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President's Corner

Karen Holder, AZNPC President

As president of our largest state Nurse Practitioner organization, I'd like to give you an overview of what your elected executive team does in support of you as members and in support of NPs throughout this state. As of March 1, 2014, Arizona has 4,540 active NPs, 705 CRNAs, 213 CNMs and 201 CNS, for a total of 5,659 Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs). Many of you have heard of the national movement for states' to align with the Consensus Model crafted by The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) as a gold standard for Scope of Practice (SOP) based on recommendations from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report on *The Future of Nursing (2008)*. The consensus model offers a standardized SOP, where APNs in all 50 states plus our territories would have the privilege and regulatory support to practice to the full extent of our education and training. In Arizona, we have one of the most favorable and expansive SOP as NPs. We are considered a plenary state, where we as NPs have statutory and regulatory independence to practice to the fullest extent of our education and training without physician oversight. Other APN specialists have more limitations on their SOP, which

ARIZONA nurse practitioner COUNCIL

The Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council is a local chapter of the Arizona Nurses Association, and an affiliate of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Established in 1992, we advocate for our membership through legislative and educational activities. We provide members the opportunity to network with one another and promote their services to the public.

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Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council Executive Committee

President: Karen Holder
Vice President: Bessie Burk
Treasurer: Roni Fox
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Legislative Chair: Denise Link
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includes more physician oversight and collaboration. We all work in teams and collaboratively with physician colleagues and other healthcare providers, but mandates that limit our ability to do what we are educated to do can negatively impact access to care for our patients. The Council (AzNPC) is taking an active role in Meeting with our fellow APNs to explore opportunities to update language in our state Nurse Practice Act (NPA) that would better align all APNs in Arizona with the consensus model.

Many of you have attended the monthly educational dinners AzNPC has sponsored through the diligent work of Nancy Johnson and our Public Relations and Membership Chairs, Katie Wall and Amber Porter. These meetings provide a wide range of primary and specialty care educational updates as well as opportunity for networking among NP colleagues. Northern Arizona holds similar monthly programs through NANPG and Southern Arizona holds dinner programs as well as an annual Primary Care update for NPs in the Tucson area. Our annual Regional NP Symposium held the last full weekend in July each year provides opportunity for NPs to gather for legislative updates, educational sessions, networking and face-to-face time with AzNPC officers to assist in moving our organization's activities forward.

In addition to these priority issues, we as your elected officers attend dozens of meetings with stakeholders and policy makers to represent NPs in our state. These meetings do not make the news often; however these behind the scene activities drive issues such as NP insurance empanelment, reimbursement and our visibility as quality providers. Led by Denise Link, our legislative Chair, executive officers actively participate in and monitor state and federal health policy and state legislative bills to protect our NPA and SOP and to improve and protect our patients' having access to our care as NPs. Our Public Relations Chair Katie Wall works tirelessly to update and maintain our website for students, NPs, stakeholders and the public at large. The site is user friendly and filled with information about all aspects of what we do, who we are and where we are headed as NPs. Please take a few moments to visit the site and see for yourselves: www.arizonanp.com. As always, we welcome your input and participation in advancing NPs in Arizona.

Karen V. Holder

!!! NEWS !!!

On Saturday, March 15, 2014 Arizona Department of Health Services was convened with prescribers from various disciplines to draft guidelines for prescribing opioids. The guidelines will be voluntary, built on the best evidence/practices available, and focused on acute and chronic non-cancer, non-terminal pain. The summit was held at the Courtyard Scottsdale Salt River, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Current Events

Check out our website! The Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council website contains information on current events, CE opportunities, and other resources. https://arizonanp.enpnetwork.com Click on the link and check it out!

Vice President Report

Bessie Burk – AZNPC Vice President

The annual conference is in the final stages of selection of topics. The keynote speaker this year is Maggie Hopson who will address wellness and motivation.

There will be 12 class options on Saturday that cover several areas of wellness and prevention: STD prevention, antibiotic use, preventing obesity in peds, and creating a healthier you so you can care for others.

We will have 3 workshops on Sunday. In addition to a continuation of the keynote topic we will have one on immunizations and one to address learning to be a better preceptor as well as involvement in current projects.

