



**California Association for Nurse Practitioners  
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## **Advocacy**

### Legislative Update

The State Budget was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor last month, and now that the budget has been enacted, legislators are narrowing their focus to passing bills ahead of the July 21<sup>st</sup> policy committee deadline. Bills moving through the second house must pass out of policy committees by July 14<sup>th</sup> if they have a fiscal impact, and by July 21<sup>st</sup> if they are non-fiscal. The Legislature will break for a month-long summer recess on July 21<sup>st</sup>, returning to Sacramento for the final month of session on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Governor Jerry Brown signed the 2017-18 state budget on June 27th, less than two weeks after the Legislature passed the proposal. Brown's approval of the spending plan closed out several months of budget hearings and negotiations at the Capitol, during which a number of trailer bills were also passed, so-named because they "trail" the budget and are needed to implement various aspects of the budget plan. Governor Brown said the deal was "balanced and progressive" and Speaker Rendon said it is "a budget that does things for people, not to people" noting "significant reforms" at the Board of Equalization and the University of California after scathing audits were released earlier this year. The Budget allocates more money to the Rainy Day Fund, includes an expansion to California's Earned Income Tax Credit program, increases K-14 funding, provides supplemental payments to reduce pension liabilities, prioritizes infrastructure, and increases Medi-Cal funding through Proposition 56 (tobacco tax) revenues.

In November, voters passed Prop 56, which instituted a \$2/pack tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products. Proponents of the initiative intended the projected \$1 billion in annual revenue from the tax to shore up the Medi-Cal program, including increasing provider reimbursement rates and investing in other programs cut in leaner years. Initially, however, Governor Brown proposed to use the revenue to help fill a hole in the budget caused by a Medi-Cal accounting error. The Legislature lobbied heavily during the budget process this spring to allocate much of the funding toward Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for certain Medi-Cal providers, so the \$546 million in supplemental funding includes increased reimbursement rates

for some healthcare providers, like dentists, and some funding for HIV/AIDS treatment, women's health programs, and the developmentally disabled.

On the legislative front, CANP continues to engage on a number of priority bills. The HPPC recently voted to support SB 799, which is authored by Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee chairman Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo) and 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 is supporting SB 799. It will be heard next in the Assembly Business & Professions 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 Senate Health Committee on June 21st and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations 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. It was initially amended after meetings with stakeholders to make the ratio one physician to 18 of any combination of NPs, PAs or certified nurse midwives (CNMs). After additional meetings, AB 1560 was amended to modify the ratio to one physician to twelve of any combination of NPs, PAs or CNMs. AB 1560 passed out of the Assembly with no "no" votes and will be heard in the Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee on July 10th. While it is an incremental bill, it is a tool to educate legislators and staff about how NPs practice, how the supervision model actually works (i.e. no direct supervision), and is a way for us to advance our NP practice discussion.

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 in the Senate 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 Assembly Business & Professions Committee on June 20th and has been sent to the Assembly Floor for a full vote.

On a more global scale, the bill by Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) to implement a single-payer healthcare system in California (SB 562) is dead for the year. Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon shelved the bill on June 23rd, stating it was "woefully incomplete" and that there is still plenty of time for a single payer proposal to be placed on the ballot. As federal healthcare reform details continue to emerge, 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

With the Legislative Summer Recess right around the corner, what are your chapter's plan to engage with legislators while they're in their districts? Have you requested to meet 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. To keep up-to-date with your legislator's calendar, make sure you've signed up for their online newsletters and follow them on social media. Many legislators post their upcoming events on Twitter and Facebook. If you see an event planned, share the event from your page and tag fellow NPs who might be able to attend. This raises the awareness of the event, increases the likelihood of a NP attending and shows the legislator that you are active and involved.

### **Action for Chapters:**

- Use the new brochures for your local legislative visits
- Continue requesting meetings with legislators in their district offices
- 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

The Grassroots Advocacy Call for July will be held July 17 from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Please have at least one representative from each chapter participate on the call. Chapter participation on these calls are reported out in Quarterly Board Reports. Additionally, please be prepared to report out on your chapter's past and upcoming local grassroots advocacy efforts. This call is where 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](mailto:canpgrassroots@gmail.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
- Post pictures of grassroots activities to 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 began 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 marked the end of Quarter 4 for CANP's 2016-2017 fiscal year. The Quarter 4 Report was distributed to chapter Presidents on Wednesday, July 5 with a return deadline of Thursday, July 20, 2017

Chapters will be held to the compliance standards outlined in Addendum D of the Alignment Agreement for Quarter 2.

