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NO - 2008 FALL CONFERENCE

NO - 2009 SPRING CONFERENCE

THE FALL 2009 NPASD CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN SIOUX FALLS.

AN EXCITING PROGRAM IS PLANNED, WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Message from: Aleen Golis, NPASD President

As summer moves along for 2008, I find it fascinating how many changes are taking place in the US. Some good, some bad —of course, and many that can be watched and viewed without emotion or action or energy spent in contemplating. Health care changes appear daily not only with new procedures, new findings, and information but all with new regulations. Changes in both the national and state affairs. As I monitor the mail, the phone, the web, the fax, the internet, the workplace, newspapers, news magazines, journals, packets of information from the drug companies, etc., I find my desk becoming unmanageable. I can never find what I want, when I want it, and definitely not when I need it. In this modern world of information overload, our views of things need to change with the input of information. So it is with NPASD.

Our Board of Directors made plans at the 2008 Spring Conference to return to the July meeting with thoughts in place toward new goals, both short and long term for the organization. Those

goals will be the roadmap for NPASD to take the organization into a time of long range planning. Those plans were developed at the meeting, are in the process of being fine tuned for publishing. Our old goals developed when we first organized NPASD were good, they served us well through collaborative legislative changes, Schedule 2 drug prescriptive changes, and growth of the organization to a current level that boasts of 150 members, almost half of the total state NP's. Those goals were worthy then and they are still valuable, but the board of directors have put into motion the development of a change in the manner in which that may occur.

Our number one goal for NPASD early on its formation was to provide support for state NP's, with education, networking, and job information, etc. Our presence in the state will become more electronically based, and supportive information will be available on the website in several layers, some only available to members, and some available to anyone who chooses to take the time to view. Newsletters once mailed to all state NP's will now only be on the "to-be-developed" new website, saving the mailing money toward the website development through professional development. Membership addresses and personal information will be updatable by the member at the website saving the time-lost for changes to filter through additional hands. We

have a multitude of changes in mind, so be sure check it out when you get the e-mail that it is up and ready for its' day view.

And for the first time, NPASD plans full legislative session coverage daily through the NP membership lobbying efforts. Be watching for details of this effort, and the manner in which you can be a part of the NP legislative grass roots. WE want to support work toward Licensed Independent Practice (LIP) status for all NP's nationwide.

We will strive to continue development of the ability to provide unencumbered care for SD citizens. And of course, we want to encourage all NP's to find the time to provide mentorship to the new era of NP's. These goals will provide NPASD leadership decisional direction. They will provide the new directors a continuity of directions, that won't change with the changing of the officers.

This fall will find the following positions open. Secretary, Vice President, and 3 board of Director Positions. Committee membership is extremely valuable as well, and provides the 'work horse' for the organization. If you are interested in any position, or have just a little bit of extra time, WE NEED YOU. Please send your name to Jan Wright and let her know your interest and send her your CV. NPASD encourages new blood into the organization. New blood brings vitality and a renewal of energy that becomes synergy for the forward motion of the organization. Please volunteer today. The organization is only as vibrant and those who keep it running behind the scene.

There will be no fall conference this fall as the board has decided to change to a one conference a year format, on a Rapid City/Sioux Falls rotational basis. Hence, 2009 the Fall conference will tentatively be held on the first weekend in November in Sioux Falls. More information forth coming as it becomes available.

BE SURE TO VOTE PROMPTLY WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE BALLOT FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

LISA BUCKLIN



I am currently working in family practice setting in Clear Lake, SD. I really enjoy taking care of children and working with families. Since starting at Clear Lake, I work with the mature adult and make daily rounds at a local nursing home. It was very challenging at first, but now I look forward to daily visits. I would like to expand my knowledge base in geriatric. My husband, Willie, and I have been married 25 years and have four children. Our daughter, Jessica, and her husband, Shane live in Milbank, SD. They are parents to a one year old son, Howie William. Nolan is a sophomore at Valley City, ND majoring in Business Education. Raquel, 17, and Wendy, 15, are very active in high school activities. They are best friends, which for parents, can be double trouble. We enjoy spending time with family and friends. We live by Summit, SD and have many animals on our farm including horses—we enjoy riding them! I have been a very quiet member of NPASD. I enjoy reading the newsletter. Currently, my family fills the vast majority of my time.