Last year we had a record number of vendors present and this year is shaping to be just as many. There will also be a silent auction and a raffle at the event with some really great prizes.

Scope of Practice Questions?

Janeen Dahn PhD, FNP-C, AZNPC Secretary

Question: I am a pediatric nurse practitioner. If I get a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.) or a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree Can I refer to myself as a "Dr." if I have a (DNP)? Can my business card read say Dr. Jane Smith?

Answer:

Rule R4-19-403 (23) states:

> Advertising the practice of nursing with untruthful or misleading statements

Arizona Revised Statute §32-1636 states that:

> Only a person who holds a valid and current certificate issued pursuant to this chapter to practice as a registered nurse practitioner in this state may use the title "nurse practitioner", "registered nurse practitioner" or "nurse midwife", if applicable, or use any words or letters to indicate the person is a registered nurse practitioner. A person who is certified as a registered nurse practitioner shall indicate by **title or initials the specialty area of certification.**

The title "Dr." is not a protected title. A Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) are academic degrees. However, when functioning in the capacity of a healthcare provider, in order to ovoid the appearance of misrepresentation, you are required to include your nursing credentials. For example, Dr. Janeen Dahn Family Nurse Practitioner is perfectly appropriate. By clarifying that I am a family nurse practitioner, there is no confusion on my credentials. Go ahead and use your title – you earned it!

Did you know the Arizona State Board of Nursing has a Scope of Practice question email? ScopeofPractice@azbn.gov is

available to anyone who has a question about the Scope of Practice for Certified Nursing Assistants, Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, and Advanced Practice Nurses.

Meet the Executive Council

President: Karen V. Holder

The President shall be the Chair of the Executive Board and ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall appoint individuals to do special projects to further the work of the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council, appoint ad hoc committees, and serve as a representative of the organization. The President shall serve as a designated signer with the Treasurer on all AZNPC accounts (AzNPC By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec 2a&b.). You may contact the President by emailing: AZNPCPresident@gmail.com

I work in a community health center in northern Arizona as an FNP, providing prenatal care and family care to low income women, men and children. I precept medical, PA and NP students and am on adjunct faculty with several universities.

> "My responsibility as President is to serve as your representative for AZNPC" – Karen Holder

I have had the privilege of holding several elected leadership positions including founder and president of the Northern Arizona Nurse Practitioner Group (NANPG), AANP state representative, Arizona Nurses Association Board of Directors, Executive officer and treasurer for AzNPC and most recently President of AzNPC. I have been active as an NP advocate since the early 1980s serving as consultant for Congressmen and women, sitting at health policy tables with other stakeholders and actively participating as an invited NP voice on task forces at state and local levels. Since taking office as President in November 2013, activities include: Day at the Legislature for APRNs in collaboration with the American College of Physicians/Arizona Chapter 2/ 5/14, reviewing state bills as asked by the AzNA governmental affairs committee (ongoing), AzNPC representative Consensus Model Legislation Workgroup (ongoing), AANP Regional leadership meeting 2/20/14, Summit to Develop Opioid Prescribing Guidelines 3/15/14.

Vice-President: Bessie Burk FNP-C

The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President, in the President's absence and also serve as the Chair of the Program / Conference Committee. The Vice-President will assume other duties as assigned by the President (AzNPC By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec c.). You may contact the Vice-President by emailing: AZNPCVicePresident@gmail.com

Bessie is involved in meeting health care needs at the community level. Living in rural Arizona, south of Casa Grande, she has raised her family and become invested in her community. She works in partnership with nonprofit groups in her area to provide services for the homeless and promote nurse practitioner services.

"As Vice President, I am responsible for ensuring a successful symposium as well as all duties entrusted from the president" – Bessie Burk

Bessie attends leadership groups and conferences, representing Arizona on the national as well as state level. With a background in rural healthcare, she understands the issues facing rural Arizona and advocates for change within the system. Mentoring the next generation of nurse practitioners, she precepts for several universities within the state at a community health center. She promotes AzNP by presenting information to graduating classes and the role of nurse practitioners to community groups. Bessie is currently pursuing her DNP through NAU.

