



**California Association for Nurse Practitioners
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Advocacy

Legislative Update

Although the house of origin deadline is now behind us, the pace at the Capitol remains frenzied as budget negotiations continue. Lawmakers must pass the budget by June 15th in order to avoid losing their pay. Once the spending plan is passed, Governor Brown has until July 1st to approve it.

In addition to the main budget bill, a number of trailer bills were recently introduced that implement various aspects of the budget. One of those bills contains Prop 56 (tobacco tax) funding, and is a product of negotiations between the Legislature and Governor on how to spend the tobacco tax dollars. Initially, Governor Brown proposed to use the revenue to help fill a hole in the budget caused by a Medi-Cal accounting error, but the Legislature lobbied heavily to allocate much of the funding toward Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for dentists and other Medi-Cal providers. Other key aspects of the budget include an expansion of the state's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and funding to implement the legalization of recreational marijuana and streamline oversight of both medicinal and recreational marijuana.

On the legislative front, CANP remains active on several priority bills. The HPPC recently voted to support AB 422, which is authored by Assemblyman Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno) and sponsored by the California State University (CSU). AB 422 helps address the need for more highly qualified healthcare professionals in California by giving the CSU permanent authorization to offer Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree programs. Without AB 422, the CSU's authority to enroll new students in the DNP program will expire 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. The healthcare industry in particular requires a robust, quality workforce, like nurses with DNP degrees. AB 422 will be heard next in the Senate Education Committee.

CANP is remaining engaged on and supportive of AB 1368, the California Academy of Physician Assistants' (CAPA) bill that would allow physician assistants and NPs 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 on June 21st 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 was 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 passed out of the Assembly with no "no" votes and has been referred to the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee. While it is an incremental bill, it is proving useful in creating opportunities to educate legislators and staff about how NPs practice, how the supervision model actually works (i.e. no direct supervision), and be a tool for us to advance our NP practice discussion. AB 1560 is set to be heard in the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee on July 10th.

Last but not least, SB 554 is still moving through the Legislature. CANP was able to work with Senator Jeff Stone (D-Temecula) to amend the bill 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 will be heard on June 20th in the Assembly Business & Professions Committee.

As anticipated, 2017 has shaped up to be a very busy year at the Capitol, and there continues to be robust discussion around California's health care delivery system and ways the state can maximize access to care for all Californians. We hope you will take a moment to check out the legislation pending in the bill tracker and continue to look for ways to engage with your local legislators.

Grassroots Update

In what ways have you continued what you learned at Lobby Day at the local level? Have you scheduled a meeting with your legislator at their district office? Have you attended a district event like a town hall or open house? Have you invited a legislator to your next chapter meeting? These are all great ways to continue the relationship you started when you talked with your legislator on Lobby Day.

The Grassroots Advocacy Call for June will be held June 26 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Please have at least one representative from your chapter participate on the call. Chapter participation on these calls is reported in Quarterly Reports. Additionally, please be prepared to report on your chapter's past and upcoming local grassroots advocacy efforts. During this call chapters share grassroots struggles, successes and brainstorm new ideas. This call is most successful when all chapters join and participate.

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.

Action for Chapters:

- Use the new brochures for your local legislative visits
- Continue scheduling “meet and greets” with 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
- Attend a legislator sponsored event in the district, such as a town hall, open house, coffee, etc.
- Post pictures of grassroots activities to social media, including Facebook and Twitter

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 on Facebook and Twitter

Leadership Summit

Register your leadership today for the 2017 Leadership Summit. The Leadership Summit takes place on Saturday, September 30 in Sacramento and [registration is now open](#).

The event is free of charge for up to two active leaders, chapters may send a third leader for \$60. All chapter leaders must be approved to attend by the Chapter President.

The agenda is being developed and more details will be provided as they become available.

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

The CANP House of Delegates (HOD) will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel.

Per Article V, Section 1 of the CANP Bylaws, the membership report as of one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the Biennial Session, shall be the basis for allotment of delegates. Delegate allotments will be based off of each chapter's membership as of December 31, 2018. The official Call for Delegates will be sent to chapters January 3, 2018.

