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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Lori Thornton

GREETINGS!

This past week I had the opportunity to speak to a group of nursing students ready to graduate this spring from the accelerated program at the University of Sioux Falls. I was interested to learn about their aspirations. Most of the students came from other occupations not related to nursing, looking for an opportunity to help others and to make a better living. There were salespeople, business people, a cop, a medic, a couple of exercise physiologists. I couldn't help but think of the diversity of ideas they will bring to their practice of nursing and what a bonus that will be for all of us. About a third of the group already had jobs waiting for them as they graduate, and a couple of these students have already expressed interest in becoming advanced practice nurses. What a great opportunity for me to get excited about the future of nursing.



NPASD had great participation at Nurses' Day at the Legislature in February, and several of our Board of Directors also participated in the Advanced Practice Nursing Café on February 7. That meeting brought together midwives, anesthetists, CNS, and NP's in a lively conversation about our practice. It was an enlightening conversation that brought out the points of the IOM recommendations regarding "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health." We had time to reflect on the

APN workforce, and how we go about maintaining quality and safety for our patients, and efficiently using resources to address patient needs in our rural communities. More information about those recommendations can be found at www.iom.edu/nursing

Spring fever puts me in a futuristic frame of mind. With that, I am excited to share the news about hiring Andrea Rasmussen as Executive Director of NPASD. She started with our organization in January

and is busily working on getting our new website up and running. After much frustration with trying to make the old site a better place, we are scrapping that site and developing a new one. What has been a slow process for a couple of volunteers on the Board of Directors working in their spare time has now become a priority for Andrea, and we expect to see this site come up this spring. Please keep an eye on our progress!

~Lori



REMINDER

2011 NPASD FALL CONFERENCE

Sept. 23 & 24

Orthopedic Institute
810 E 23rd St
Sioux Falls, SD

We are currently in need of conference committee members, speakers & vendors for the conference. If you have an interest or a suggestion for the conference please contact Lori Thornton or any NPASD Board member.



HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION

This month, a vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act was scheduled in the House of Representatives, Senate and then to the President. That legislation, if repealed, without revision would have meant a decrease in access to care and less primary care services through the use of nurse practitioners. We called our legislatures in support to not repeal. It did pass the House but not the Senate. In President Obama's State of the Union Address

(1/25/11) he emphasized that many of the provisions that are in the PPACA act should not be repealed. What does this mean? First, we must work to maintain those parts of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that will improve access and care for our patients and facilitate NP provision of that care. Second, we must make sure that any further changes in the bill will facilitate access to and the provision of, high quality cost-effective

care to our patients. We must be astute in support of federal policy issues impacting NP practice. We must be full partners in redesigning health care in the US. It is expected that NP leadership in policy-making programs should help shape a more equitable practice environment for the future.

For more information regarding this legislation visit "Legislation/Practice News" at www.aanp.org.

*~Kathy Zambo, CNP,
AANP State Representative*



WELCOME!

ANDREA RASMUSSEN, FNP-C

We want to welcome Andrea Rasmussen as our new NPASD Executive Director as of January 1, 2011.

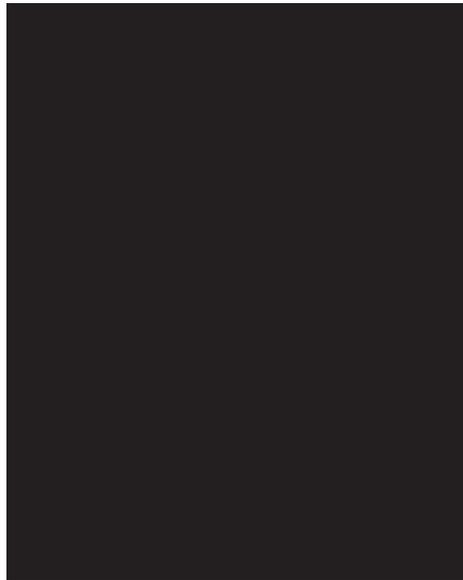
Andrea lives in Sioux Falls where she currently is an assistant professor of nursing at the University of Sioux Falls.

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING WORLD CAFÉ

During this year's Nurses Day at the Legislature, the South Dakota Center for Nursing Workforce and the South Dakota Board of Nursing held an Advanced Practice Nursing World Café. I had the opportunity to attend this event, along with president Lori Thornton, vice president Jan Wright, treasurer Vicki Buum, board or director member Denise Boraas, and executive director Natalie Rasmussen. The World Café brought together APN's from around the state and from many disciplines. The APN disciplines present were nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists and nurse midwives. An intense and meaningful discussion took place broaching how APN's can meet the increasing demands for providing safe, high-quality, and effective healthcare across all practice fields.

We gathered together in small groups bringing forth our different viewpoints when addressing questions from the Institute of Medicine "The Future of Nursing Leading Change, Advancing Health" report recommendation and the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation. These discussions brought forth rich ideas and experiences based on personal encounters, observations and clinical experiences. After our round table discussions were completed, the ideas we formulated were harvested and themes emerged.

Some of the themes that arose were that APN's need to educate each other on the aspects of their roles. That



each discipline needs to look at the Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education (LACE) Consensus Model which was developed by the APRN Consensus Work Group & the National Council of State's Board of Nursing APRN Advisory Committee, in order to ensure patient safety while increasing access to care for patients. As well as how the APRN's in SD need to come together as a cohesive group to form a SD APRN Coalition. This coalition would allow all the APN's in the state to have a single, powerful, cohesive voice when trying to enact legislative, practice and licensing change. The discussion regarding the SD APRN Coalition brought forth much energy, passion and excitement from those in attendance and the South Dakota Nurses Association (SDNA) will start the groundwork for this coalition to come to fruition.

*~Nicole Gibson,
Board of Directors member*

NPASD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

CRITERIA

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS:
One \$500 winner will be awarded after the NPASD Fall Meeting.

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 with your packet IF NOT already a member.

POST-YEAR REPORT:
(oral or written) is requested at the following annual meeting. This report is of the recipients' choice for format, length and subject matter.

APPLICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Cover letter with statement of need
- Membership proof OR current membership application (remember students are free)
- Written statement of personal perception for NP role/practice in SD (one double-spaced typed page)
- School statement verifying student status with completion of 1/2 of credits by Sept. 15
- All items are to be sent in one package postmarked before Sept. 15 (with no exceptions) to:
NPASD,
PO Box 2822,
Rapid City, SD 57709

APPLICANTS meeting the above criteria will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disabilities or national origin.



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AANP STATE NP EXCELLENCE AWARD GRANTED

Congratulations to RUTH GALBRAITH, CNP from Ieal, SD, who was recently named as AANP 2011 State NP Excellence award recipient for SD!

Ruth has been a family nurse practitioner for over 14 years in a rural setting practice in Winner, SD. She possesses excellent clinical skills and is well respected by her peers in the areas of family practice, VA, and diabetic patients. Her staff's comments are "she closely monitors her patients, gives comprehensive care and doesn't let anyone fall through the cracks". She is an excellent role model and has been past officer and board of directors in the States' NP's organization, NPASD, as one of the

"pioneers" to get the organization started. She has served as a preceptor for NP's in the past for clinical experience in their program. She also gives to her community medically as a CPR and ACLS instructor. Ruth will be honored at the 2011 AANP Annual National conference in June, held in Las Vegas.

*~Kathy Zambo, CNP,
AANP State Representative*