Secretary: Janeen Dahn, Ph.D. FNP-C

The Secretary shall be accountable for record keeping and reporting of Chapter meetings and act as the editor and send quarterly newsletters. The Secretary will serve as Chair of the Nominations Committee (AzNPC By-*Laws, Art. IV, Sec d.).* You may contact the Secretary by emailing: AZNPCSecretary@gmail.com

Janeen Dahn, Ph.D. FNP-C, is currently serving her first term as Secretary for AzNPC. Dr. Dahn is the immediate past president. She served two consecutive terms from 2009-2012. Dr. Dahn has been a Family Nurse Practitioner since 1999, working primarily in internal medicine and in family practice, through her own practice, *NP House Calls.*

Dr. Dahn is the Assistant Dean for the College of Health Sciences and Nursing at the University of Phoenix and is the Director of the Family Nurse Practitioner program. Dr. Dahn is also an Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant for the Arizona State Board of Nursing and staff representative for the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee for the Arizona State Board of Nursing. Dr. Dahn was the recipient of the American Academy Nurse Practitioner Arizona State Award for NP Excellence in 2011 and has appeared in several Key Note speaker events on NP practice in Arizona. "My responsibility as the Secretary for AzNPC is to keep members informed" The Chapter secretary is also responsible for facilitating nominations and elections for the Chapter 9 executive committee.

"My responsibility as the Secretary for AzNPC is to keep members informed" - Janeen Dahn

In 2014, there will be four open positions on the executive committee (Vice – President, Secretary, Legislative Chair, and Public Relations Chair). Call for nominations are out and will be accepted through July 1, 2014. Online ballots will go out to members in August for 30 days. Winners will take office in November 2014.

Treasurer: Roni Fox, MSN, FNP-C

The Treasurer shall oversee the preparation of the annual budget; oversee the implementation of the annual budget; and ensure the annual independent review audit is conducted; maintain affiliation status with national organizations as agreed upon by the executive committee. The Treasurer shall serve as Executor of Finances and designated signer on AZNPC accounts. The Treasurer will provide a financial report to the Executive Board biannually and as deemed necessary by the Board. The Treasurer also *serves as Chair of the Finance Committee (AzNP By-Law, Art. IV, Sec 2e.). You may contact the Treasurer by emailing*: AZNPCTreasurer@gmail.com
"Roni" Veroncia Fox MSN, FNP-C is currently serving her 1st term as treasurer for the AZ Nurse Practitioner Council.

> "As treasurer I oversee preparation of the organization's budget, as well as manage the organization's finances." – Roni Fox

As treasurer she has reviewed AZNPC's current financial status, examined previous year's financial reports and is currently preparing the budget for 2014 with the input of the executive committee.

She previously served a partial term as Membership Chair, as well as having served as Liaison to the American College of Nurse Practitioners, and as a member of the PR Committee. She is also a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Roni has years of experience working for multiple other committees and organizations including as member of the SANS GIAC Advisory Board for Incident Handling (an IT Security group, 2004-2008), secretary/ advisory board member for a Western US young people's conference (1997-2000), as well as secretary for an Arizona young people's conference (1993-1994).

Roni received her MSN as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 2010 from the University of Arizona, and has worked primarily in Family Practice. Roni currently works for a walk-in family practice in Anthem, AZ in addition to having her own independent Aesthetics practice, and is on adjunct faculty at a local University. She is passionate about women and children's health, integrated medicine, allergies, autism, nutrition, and organic/ "whole food" eating.

Legislative Chairperson: Denise Link, PhD, WHNP-BC

The Legislative Chairperson monitors pertinent legislative issues and is ex-officio member of AZNA's legislative committee (AzNP By-Law, Art. IV, Sec 2f.). You may contact the Legislative Chairperson by emailing: AZNPCLegislative@gmail.com
Denise Link, PhD, WHNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP is in her second term as Legislative Chair for AzNPC. She has been a women's health nurse practitioner since 1979 and is the director of a nurse

practitioner led clinic in Central Phoenix. In this role, Dr. Link provides direct patient care while managing the operations of the clinic and serving as Program Director for the grant that funds the clinic. She precepts dozens of students each semester for supervised clinical experiences in basic women's health care.