Save the date and make plans to join us in Sacramento.

Lobby Day

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:

- Register selected leaders for the Leadership Summit [online](#)
- Encourage chapter members to serve as delegates at the 2018 HOD
- Check back for more details on upcoming events
- Continue grassroots efforts in your chapter

Operations

Quarterly Reports

June 30, 2017 marks the end of Quarter 4 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Chapters will receive the Quarter 4 Report on Thursday, July 6 with a due date of Thursday, July 27.

Quarter 4 membership and events payments will be mailed to chapters who meet the requirements outlined in Addendum D of the Alignment Agreement by August 1.

Action for Chapters:

- Presidents, check your email boxes for the Quarter 4 Report
- 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

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

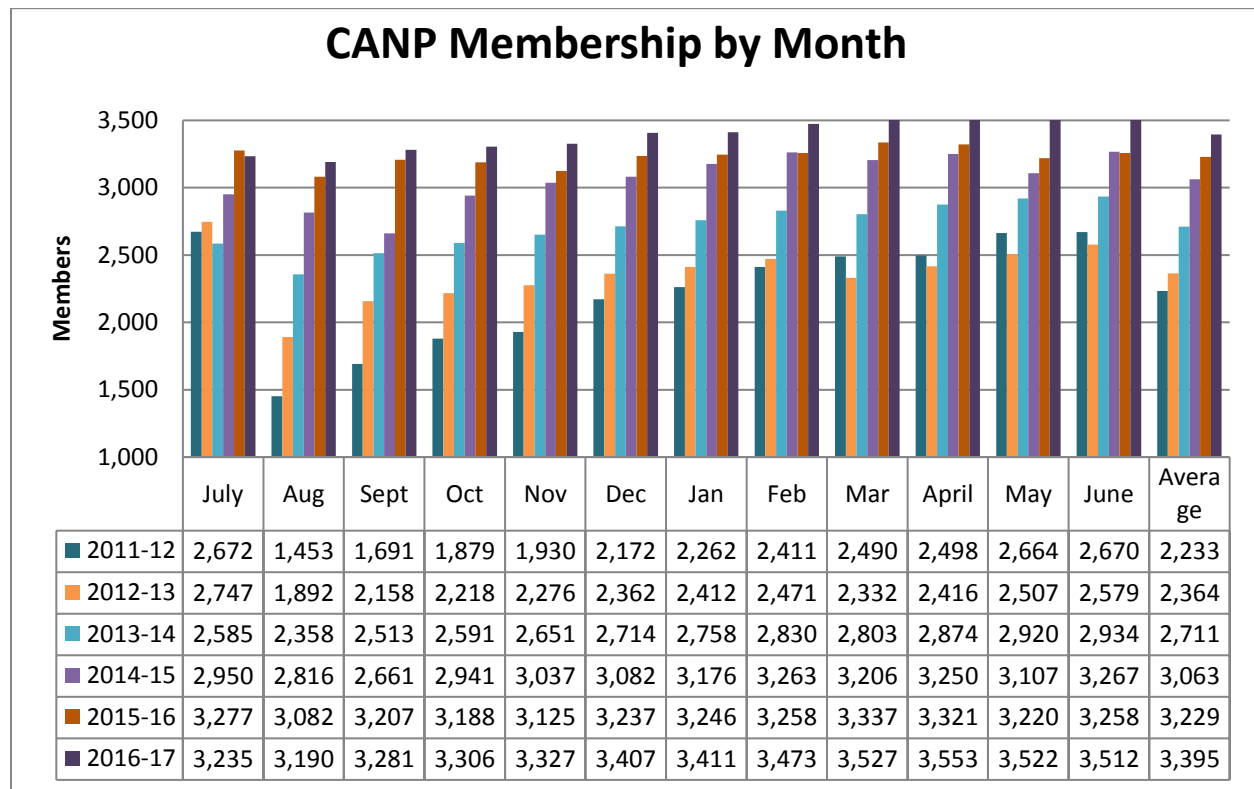
- Utilize the “Political Action Committee Guidelines” document to host a CANP PAC fundraising event

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 August 7 at 8:00 PM.

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.