



California Association for Nurse Practitioners Monthly Chapter Communication / May 2017

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Advocacy

Legislative Update

May is always a hectic month in Sacramento, and this year is no different. Lawmakers are rushing to hear bills before the policy committee deadline, which will be followed by Appropriations Committee hearings ahead of the May 26 fiscal deadline. After that, all bills must pass out of their house of origin by June 2.

Now that the federal government is once again pursuing efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), conversations at the Capitol regarding how such action will impact California have been reignited. In addition, CANP continues to be engaged in a number of bills impacting nurse practitioners.

The California Academy of Physician Assistants (CAPA) is sponsoring AB 1368, which would allow physician assistants to sign any authorization form required by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Medi-Cal benefits and services. CANP successfully worked with CAPA to amend AB 1368 to include NPs in the same authority. AB 1368 passed out of the Assembly and will next be heard in the Senate Health Committee.

AB 1560, CANP's sponsored bill, continues to move through the process. Authored by Assembly Member Laura Friedman (D-Glendale), AB 1560 initially would have eliminated 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 of 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 expected, after meetings with stakeholders, AB 1560 has been amended to modify the ratio by allowing one physician to supervise up to 18 of any combination of NPs, PAs or certified nurse midwives (CNMs). AB 1560 is currently on the Assembly floor awaiting a full vote.

Last but not least, CANP was able to work with Senator Jeff Stone (D-Temecula) to amend his SB 554 to codify in state law the recent changes in federal law, enacted by the CARA, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act, that allow NPs and PAs to receive a waiver from the DEA and the authority to prescribe medication for opioid addiction treatment. SB 554 passed out of the Senate and is now in the Assembly.

Governor Jerry Brown released his May Revision of the California State Budget for 2017-18 on May 11 (full budget summary can be found [here](#)), noting that while state spending has

increased over the past four years by billions of dollars, significant spending at this time “won’t be possible.” The total General Fund spending proposed is \$124 billion, which is an increase of \$1.5 million from the January Budget. The overall revised plan contains \$183.4 billion in total state spending and projects a net increase of \$7.4 billion in General Fund revenues compared to the 2016-17 Budget. This increase is based largely on the surging stock market and higher capital gains revenues. The revised budget also retains \$1.8 billion in spending for the State’s Rainy Day Fund, bringing the fund to \$8.5 billion, which continues to be one of Governor Brown’s top priorities.

Health and Human Services spending has decreased since the Governor’s January budget. The May Revision proposes \$158.7 billion (\$33.7 billion General Fund and \$125.1 billion other funds) in health and human services program spending, which is a \$324.8 million decrease from January. Although President Trump and Congress were unsuccessful in their first attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the federal healthcare policy landscape and its potential impact on California remains uncertain given current federal attempts to overhaul the ACA. In releasing the May Revision, Governor Brown emphasized that Trumpcare would cost California billions of dollars in lost federal funds, which would be “really bad news.” Like the January Budget, the May Revision assumes the ACA will remain in place, and Governor Brown has pledged to “fight as hard as we can” to ensure Trumpcare does not pass.

2017 continues 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 Lobby Day.

Grassroots Update

At CANP’s Lobby Day last week, participants received a newly created brochure for their legislative visits that were scheduled as part of the day’s activities. The brochure outlines how NPs are leading the way in a number of fronts related to access to healthcare. The brochure also features headlines from recent articles touting NPs.

We will send brochures to each chapter president this week so that members may use during their local legislative visits.

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:

- Use the new brochures for your local legislative visits
- 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@gamil.com) as the central contact for information on grassroots efforts

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 41st Annual Educational Conference, supported by Nurses Services Organization (NSO), takes place March 22-25, 2018. Save the dates and make plans to join us in San Diego.

The call for abstracts will begin in Mid-June, please consider participating as a speaker or share with friends that might want to present at the conference.

House of Delegates April 30, 2018

The CANP House of Delegates (HOD) will be held on **Monday, April 30, 2018** at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. Save the date and make plans to join us in Sacramento.

Lobby Day

More than 100 CANP members and allies met in Sacramento on Monday, May 8, 2017 for CANP’s Lobby Day 2017.

This year’s Lobby Day debrief was electronic. Participants received an electronic debrief form via email on Wednesday, May 10 for completion by Wednesday, May 16. Feedback is vital for our follow up with legislators and in planning future events.

Lobby Day 2018 takes place **Tuesday, May 1, 2018** at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. Be on the lookout for details as they evolve. In the meantime, grassroots outreach on the part of CANP members and allies is important year-round – as we say “Every Day is Lobby Day.”