> "As Legislative Chair, I maintain communication between policy makers and our members, advocating for patients and APRNs." – Denise Link

Dr. Link has been a member of the New Jersey and Arizona Boards of Nursing. She is a member of the Duke/ Johnson & Johnson Nurse Leadership Program Advisory Board and is secretary of the Board of Directors for the National Nursing Centers Consortium. As the Governmental Affairs Officer on the Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) Board of Directors, Dr. Link leads the AzNA Public Policy Committee and, with a number of other AzNA members, reviews bills that are introduced during each session of the Arizona Legislature. From these reviews, AzNA makes decisions whether to support, oppose or monitor a bill.

Dr. Link is frequently called upon to provide testimony, in person and in writing, on legislation and other policy matters of concern to nurses. Dr. Link is the co-chair of the Consensus Model Legislation Coalition, a sub-committee of the Arizona Action Coalition for the Future of Nursing. She serves as a member of the AANP Federal Policy Committee.

Membership Chairperson: Amber Porter, FNP-C

The Membership Chairperson is responsible for membership recruitment and retention, maintaining a list of active and updated members in coordination with AzNA; maintain an updated list of executive board members with pertinent contact information; calling for scholarship applicants and coordinating the scholarship approval process (AzNPC By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec 2g.). You may contact the Membership Chairperson by emailing: AZNPCMembership@gmail.com

Currently serving as Membership Chair is Amber Porter, FNP-BC. Amber took office in December 2013.

> My job as Membership Chairperson is membership recruitment and retention." Amber Porter

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is our hope that more Nurse Practitioners in the state will decide to join our council and add to the voices that assist in keeping our scope of practice one of the best in the United States. You may contact the Membership Chair by emailing: AZNPCMembership@gmail.com

Public Relations Chairperson: Katie Wall, MSN, FNP-C

The Public Relations Chairperson is responsible for oversight of the AZNPC website, arizonanp.com. The PR Chairperson also serves as liaison with agencies contracted by AZNPC for marketing and web design or maintenance. The PR Chairperson serves as Chairperson of the Publics Relations Committee and presents an annual budget at the designated Executive Board meeting (AzNPC By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec 2h.). You may contact the Public Relations Chairperson by emailing: AZNPCPublicRelations@gmail.com

Katie Wall, MSN, FNP-C currently serves as the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council Public Relations Chairperson. She assumed this position in November 2012. She has worked hard to market nurse practitioners to the public and keep nurse practitioners up to date through the website, arizonanp.com, on local and national events and news.

Katie has worked with the ENP network coordinator to allow for publicity of nurse practitioners through our t-shirt sales. T-shirts can be purchased through the website for $20 plus shipping and handling.

She has worked on bringing advertisements from outside companies to nurse practitioners through the advertisement section on the website. An example of this occurred on October 2, 2013. Zach Weissmueller, a producer for Reason TV, representing a documentary production company based in Los Angeles contacted me to assist in finding a nurse practitioner in Arizona with a successful independent practice. The purpose of this short film was to help the nurse practitioners in California in their battle for independent practice. The executive committee chose Dale Ann Dorsey to represent Arizona in this video. Zach Weissmueller came to Arizona to visit Dale Ann Dorsey in her clinic. The video was produced and publicized on December 3, 2013. The video can be found on the website.

Katie has worked with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Effective Health Care Program, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington D.C. She has worked with representatives Jake Yarbrough and Danae Goldberg starting in June 2013. More information on this can be found on the website. Katie has an upcoming meeting with Jake Yarbrough on March 20, 2014 in Mesa, Arizona.

The public relations chairperson also participates in representing nurse practitioners. Katie has attended several lobby days at the State Capitol. The most recent was on February 5, 2014 when the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council partnered with the American College of Physicians, Arizona Chapter. A video of this can also be found on the website.

My responsibility as the public-relations chairperson for the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council is to promote the role of the nurse practitioner through public marketing and membership through the website and outside organizations." – Katie Wall

The public relations chairperson has started the tradition for silent auction at the annual conference. The money raised is used to help fund the scholarships. Donations are not tax deductible. If you wish to donate an item, please email AZNPCPublicRelations@gmail.com.

