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## Letter from the President

By Michele Santilhano

Dear NAPNAP community,

Wow, Spring 2022 with days longer and the OMICRON surge reducing – YAY!! The NAPNAP SF Chapter has donated to the NAPNAP Foundation Auction at the National Conference in March. This year our donation is in the form of Apple AirPods. Our Education Committee has been busy planning a fun year of activities alongside other NAPNAP chapters. This month there are two opportunities for learning and networking; registration details are in the respective sections. In the meantime, please save the following dates:

1. Thursday, February 24 @ 12:15 pm is our lunch and learn CEU with Melissa Ballard on hydrocephalus.
2. San Joaquin has a Virtual Conference continuing for February – don't miss out on some of their great topics.

Other activities in planning stages include: Member meet and greet picnic social with family friendly fun in Golden Gate Park in late March or Early April; we miss meeting in person and hope you will join. We will also have a New Grad and Student Panel in early May. More details in their section of this newsletter.

Our Community Outreach committee has partnered to support National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL), a pro-choice organization that provides reproductive services to young folks with limited access. Please read their summary below which has more details.

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## Important Dates

### JOIN US!

**“Hydrocephalus, Treatments,  
and Assessment Points” with  
Melissa Ballard, CPNP**

Thursday, February 24  
12:15 pm  
(via Zoom, recorded  
content accessible through  
March 22)

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## Letter from the President Continued

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 me for more information about available positions at [napnapsf@gmail.com](mailto: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 Santilhano, RN, PNP PPC

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## Continuing Education

By Claudine Cho, KK Douglas, & Summer Hayhurst

Join us for our 2nd live, virtual CE lecture on Thursday, February 24, at 12:15pm via Zoom. Melissa Ballard, CPNP, will speak to us about "Hydrocephalus, Treatments, and Assessment Points." She is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Stanford Children's Hospital neurosurgery department. While we encourage live participation, the session will be recorded and available to view and obtain **1.0** CEU up until March 22, 2022.

You can register at <https://hydrocephalusnapnap.eventbrite.com> or through [www.sfnapnap.org](http://www.sfnapnap.org). We are still hosting our mask sale, where proceeds will go towards a local nurse practitioner with a personal project providing care to communities with limited healthcare resources.

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## Legislative Update

By Onica Kuch and Catie Cable

This year, the SF Bay Area Legislative Co-Chairs have pioneered a Legislative Collaboration between all the California NAPNAP Chapters in an effort to maximize our voice and impact in the Capitol. We have been meeting on a regular basis since December 2021. The 2022 legislative session just began in January, so at this point bills are starting to be introduced and we are in the process of reviewing bills and selecting which ones we want to support or opine on. This will be ongoing for the next month. We will have a final list of bills we've chosen to support for 2022 at the end of March!

## Legislative Update Continued

Other important legislative updates:

**AB 890** passed in 2020 with bipartisan legislative support and was signed into law by the Governor. Prior to AB 890, California nurse practitioners (NPs) were unable to practice without a physician present or on-call. The removal of this restriction was consistently cited by independent experts as an important strategy to ensure that California patients have access to health care and to address health disparities in our underserved communities. AB 890 updated the Nursing Practice Act to allow NPs who meet specific criteria to practice without physician supervision.

The policy change established by AB 890 requires additional clarifying language in other sections of California law to ensure that NPs are fully recognized as independent providers. As such, another bill has been introduced, **AB 852** (Wood), which would update the other sections of California law, which govern health care providers, to also include nurse practitioners. Specifically, AB 852:

- Amends the Clinic Laboratory Technology Act to include nurse practitioners in the list of who can perform provider-performed microscopy, which are a specified list of on-site tests health care providers can perform during a patient's visit;
- Ensures that NPs are included in the list of providers that are allowed to provide prescriptions and dispense controlled substances; where respiratory care services may be provided and
- Adds NP offices to the list of places where respiratory care services may be provided and
- Includes NPs in the group of health care professionals whose records are protected from legal discovery.
  - **Latest update: AB 852 passed the full Assembly on a bipartisan 75-3 vote in May 2021. In June 2021, Assemblymember Wood made AB 852 a two-year bill, meaning that the bill can still move forward in 2022 as a vehicle for allowing NPs to practice without physician supervision. The extended timeline gives advocates and legislators additional time for key conversations around AB 890 implementation.**
  - More information on this legislation and its status can be found here:
    - <https://canpweb.org/advocacy/ab-890-implementation/2022-legislation-status/>
    - <https://closetheprovidergap.com/get-the-facts/>

## Community Outreach Update

By Mia MacLean Vernic and Jaclyn March

This year the SF NAPNAP chapter will be sponsoring NARAL California for our winter fundraiser. NARAL CA is an organization that works to increase access to safe, affordable, and legal reproductive care as well as fighting for paid family leave and combating workplace discrimination against pregnant women. With the pandemic in mind, we have decided not to hold an in-person fundraiser out of an abundance of caution. Instead, we will be mailing out a small gift to all of our members and ask that you please donate to this organization that we have chosen to sponsor this year. To read more about NARAL CA, please visit their website: <https://prochoicecalifornia.org>.

Additionally, over the past year the SF Bay Area Chapter has raised approximately \$225 to support a member's personal project. If you have a personal project to provide direct care to communities with low access to healthcare, please consider applying for the funds using the QR code below! You can find the application on our website as well: [www.sfnapnap.org](http://www.sfnapnap.org).

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## Membership Update

By Rumi Yokota

### All members:

Happy hour at 43<sup>rd</sup> NAPNAP National Conference in Dallas, TX: Wednesday, March 23 at 6 pm  
We will be hosting a happy hour at the annual NAPNAP conference in Dallas for our SF Bay Area chapter members! More info to follow.

### Student/new grad members:

We will be having our annual virtual panel for graduating students: Thursday, May 6 at 6 pm  
The panel will include information on studying for boards, job search, and interviews. More info to follow.

The posting for the Lucile Packard APP Fellowship program is now open! See below for a digital flyer. There will be informational webinars on Thursday February 17, one at noon and another at 4 pm. Potential candidates can register using the following links:

2/17, noon: [https://stanfordchildrens.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_wKjIMMVnRYmR1kdi81NQHg](https://stanfordchildrens.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wKjIMMVnRYmR1kdi81NQHg)

2/17, 4 pm: <https://stanfordchildrens.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN/zYWD-jowSEGu34keRCIUTQ>

Any questions can be directed to [appfellowship@stanfordchildrens.org](mailto:appfellowship@stanfordchildrens.org)

Membership count:

206

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**SF NAPNAP WANTS TO GIVE YOU**

# **FREE MONEY**



**OVER THE PAST YEAR, SF NAPNAP HAS RAISED \$225 TO SUPPORT A MEMBER WITH THEIR PERSONAL PROJECT TO PROVIDE DIRECT CARE TO COMMUNITIES WHERE HEALTHCARE IS LIMITED OR DIFFICULT TO ACCESS.**

**HAVE A PROJECT IN MIND? APPLY BY COMPLETING THE FORM FOUND VIA THE QR CODE BY MARCH 15, 2022**

## About the Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship

The APP Fellowship Program provides a 12 month post graduate program to support the transition of APPs (nurse practitioners and physician assistants) to function in complex pediatric subspecialty practice. This is accomplished through a thoughtfully structured and appraised program which offers clinical, didactic, and professional experiences designated in specific clinical tracks. The program aims to support newer APPs in their transition to practice as key members of the healthcare team in providing comprehensive care to patients we serve at LPCH.



## Highlights of APP Fellowship Program

- Exposure to professional didactic sessions in topics such as provider wellbeing, healthcare disparities, constructive literature reviews, and advocacy
- Pairing with APP and physician faculty for support during clinical rotations and access to clinical pediatric subspecialty learning resources
- Individualized learning plan and goals throughout the course of the fellowship
- Opportunity to work on professional project and actively participate in committee/taskforces within the Center for Advanced Practice



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