NPASD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Number of scholarships—1 @ \$500.00 for 2008-2009 to be awarded

Student definition: Any student enrolled in a SD College NP program completing at least 1/2 of credits required to graduate, with intent to practice in SD.

Membership in NPASD will be required and a report is requested at the following annual meeting. Please mail membership application to the NPASD mailing address listed below.

Application to include a written statement of NP role/practice in SD of one double spaced typed page.

Also need statement from school verifying student status with completion of 1/2 of credits by Sept. 15. All items are to be sent in one package to:

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Committee has grown! We welcome Brian Miller, Esther Preszler, and Carrie Rise to the team.

We continue to move forward with goals to promote Nurse Practitioner practice in South Dakota. The need for primary care providers is growing in our state, and Nurse Practitioners can fill this need and increase access to care for South Dakota citizens.

We have been working on drafting a timeline, plan and budget request to present to the NPASD Board on July 19, 2008, for their review and, hopefully, approval. This work represents legislative changes we hope to move forward with in the 2009 legislative session. If the Board approves the plan, we will need everyone's assistance to accomplish goals!

We held a cracker barrel in June in Rapid City. Only one legislator attended. However, he was supportive of NP practice and indicated he would assist us if needed. He gave us some excellent ideas and insight on promoting legislation. We will use this information as we move forward. Brian Miller and Julie Bostic are planning to host a cracker barrel in Sioux Falls this fall.

As always, new members are welcome! But even if you do not want to be a committee member, we would appreciate your input, ideas, assistance in any way you can offer.

Billie Hague is moving to Wisconsin in the near future, so she has resigned her position with the legislative committee. She will be greatly missed and has really made a difference in the lives of so many NPS due to her contributions to legislative efforts. Thanks Billie for all you have done and good luck on your new adventure."

National Nurse Practitioners
Week
November 9-15, 2008

Recertification Process through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

As promised, I am providing information about the recertification process through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) certification program. Not surprisingly, the recertification process is very similar to the recertification for American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) programs.

Recertification occurs every five years and requires the certificate holder to either recertify by sitting for the appropriate exam or meeting the minimum 1000 clinical practice hours and 75 contact hours of continuing education relevant to the nurse practitioner area of specialization.

One area of difference is that AANP requires 100% or all continuing education hours to be authorized by one of the following entities: AANP, NAPNAP, ANCC, ACNM, AAFP, AAPA, or an applicable clinical graduate course. (Non-clinical college course and completion of advanced cardiac life support programs are not applicable to the required contact hours.) The ANCC certification offers many other authorizing entities in order to obtain contact hours, including APA, APNA, ACCME, and many others. For a full list please consult the following link: <http://www.nursecredentialing.org/cert/recert/recercats.html#1> At least (or should I say only) 50% of the hours must be from an educational program/organization accredited by American Nurses Credentialing Center or on the accepted list of organizations.

One other notable difference is that with the ANCC recertification, at least 51% of your continuing education hours must be related to your certification specialty; whereas, with the AANP recertification, 100% of the contact hours must be relevant to your area of certification.

For these and other differences, please consult your certifying body website to make sure that you have the correct number and type of contact hours in order to be eligible to recertify in your specialty.

Brenda Davenport CNP



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Highlights of April Board and Membership Meetings

The Board of Directors meeting was held April 10 and the membership meeting was held April 11, both in conjunction with the Spring Conference in Sioux Falls.

There are currently 352 Nurse Practitioners in South Dakota. There are 143 members of NPASD, including students. A membership drive letter will be sent to all Nurse Practitioners in South Dakota, encouraging them to join NPASD.

New graduates of Nurse Practitioner programs are offered free membership until the January 1 after their graduation and attendance at the fall conference at the member rate.

Approval will be sought from the American Nurses' Credentialing Center and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners for a reduction in cost of the certifying examination for members of NPASD.

Work continues on updating the NPASD website.

The Legislative Committee hopes to host six cracker barrels in 2008 and is planning for a more constant presence in Pierre in 2009.

Beginning in 2009, there will be only one conference hosted by NPASD annually. This will be rotated between east river and west river. The 2009 conference will be for two days in the autumn in Sioux Falls.

Jan Wright (chair), Donna Dickey, and Kathy Zambo serve on the Nominations Committee. Positions to be elected in 2008 are Vice President, Secretary, and three members of the board of directors. These are all two year terms. Members are encouraged to consider serving in these positions.