The public relations chairperson helps to coordinate local dinner educational dinner events in Phoenix with the assistance of Nancy Johnson. The events are always full. A no show policy was implemented in January 2014. If a NP registers and no shows on 2 separate occasions, that person will be automatically moved to a waiting list. Further discussion on this rule and possible future changes to the programs will occur at the July 26, 2014 meeting in Flagstaff at the annual conference.

The public relations chairperson assists in answering any questions that come through the website on the "contact us" tab.

Lastly, the public relations chairperson helps students who are paid members of Chapter 9 (must be specified on your AzNA application) with a preceptor list. The list is private and not for public viewing on the website. If you wish to be a preceptor on this list, please contact the chairperson at the email above.

SAVE THE DATE!

Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council Quarterly Meetings

Telephonic meetings will be conducted on:

- April 26, 2014, 10 am
- October 25, 2014, 10 am

Quarterly meetings are open to the public and may be accessed by calling:

Toll free: 1-866-855-1152

Conference code: 99785595#

Please do not call in sooner than 5 minutes prior to start as the chapter is billed by the minute. A Chapter 9 quarterly meeting will be held during the Southwest NP Symposium on

- JULY 26, 2014

The Southwest NP Symposium is a great opportunity to network with your colleagues.

American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Bessie Burk –AANP Arizona State Representative

2014 AANP Annual Conference registration is now open. Location: Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville June 17-22, 2014. You can register from the website www.aanp.org

26th Southwestern Regional NP Symposium

The 26th Southwestern Regional NP Symposium is an educational meeting and exposition for nurse practitioners across the continuum of health care organized by the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council (ANPC) and AzNA. We are soliciting poster presentations for the 2014 conference on July 26-27 at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff, Arizona. The submissions guidelines are attached.

Abstracts will only be accepted electronically. Submit your abstract via e-mail to bessieburk@msn.com in a Microsoft Word format using the following forms. Please assure your submission file name begins with your last name (i.e. golden_healthpolicy.doc).

Deadline: All submissions must be emailed by March 28, 2014.

Notification: Abstract submissions will be reviewed by the planning committee. You will receive notification of acceptance or declination via e-mail by April 19, 2014.

(Abstract submission instructions are at the end of this document)

Legislative Report

12/14/13 Denise Link – AzNPC Legislative Chair

Advocacy in Action - Az NP Council Legislative Report

The AzNA Public Policy Committee has been very active reviewing 74 bills this session. See the **Nurses' List** on the AzNA website for the full list of bills that have been reviewed; reviewer comments, status and AzNA position are listed. AzNA members and staff continue to advocate for improvements in the following bills:

HB 2573 schools; immunizations; registered nurses; posting – would require schools to post immunization levels on their website; would require schools to post if they do/do not have a registered nurse on site.

SB 1157 Midwives; scope of practice – prohibits licensed midwives (not CNMs) from attending home births for VBAC, multiple births and breech presentations.

SB 1276 HIV-related testing; consent; confidentiality; exceptions – Amendments have been proposed to address concerns of the sponsors while preserving patient autonomy and confidentiality.

This year's Day at the Legislature was in collaboration with the American College of Physicians/Arizona Chapter. Last year a limited number of members of the executive committee for Chapter 9 attended at the invitation of the ACP/AZ and found it to be a very positive experience. This year, attendance was opened to 15

members; a combination of 9 members and DNP students participated. The day was very informative and included presentations by 4 members of the Arizona Legislature, three legislative representatives including AzNA Legislative council, Rory Hays, and three policy experts, including Don Hughes, Gov Brewer's Special Consultant for Health. Telemedicine and Graduate Medical Education funding were discussed during visits with legislators. The feedback from attendees was positive. Future participation by AzNA will depend on what issues are under consideration in the legislature and opportunities to have greater input for agenda, speakers and advocacy topics for the day.

The Consensus Model Legislation Workgroup – met on Feb 12th at AzNA office. Topics of discussion included the VA/ APRN action and Dear Colleague letters; bullet points of "wants" for proposed legislation to be prepared by representatives from each role to be presented and discussed at next meeting; review of draft of potential stakeholders/supporters for scope of practice legislation; proposal to have future large group meetings via teleconference to encourage broader participation. The date for the next meeting is planned for March 19, 2014.

