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Advocacy – An Update from CANP’s Lobbyist

Legislative Update

The 2018 California Legislative session is now fully underway, and as is typical for this time of year, the focus at the Capitol is on budget negotiations, new legislation, and the policy agendas of new legislators. Over 2,100 new bills surfaced as of the February 16th bill introduction deadline, which is almost 200 more than normal for the second year of a two-year session. Hundreds of those measures were “spot” bills (placeholder measures that only make minor, technical changes to the law), many of which will be substantively amended over the next several weeks. CANP has flagged all of the bills that they believe may be of interest to the Association, and these are populated on the [online bill tracker](#). The California Association for Nurse Practitioners (CANP) Health Policy & Practice Committee (HPPC) will now begin reviewing the bills to identify organizational priorities.

Sexual harassment allegations continue to rock the Capitol, with three Democratic members resigning and one other Democratic member - Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia - on a leave of absence. Garcia, who was the chair of the legislative Women’s Caucus and one of the leaders of the #metoo movement, decided to temporarily step away from the Legislature after being accused of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior toward staff. In the Senate, Tony Mendoza resigned on February 22nd after a leave of absence, following harassment accusations. Mendoza has vehemently defended his actions and plans to run for reelection.

Because of the resignations, Democrats in both houses lost their supermajorities and, consequently, their power to increase taxes without Republican support. Special elections to fill the Senate seats are scheduled concurrently with the June primary election. The Governor has not yet called the special election to fill Mendoza’s seat, but one will likely take place in August.

CANP anticipates the 2018 legislative session will include a significant discussion around access to health care and coverage, as well as proposed changes to the health care delivery system. As pressure has increased on Legislators to support single-payer, many Legislators are

looking at alternative proposals to show that California is moving toward universal healthcare. Many of these proposals are not in print yet, but CANP anticipates they will be amended into many of the spot bills that are currently pending.

A major focus this year is a discussion around opioid abuse and what policies California can put in place in an effort to curb opioid abuse and addiction. There are currently 13 bills pending, that focus on the epidemic. CANP may wish to take a closer look at these and identify which may be priorities for nurse practitioners to weigh in on.

2018 Sponsored Legislation

While CANP is not currently sponsoring legislation, we are working on getting a statutory fix change to add nurse practitioners to the list of certified providers in the California Phones Program. The California Phones Program, also known as the California Telephone Access Program (CTAP), is one of the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Programs. The program serves over 500,000 deaf or disabled Californians in a variety of ways, including amplified phones to make listening to conversations easier, bigger buttons that assist with dialing, and flashing lights that indicate incoming calls.

In order to qualify for the California Phones program, applicants must have a healthcare provider certify their need and sign their applications. Certified providers currently include (among others) physicians, speech-language pathologists, optometrists and physician assistants, but do not include nurse practitioners.

Political Activity

CANP is planning to endorse one of the Democratic gubernatorial candidates before the June primary, a first in the organization's history. A questionnaire has been sent to each of the leading candidates along with an invitation to speak to the CANP Board of Directors.

Grassroots Update

Chapters are focused on engaging membership in meaningful grassroots outreach efforts. On the last Grassroots Advocacy call, Chapters discussed the benefits of "power mapping" their legislators. This is an excellent way learn more about each legislator and to help create on-going relationships with them. Going forward, Chapters should continue to learn more about their legislators, interact with their legislators through meetings, participating in community activities such as town halls, open forums, and legislator sponsored events including but not limited to coffees or walks.

The Grassroots Advocacy Calls take place the third Monday of each month from 7:00pm-8:00pm. The next Grassroots Advocacy Call is scheduled for Monday, March 19.

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

Social Media

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 less than weeks away. If you haven't already registered you may do so via this link. The agenda is available online and the conference is approved for 25.5 contact hour(s) of continuing education (which includes 9.24 hours of pharmacology) by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). The activity ID is 18023045.

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.

This event requires a separate registration and admission fee of \$50 per person. Space is limited so be sure to sign up for the cruise when you [register for the conference](#). If you are already registered and would like to join the cruise, call (916) 441-1361.

Boarding will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the marina. Registrants will receive an admission ticket when they pick up their name badge and conference materials at the onsite registration desk. An admission ticket is required to board the cruise.

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

President's Reception

New this year, will be the President's Reception. All chapter presidents or one designated chapter leader substituting for the chapter president are invited to join the CANP Board of Directors for wine, appetizers and networking on Friday, March 23, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The reception takes place of the traditional leadership session to allow chapter presidents more time for networking with other presidents and CANP board members.

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. It is essential that all chapters participate by donating a raffle prize and volunteering at the raffle booth. Be sure to [sign up](#) to volunteer today.

Please bring your chapter's raffle prize to the raffle booth (booth 64 & 65) 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 concludes at approximately 5:30 p.m. There are 95 delegates registered for the annual meeting and seven resolutions were received.

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

[Registration is now open](#) for CANP Lobby Day 18, taking place Tuesday, May 1 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. View the agenda for 2018 via [this link](#). This year's event begins with an evening Legislative Reception on Monday, April 30, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton.

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 per person.

Participants can reserve a hotel room at the Sheraton for \$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](#).

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 close of the 2nd quarter for the 2017 - 2018 fiscal year. Chapters received their Quarter 2 dues and events payments in early February.

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 immediately. 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. You may submit your roster via email at admin@canpweb.org.

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).

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 HPPC will host a PAC raffle booth in the exhibit hall at the Annual Educational Conference, where donations will be accepted. Contributors during the conference will be eligible for a prize drawing to be held during the Saturday evening reception. Among prizes available this year are one week's use of a vacation home in Hawaii, a week's accommodations in Palm Springs and more.

The current balance in the PAC account is \$59,223. CANP encourages chapters to continue to raise funds for the CANP PAC, which is a critical part of the Association's political efforts. PAC funds help show strength in numbers and a commitment to engage in the legislative process.

Note: PAC donations must be submitted via personal check or credit card. Donations via cash 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

February 1 – March 25 CANP is offering two free months of membership to people join **and** attend the Annual Educational Conference. This campaign is for new members only and does not apply to renewing members. As of March 7, 41 people qualify for this membership campaign.

Strategic Plan

CANP's 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan was adopted by the CANP Board of Directors on January 20, 2018 and can be found on the CANP [website](#).

