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Advocacy

Legislative Update

Lawmakers returned to Sacramento on January 3 to begin work in the second year of the 2017-18 legislative session, shrouded in conflict in the wake of recent sexual harassment allegations and multiple resignations. Between the end of the 2017 session in August and the new year, three Democratic Assemblymembers resigned – two due to sexual harassment charges (Matt Dababneh and Raul Bocanegra) and one for health reasons (Sebastian Ridley-Thomas) – resulting in the loss of the Assembly Democrats’ supermajority. Similarly in the Senate, one member (Tony Mendoza) is taking a temporary leave of absence while undergoing a sexual harassment investigation.

On a more positive note for Democrats, Senator Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) has been officially elected by the Democratic Caucus as the next pro Tem, succeeding termed out Senator Kevin de Leon. Atkins will be the first openly gay Senate leader, as well as the first woman to lead the upper house. De Leon, who is running against Diane Feinstein for her U.S. Senate seat, will remain pro Tem until March 21, when the full Senate will vote to elect Atkins.

The single-payer debate continues to dominate headlines in Sacramento. Senator Ricardo Lara’s 2017 bill that sought to implement single-payer healthcare in California remains dormant after being shelved by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon in June. Rendon announced on January 8 that “absolutely nothing has happened with the bill” and “the sponsors (the California Nurses Association) have sat on their hands and done nothing for the past six months” while the authors have failed to make any “significant” amendments. Despite the lack of progress with SB 562, the Speaker says he remains committed to the idea, although he is more interested in developing a universal healthcare than focusing specifically on single-payer. His Select Committee on Health Care Delivery Systems and Universal Coverage, formed specifically to examine universal healthcare, has held three hearings so far to delve into the issue and will meet again on January 17.

The single-payer debate is also carrying over to the ballot box. A proposed initiative to fund single-payer is currently in circulation. While the title and summary for the initiative doesn't actually reference single-payer, the measure would create a trust fund within the state treasury solely for funding healthcare and healthcare-related expenses to encourage the Legislature to enact healthcare policy and funding mechanisms. Proponents are encouraged to submit the required 365,880 valid signatures to qualify the initiative by April 24.

State Budget Update

On January 10, Governor Brown released his proposed \$190.3 billion (\$131.7 billion General Fund) budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year, projecting a \$6.9 billion surplus. This year's budget is an increase compared to last year's (2017-18) \$183.2 billion spending plan and focuses on filling the state's Rainy Day Fund to its constitutional target, fully implementing the K-12 school funding formula and providing \$4.6 billion towards the transportation plan passed last year.

As Governor Brown enters his last year in office, questions have been raised about the legacy he will leave as California's longest serving Governor. During the release of the Budget, he professed that "Governors don't have legacies." Still, similar to previous years, Governor Brown maintained his commitment to fiscal prudence, warning of the imminent recession and importance of fully funding the Rainy Day Fund. He emphasized the need for the Rainy Day Fund by referencing the \$27 billion budget gap during his first term in 2011 and telling the next Governor "good luck." His proposed Budget provides a \$3.5 billion additional payment to the Rainy Day Fund, bringing the total to \$13.5 billion.

The 2018-19 Budget includes \$155.7 billion (\$37.4 billion GF and \$118.3 billion other funds) in Health and Human Services funding. Federal uncertainty continues to be a factor with respect to the Affordable Care Act and healthcare reform, and the Budget acknowledges that the numerous federal changes to healthcare have "far-reaching" impacts on healthcare in California, particularly Medi-Cal. Those impacts include the elimination of penalties for the ACA individual mandate beginning in 2019, and the absence of permanent federal reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). A preliminary analysis of these impacts will be included in the May Revision, but the proposed Budget continues to reflect existing law, notwithstanding any impending changes.

The lion-share of HHS funding is Medi-Cal, at \$101.5 billion or 65 percent. The Medi-Cal caseload increased to 13.5 million, up nearly five million since 2011. In addition, 1.3 Californians are receiving healthcare coverage via the state's healthcare exchange, Covered California. Prop 56 (tobacco tax) revenues for 2018-19 are estimated at \$1.3 billion, \$649.9 million of which will go to the Medi-Cal supplemental payments and provider rate increases.

Now that the Governor's proposed budget has been released, the LAO will issue an analysis of the plan, followed by legislative hearings and negotiations that will begin in March and run through May. The Governor will release a revised budget ("May Revise") in May, followed by a legislative vote and enactment in June. The Governor must sign the spending plan by July 1.

Deadlines Approach

Because this is the second year of the 2017-18 session, there are a number of bills leftover from 2017, or “2-year bills,” that lawmakers must consider before January 31. Any 2-year bill not passed by that date is dead in its current form for the remainder of the session. All new legislation must be introduced by February 16.

Grassroots Update

Grassroots advocacy efforts were strong in 2017 and will continue to grow in 2018.

Due to the busy holiday season, there was no Grassroots Advocacy Call in December. The next Grassroot Advocacy Call is scheduled for Monday, January 15. **There is a new call-in number for our monthly calls. The new number is (800) 867-2581, access code 7085840.** A reminder email, containing the new call-in information and the agenda for the call, will be sent to chapter leaders on Friday, January 12. All chapter leaders are invited to participate on the calls. These calls are most successful when all chapters are represented. If you join, please be prepared to share information and assist with problem solving.