Denise Link made the following appearances on behalf of AzNA/AzNPC – AzNA Board of Directors Retreat, January 31st – topics: strategic planning, expert panel topics, increasing value for members, consumer/member messages, financial planning; attended Day at the Legislature on Feb 5th; Consensus Model meeting, Feb 12th; Speaker at the AzNA workshop "Nurses Making Public Policy Purposeful" on Feb 14th; Speaker at the SNAAz mid-year convention on March 1, 2014 at the ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus. Topic at the workshops was the impact of health policy decisions on nursing practice and how to advocate for our profession and for patients; Speaker at AzNA Lobby Day, briefing attendees on SB 1157 Midwives; scope of practice and served as a group leader for visits with legislators; Participated in stakeholders meeting to discuss amendments to SB 1276 HIV-related testing.

AZNPC 2014 Election – Call for Nominations

Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council (AzNPC) Executive Committee 2014

DEADLINE: July 1, 2014

VACANT POSITIONS:

1. The **Vice-President** shall assume all duties of the President, in the President's absence and also serve as the Chair of the Program / Conference Committee. The Vice-President will assume other duties as assigned by the President.
2. The **Secretary** shall be accountable for record keeping and reporting of Chapter meetings. The Secretary will ensure that notices of meetings of the organization are sent, act as newsletter editor, and ensure quarterly newsletters

are sent. The Secretary will serve as Chair of the Nominations Committee.

3. The **Legislative Chairperson** monitors pertinent legislative issues and is ex-officio member of AzNA's legislative committee.
4. The **Public Relations Chairperson** is responsible for oversight of the AzNPC website, arizonanp.com. The PR Chairperson also serves as liaison with agencies contracted by AzNPC for marketing and web design or maintenance.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS: The Nominating Committee will consider candidates' experiences and skills relative to AzNPC leadership model and advancing the goals of the organization. Candidates must demonstrate a commitment and willingness to serve on a volunteer working Board and accept assignments related to the work of the organization. The AzNPC leadership model includes an executive Board composed of 7 volunteer officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative Chair, Membership Chair, and Public Relations char. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office or more than eight (8) consecutive years on the Executive Board. An officer who has served more than half a term shall be considered to have served a full term.

The **PURPOSE** of AzNPC is to advance the practice and the professional status of Nurse Practitioners throughout the State of Arizona by means of legislation, education, networking and community involvement.

Executive Board Members are expected to attend monthly telephonic executive meetings, quarterly telephonic Chapter Membership meetings and the annual Southwestern NP Symposium in person.

If you are interested in assuming a greater leadership role in the future of Arizona Nurse Practitioners by running for one of the four vacant positions, please complete the attached ***Biographical Sketch/consent to Serve*** form that includes your educational and professional background, existing relationship with AzNPC, and goals for your tenure in the position you are running for. Send the completed form to the AzNPC Secretary at **AZNPCSecretary@gmail.com no later than July 1, 2014.** Each nominee will be reviewed by the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Executive Council and vetted for final slate of nominees. Candidates must be approved by the Council in order for a nominee to be included on the ballot (Art V. Sec 1). August Elections will be managed by the AzNA and held open for 30 days. Nominees will be notified of their status in a timely manner. Elected officers will be asked to assume their offices November 1, 2014.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH/CONSENT TO SERVE

I wish to have my name placed on the 2014-2016 ballot for the office of: **CIRCLE ONE**
Vice-President Secretary Legislative Chairperson Public Relations Chairperson

Name:	Credentials:
Address:	Phone:
City, State:	Zip
Employer Name:	
Position:	
Email:	
Past Experience/Activities with Professional Nursing Organizations:	
In 100 words or less, briefly and concisely state relevant experience (in 1st person) and if elected, how you would contribute to this position:	

Signature: _____ Date: _____

<u>Southwest Regional NP Conference: Call for Posters</u>

July 26-27, 2014
High Country Conference Center
Flagstaff, AZ

The Southwest Regional NP Conference is an educational meeting and exposition for nurse practitioners across the continuum of health care organized by the Arizona Nurse Practitioner Council (AzNPC). We are soliciting poster presentations for the 2014 conference at the High Mountain Conference Center in Flagstaff, Arizona.

