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Letter from the President

By Michele Santilhana

Dear NAPNAP community,

I wish you all a good break with much rejuvenation over the holidays. Please be safe and patient with yourselves and others. We had a superb Fall Virtual conference with collaboration from all six California chapters. We are looking forward to starting 2023 with a Spring Social and Fundraiser. Thank you and congratulations to our three members who submitted a short essay towards winning a scholarship to attend the National Conference in March.

New board elections will be in June. Please think about a position or nominating a member for

a board position. It is a great way to boost your resume or clinical ladder application. I am happy to share information or connect you with other board members. Please e mail any of the board members for more information about available positions at napnapsf@gmail.com.

While we continue to navigate the coming year between virtual and in-person events, we are confident it will be another season of great networking and valuable learning opportunities. I continue to admire and appreciate each of you for your valiant service to your patients and their families, as well as your continued dedication to NAPNAP and our community.

Sincere appreciation,
Michele

Community Chair Update

By Rumi Yokota and Mia Maclean Vernic

Congratulations to **Maureen May**, who will be sponsored to attend the 44th National Conference on Pediatric Health Care on March 15-18, 2023, in Orlando, Florida. The funds we raised from the NAPNAP masks will be used for her registration. We are excited to hear back about her experience at the conference and will have updates in a future newsletter.

Please be on the lookout for a Spring social event! Information will be sent out soon!

Legislative Update

By Margaret Rosendahl and Catie Cable

Reminder: AB 890 (which pertains to nurse practitioner scope of practice) goes into effect as of January 1, 2023. All nurse practitioners should be actively monitoring the bill's status and frequently checking the CA BRN website for updates and information on any transition to practice applications/paperwork that may need to be submitted to or verified by the BRN before they can start practicing independently in various settings.

More information can be found here:

- <https://canpweb.org/advocacy/ab-890-implementation/2022-legislation-status/>
- <https://www.rn.ca.gov/practice/ab890.shtml>
- <https://canpweb.org/advocacy/ab-890-implementation/>

Bill Updates:

- All 2022 bills were finalized by the last newsletter - 3 bills we were following were signed into law and will take effect on January 1st:
 - **AB 2329:** streamlines access to vision exams for California students by automatically opting them in, and allowing school districts to utilize nonprofit vision providers to administer exams and provide glasses more easily. Specifically, this bill authorizes a public school to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a nonprofit mobile vision provider to offer noninvasive vision exams and eyeglasses to students at the school site. It also provides parents with an opportunity to opt out of their child receiving these vision care services through a form developed by the State Department of Education. It would deem informed medical consent for the vision examination, if a parent or guardian fails to opt out. Finally, the bill includes liability waiver provisions for participating public schools and licensed health care professionals, among other protections.
 - **AB 1929:** provides Medi-Cal reimbursement for violence prevention services for victims of gun violence and other violent incidents. AB 1929 will create a

community violence prevention and recovery program covered as a Medi-Cal benefit.

- **AB 1810:** establishes the Seizure Safe Schools Act to allow schools to designate one or more volunteers to receive initial and annual refresher training for the emergency use of anti-seizure medication for a pupil diagnosed with seizures, a seizure disorder, or epilepsy, if the pupil is suffering from a seizure. (Note: California has enacted similar laws for the use of epinephrine for allergic reactions (SB 1266, Huff 2014) and naloxone for opioid overdoses (AB 1748, Mayes 2016). The volunteer training would include recognition of the signs and symptoms of seizures and the appropriate steps to be taken to respond to those symptoms. In addition, the bill provides for the development of “seizure action plans” for all students diagnosed with epilepsy or seizures and identify students eligible for individualized education plans (IEPs) and Section 504 accommodations. The bill guarantees protections for the employees who volunteer to administer the medication.

We are working with other legislative chairs in California to come up with a list of keywords for our next bill search. If our NAPNAP board members/chapter members have any topics or issues that are of interest to you, let us know and we can include them in our list!

Membership Update

By Stacy Wolf

Membership Count: **205**

Treasurer's Report

By Meaghan Pugh

Balance: **\$35,699.70**

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TOP 10 REASONS TO JOIN SF NAPNAP

1. Networking and Job Opportunities
2. Support from the Nurse Practitioner community
(i.e. professional, social)
3. Opportunities to promote the NP career to potential
future PNP's
4. Cutting edge practice updates
5. Professional Role Advancement
6. Community service opportunities
7. Discounted NAPNAP CEU events
8. NAPNAP Social events
9. The newsletter- keeping PNP's and PNP students
updated on news regarding child health and child
healthcare policy nationwide and upcoming
NAPNAP events