On our first call of 2018, we will discuss chapter goals for legislative outreach in 2018 and how chapters will measure whether they achieving these goals. Additionally, chapters will share any grassroots efforts since our call in November. Many chapters were interested in joining legislator holiday drives, including turkey, sock, coat and toy drives. We hope to hear updates on how chapters participated in those drives and how to improve participation in the future.

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

Social Media

Last year we created 15 short video testimonials that promoted the Association through social media. Areas promoted included leadership, membership, Political Action Committee (PAC), Annual Educational Conference, NP Week and Lobby Day. The videos were posted on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

Use [this link](#), to view the most recent video posted, featuring Nancy Trego, CANP, HPPC Co-Chair. The video received 154 views.

To kick off 2018, we reached 4,000 followers on Facebook, to celebrate we gave away a \$50 Amazon gift card. Congratulations to our winner Becky Spear of the North Bay Chapter.

CANP continues to urge all chapter leaders and members to use social media, especially Twitter, as an efficient and effective way of keeping members updated on grassroots opportunities and ultimately engaging legislators.

Events

Annual Educational Conference

The 41st Annual Educational Conference is being held on March 22-25 at the Sheraton Hotel & Marina in San Diego, CA. [Registration](#) is now open. The agenda is available [online](#) and the conference will be accredited by AANP again this year. The total number of CEU and Rx credits is being determined at this time.

This year's Friday evening event is a three-hour Hornblower Cruise that takes off from the Sheraton's own marina and explores the city's majestic views from the vantage point of the San Diego Bay. The outing includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and a tour narrated by the ship's captain. **The ship's occupancy is limited to 200, so we recommend signing up early.** We currently have 88 attendees registered for the event. Registration for this event is a separate from conference registration and is \$50 per person.

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Be sure to take advantage of this unique opportunity to experience the majestic beauty of San Diego at sunset. Enjoy a narrated tour of the city sights, enhanced by music, hors d'oeuvres, and two drink tickets – all included in the \$50 price.

Occupancy is limited, and the cruise is almost certain to sell out. Pre-registration is required, so be sure to arrange your cruise reservation when you register online for the conference.

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE SHERATON SAN DIEGO HOTEL & MARINA MARCH 22-25, 2018
CANP 41ST ANNUAL REGISTER TODAY ▶

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The academic organizations/alumni groups below, will host their alumni receptions during the conference, the evening of Saturday, March 24:

- UC Irvine Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing
- Western U
- University of San Diego, Hahn School of Nursing & Health Science
- UCLA School of Nursing
- UC Davis Betty Irene School of Nursing

CANP Annual Raffle

Each year CANP asks each chapter to donate a raffle prize valued at approximately \$300 (or whatever your chapter can afford). We also request that members from each chapter volunteer to staff the raffle booth and sell raffle tickets during exhibit hall, reception and meal times.

Please bring your chapter's raffle prize to the raffle booth in the exhibit hall by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 22.

Contact Barbara Lome, VP of Finance with any questions at barbaralomednp@gmail.com.

House of Delegates

The CANP House of Delegates (HOD) will be held on Monday, April 30 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. The day will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The official *Call for Delegates and Alternate Delegates* to CANP's 2018, HOD meeting was sent on Monday, January 8. [Delegate/alternate delegate submissions](#) are due Tuesday, February 6. See the [2018 delegate apportionment count](#) to determine how many delegates your chapter is permitted.

CANP has reserved a block of hotel rooms for delegates and alternate delegates at a rate of \$215, plus tax, per night, which will be honored for two days before and after the event dates. Reservations must be made by April 7. You may reserve your room via [this link](#).

The HOD meeting packet will be sent to all registered delegates and alternate delegates on or before Friday, March 30. More information on HOD can be found on our [website](#).

Lobby Day

More than 150 CANP members and allies will head to Sacramento on Tuesday, May 1 for CANP's 2018 Lobby Day. Registration is available for members at a rate of \$20 and for non-members at a rate of \$30. **Please note that Lobby Day registration is separate from HOD registration. You must sign up for both if attending each event.**

In order for CANP's staff and legislative advocacy team to facilitate scheduling of legislative office visits, online registration will close Tuesday, April 24. 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. Participants can reserve a hotel room at the Sheraton for \$215, plus tax, per night via [this link](#).

Leadership Summit

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Leadership Summit on Saturday, September 29 in Sacramento.

Be on the lookout for details as they evolve. Additional information on the Leadership Summit can be found via [this link](#).

Operations

Quarterly Reports

December 31, 2017 marked the end of Quarter 2 for CANP's 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Quarter 2 Report was distributed to chapter presidents on Wednesday, January 3 with a return deadline of Monday, January 22.

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

2017-2018

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

Leadership Updates

January 1 marked the first day of new leadership for some chapters. If your chapter has not submitted an updated leadership roster to the state office please do so by Monday, January 22. It's essential chapter leadership information is current in order to provide the appropriate parties access to the Chapter Leadership Toolset, other resources and emails.

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). Due to the release of the updated chapter bylaws, we will hold a special leadership call in February

to discuss taxes.

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 \$54,135. 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. Donations via check or cashier's check are not permitted.

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](#).

Membership Campaigns

CANP offered a membership campaign in conjunction with our 40th Anniversary and one in conjunction with NP Week. Below are statistics on the campaigns:

- 43 people received \$40 off new memberships from October 6-9, 2017 as a way to celebrate the Association's 40th Anniversary.
- 130 new members received two free months of membership when they joined in November in honor of NP Week.

Our next membership campaign will begin February 1. We will offer two free months of membership to people join CANP **and** attend the conference. This campaign is for new members only and does not apply to renewing members.

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.

