

May 18, 2006

May Newsletter

President Kathy Sharp welcomed the speaker, the sponsors and attendees. Thanks to Kenny, Connie and Rachel of Roche Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring. Thanks expressed to Dr. Mitri for his excellent presentation.

Secretary's report: Accepted by vote as correct, however several people corrected the minutes via email.

Treasurer's report: Not available

### Old Business

Food/cigarette tax swap – Update by Kathy Sharp. Members were contacted by Representatives and Senators asking for support of this bill. Tennessee has the highest food taxes in the nation and also one of the lowest cigarette taxes. The swap would reverse this, giving a significant break to the average consumer. Grocery food would go from 6% to 3%.

Practice Doctorate – Kathy Sharp gave an update on the status of the response in response to a Medscape video which originally aired in April supporting her. She stated that the opposing view should be presented in a similar video. Editor, Dr. George Lundberg, invited her or a representative to respond. Kathy Sharp has written a response and submitted it for approval. Please contact Kathy about a videotaping date! Kathy reiterated that this response was prepared to make a difference and advised everyone to be proactive in the legislative process. A 9-page summary of the activity regarding the DNP, including a review by Wendy Vogel and those present were provided with a copy. Responses can be obtained by emailing Wendy at [wvogel@charter.net](mailto:wvogel@charter.net) or Kathy at [muk...](mailto:muk...)

Nurses Day was May 9th. Congratulations to this year's honoree Pe  
Affiliate Memberships - Tracey Luther presented her findings about a  
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Only the AANP responded  
outlined and it was suggested that she submit this to the President/S  
the voting members. The negative side is that the AANP has not co  
has taken a much more conservative approach and made recommen  
state that this was a disappointing stance on an important subject b  
response which would avoid alienating any members. Voting membe  
information and a vote was tabled until the next meeting.

## New Business

Fall conference – Tentative plan is for Friday, September the 22nd.  
be contacted via email regarding the proposed outline and asked to v  
American Medical Association House of Delegates Resolution 814 –  
was given to those present. It seems that the AMA has established  
of \$171.975) to study the education qualifications, academic requir  
certification, independent governance, ethical standards, disciplinary p  
of limited health care providers and limited independent practitioners.  
will be due at the 2006 annual AMA meeting.

Urgent Legislative Need - Members urged to call or email members c  
Operations Committee regarding SB2512 and HB2702 regarding th  
Legislation. This bill is to be considered on May 23. We need to voi  
amendments placed on this bill. Amendments would allow an online  
in the State of Tennessee without prior approval by the Tennessee E  
Pre-Surgical Certification by Nurse Practitioners - Tracy Luther rece

completing a pre-surgical certification which Bristol Surgery Center was signed by a physician. She was told that this was against TN NP Scope of Practice. Other members expressed similar resistance. Since NETNPA has no legal authority, this is a problem. By unanimous vote, it was agreed that Tracy would send a letter of protest regarding this incident. Kathy will then write a letter and attach a petition to be presented at the next meeting to protest this unfair treatment. It was also noted that AANP might afford NETNPA some strength if/when we face issues related to our Jobs

These will be posted on the webpage at [www.NETNPA.com](http://www.NETNPA.com)

Minutes submitted by Kathy Sharp, MSN, APRN-BC, AOCNP in the second meeting