CANP has a standing goal of growing membership by 5% annually. In order to achieve this goal, chapters are asked to motivate members to renew on time, encourage prospective members and colleagues to join, and reach out to continue engagement between chapter leaders and members.

Action for Chapters:

- Urge chapter members who are suspended or expired to renew their membership. Let chapter members know that invoices are available up to 60 days prior to their expiration date
- Welcome new members and introduce them at chapter meetings
- Call and ask new members back to the next meeting. This will remind new members in a highly personal way that they are welcomed to the meetings and are not just another number. Have chapter leadership invite new members to participate in some specific aspect of the next meeting or join a committee based on their unique skills
- Have membership committee volunteers call and check in on unengaged members from time to time. Keeping all members, new and current, engaged will make your membership stronger and chapter activities more rewarding
- Canvass current membership regarding what activities they want to participate in. Implement those ideas during upcoming meetings and keep track of what works and what doesn't

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee meets quarterly via conference call. The next Membership Committee call is scheduled for May 15, 2017 from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Committee members are encouraged to reach out to prospective members and expired members, that have not renewed their membership.

Action for Chapters:

- Refer schools and/or school contacts you may have to the Membership Committee
- Utilize the CANP Student Power Point presentation (available in the Resources portal of each individual chapter web page at canpweb.org) to present at the local school(s) in your chapter's area
- Email Erin Meyer at erin@canpweb.org for CANP membership brochures

Strategic Plan

CANP's Strategic Plan was adopted by the CANP Board of Directors on November 9, 2012 and is displayed below:

Mission

CANP is the unifying voice and networking forum for nurse practitioners, providing expert guidance and advancing the nurse practitioner profession statewide. We are committed to:

- Supporting nurse practitioners
- Bridging the gaps in health care
- Meeting the needs of patients

Vision

CANP will revolutionize health care and the role of the nurse practitioner.

Core Values

Integrity – We are committed to honesty and transparency in everything we do.

Compassion – We act with kindness and consideration toward others.

Respect – We are considerate of the differences of individuals and their respective contributions.

Accountability – Our ethics are demonstrated through our actions.

Communication and Collaboration – We endorse collaboration and are open to communication and feedback for continual improvement.

Professional Diversity – We are the only organization that advocates on behalf of all nurse practitioners.

Innovation – Through visionary leadership, we act with intention while encouraging creativity and new ideas.

Strategic Goals

Membership – Increase the value and awareness of CANP to grow membership.

Board Leadership and Governance – Develop stronger governance and leadership. Develop an effective, fully integrated, synchronized statewide governance system.

Communications – Communicate and reinforce the value and role of NPs while positioning CANP as the most credible organization acting on behalf of NPs.

Advocacy / Government Relations – Advocate for NPs on policy, practice and professional development, build grassroots advocacy at the chapter level and grow the PAC fund.

Education / Professional Development – Develop and promote professional development opportunities to build influential and competent NP leaders and strengthen the NP role.