Action for Chapters:

- Check back for more details on Lobby Day and HOD 2018
- Continue grassroots efforts in your chapter

Operations

Quarterly Reports

Thank you to all the chapters that completed the Quarter 3 Report. Below is a list of the remaining quarters for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and the due dates.

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Quarter 4 – April 2 – June 30 (due by July 15)

Quarter 3 membership and events payments were mailed to chapter Treasures on Friday, April 28, 2017.

Action for Chapters:

- Keep up the good work!

Website Instructions

CANP provides chapter leaders a set of tools to assist them in managing their chapter through the CANP website. The Chapter Leadership Toolset can be accessed by chapter leaders under their My Account portal of canpweb.org.

One of the key features of the Chapter Leadership Toolset is the ability for chapters to manage their events while allowing members to register for events online. Information on operating the Chapter Leadership Toolset and instructions on how to make the most of the toolset is available via [this link](#).

Taxes

Chapters will hear from CANP's Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.) Alison Turner on this week's call. Alison will cover some of the most frequently asked questions and provide high level guidance to chapters on what needs to be done each year to remain tax exempt and in compliance with the Federal Tax Bearu (FTB) and Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Chapters are asked to reference the Chapter Tax Manual prior to and during Alison's presentation. Leaders will also have time to ask Alison questions.

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 \$46,260.33. 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:

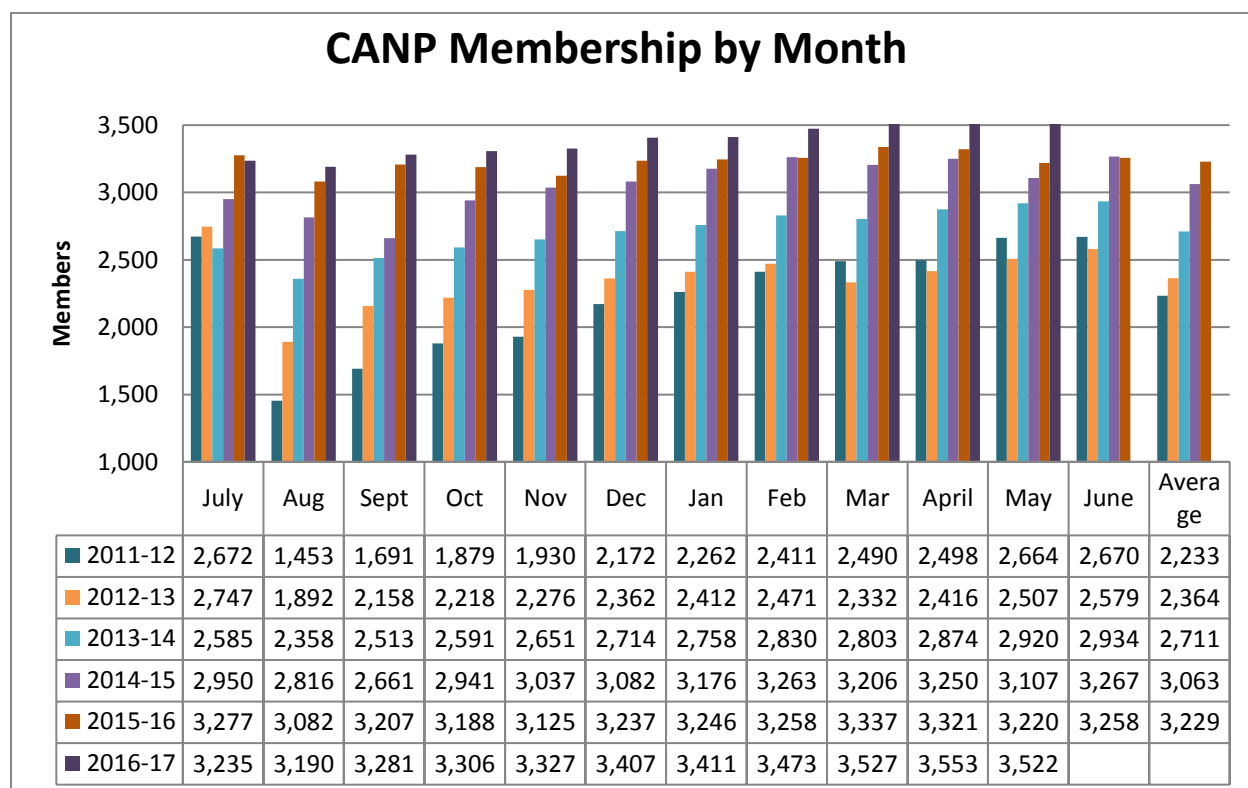
- Emphasize the importance of contributing to the CANP PAC
- Utilize the “Political Action Committee Guidelines” document to host a CANP PAC fundraising event

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](#).

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



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.