<u>Poster Proposal Guidelines and Information</u>

Subject Matter

Posters are to address evidence-based practice projects, proposed or completed research of interest to nurse practitioners in various specialty areas and practice settings, or a topic with implications to Advanced Practice Nursing. (Principal investigators or project coordinators must be nurse practitioners).

General Poster Proposal Information/Guidelines

- Each proposal is peer-reviewed by members of the Conference Committee.
- The audience will include approximately 150 nurse practitioners, nurse practitioner students, teaching professionals, and exhibiting company representatives.
- Poster presenters who are selected for presentation must register for the conference and make their own travel and hotel arrangements.
- AzNPC will provide each presenter with a wall space (maximum) 8 ft. wide by 4 ft. high. The background color is tan or gray. Presenters must provide their own tack pins for posting. No tables will be supplied (or allowed) due to space confinements.
- Posters will be displayed during all exhibit hall hours.
- Posters will be judged during the conference by attendees – the top three poster presenters will receive waived conference fees for 2015 Southwest Regional NP Conference.
- Teardown of posters is July 26 after 5:30pm or July 27 by noon. (Please be sure to remove your poster prior to conference end on Sunday. AzNPC is not responsible for lost or

damaged materials and will not take responsibility for posting, tearing down, or shipping your materials.)

Poster Abstract Submission Instructions

Poster Proposal Format Requirements

Submit a proposal ***via email*** (Microsoft Word file required – see page 4 for Presenter documentation form) to bessieburk@msn.com

Proposals must include the following:

- Poster title
- Author/presenter name(s), institution represented, address, phone number. Please indicate who will serve as the primary contact (we will contact that person only).
- 2-3 behavioral and measurable objectives
- Abstract (250 word-limit includes abstract only)—
  - *Evidence-based practice projects* – include title, clinical problem, level of evidence
    used to propose change, implementation and evaluation of change. If project at planning stage, specify proposed implementation and evaluation process.
  - *Proposed research* - include title, problem, background, research question or hypothesis, theoretical framework and methods.
  - *Completed research* - include title, problem, background, research question or hypothesis, theoretical framework, methods, results and conclusions.
  - *Implications to Advanced Practice Nursing* – include title, implication of issue for APN, recommendations and conclusions.

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Deadline: All submissions must be emailed by **March 28, 2014.**

Notification: Abstract submissions will be reviewed by the planning committee. You will receive notification of acceptance or declination via e-mail by April 19, 2014.

Include the Biographical Data Form (one for each poster presenter), located on page 3
Abstract Form, located on page 4

Biographical Data Form (Bio Form)

My role in this continuing education activity is as a (check all that apply): _____ Content Expert _____ Faculty/Presenter _____ Planning Committee			
Name, Degrees & Credentials:			
If an RN, Nursing Degree(s): AD, Diploma, BSN, Masters, Doctorate			
Home Address or Business Address			
City, State and Zip Code			
Day Telephone:		Fax Number:	
Email Address:			
Present Position (Title) & Employer:			
Describe professional experience or areas of expertise, which contribute to involvement. This might include your educational background, publications or experience. Please do not attach resumes or CVs. *NOTE: If you are the nurse planner, you must provide information about your expertise/education in adult education or adult learning.			

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

The potential for conflict of interest exists when an individual has the ability to control or influence the CE content (either through planning, implementation or reviewing) and they have a financial relationship with a *commercial interest, the* products or services of which are pertinent to the content of the educational activity.

Do you have an actual or perceived conflict of interest for yourself or your spouse/partner?	Yes _____	No _____
If yes, describe potential conflict(s) of interest below:		
Salary		
Honorarium		
Royalty		
Stock		
Speaker's Bureau		

Consultant	
Other	
_____	By checking this box, I am providing my electronic signature affirming that all the information entered above is accurate and complete. I have identified and resolved in writing all potential conflicts of interests. As a planning committee member or presenter, I am resolving my conflict of interest by agreeing that I will not allow any conflict of interest or commercial support to bias my participation in this activity.
_____	Date

Nurse Planner Review

How will this potential conflict(s) of interest be resolved prior to the activity? (Check all that apply) *All conflicts of interest MUST be resolved PRIOR TO the implementation of the activity.*	
	I have discussed conflict with Nurse Planner and agree to the Conflict of Interest policy.
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