### **Action for Chapters:**

- Complete and return the Quarter 2 Report by Thursday, July 20, 2017

### Leadership Roster

July 1 marked the first day of new leadership for the majority of chapters. If your chapter has not submitted an updated leadership roster to the state office please do so by Thursday, July 20, 2017. It is essential chapter leadership information is current in order to provide the appropriate parties access to the Chapter Leadership Toolset, other resources and emails.

### **Action for Chapters:**

- Provide the state office with your updated chapter leadership roster by Thursday, July 20, 2017

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 \$43,892.93. 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

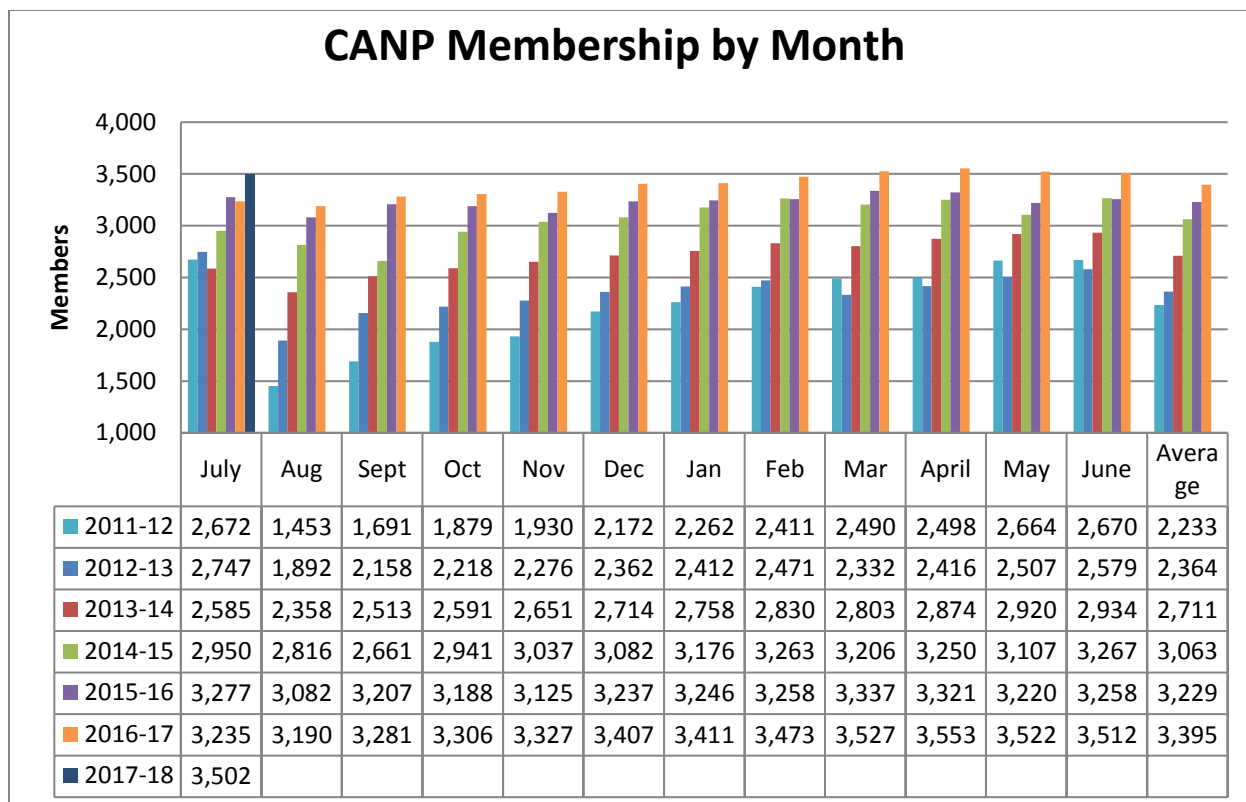
## **Membership**

### 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](http://canpweb.org).

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](http://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](http://canpweb.org)) to present at the local school(s) in your chapter's area
- Email Erin Meyer at [erin@canpweb.org](mailto: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.