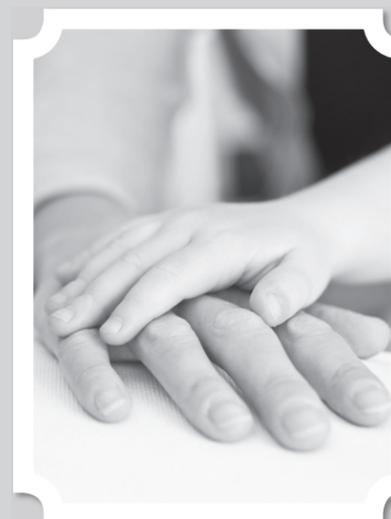


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Meet the
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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Lori Thornton



NEW BEGINNINGS HAPPENING!

This president's message has to start by pointing out that there are a few new beginnings happening around NPASD, and all of them cause me great joy!

I would like to welcome you to our new NPASD website, and to encourage you to give feedback about it to the members of the Board and to our Executive Director, Andrea Rasmussen, who has been very diligent in getting the website up and running, ready for our fall conference. I expect this website to smooth the membership process, and to allow us a means of communication that we have not experienced as an organization prior to this time.

Transformations were the buzz at the AANP conference in June also. Nurse practitioners across the nation are working hard at building the Consensus Model into our profession. The discussions there raise awareness that Advanced Practice nurses have much work ahead, and NP's will be key in this process in each state.

With that, we need to be very aware of the work that NPASD has ahead. We have elections of new officers coming up. I encourage

your active participation in this election. We need to thank the off going members of the Board, and support those running for office. With that, I won't be seeking office again, but plan to stay active as Past president of NPASD, and will help in mentoring the new President.

My own personal transformation has been happening over the last couple of years and just culminated in my marriage to Mr. Morris Dean Wegehaupt on July 1. My former husband helps strengthen my commitment to the rural communities that make up our state and the NP's that serve them.

Can't wait to see you all at Conference!

Lori Wegehaupt
NPASD President



JOIN US at the ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

It is that time of year that NPASD hosts its annual education conference!

Sept. 23 & 24

LOCATION

Avera Education Center in
Sioux Falls

Register: www.npasd.org

Credits: 15+ educational credits plus pharmacology credits (to be determined but should be several) will be on the docket.

Hope to see you there!

Didn't get the brochure with the agenda & details? Please contact Denise Boraas at dboraas@neuroassocpc.com or 321-3938.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AANP SD STATE REP!

Hope everyone's summer is fun and DRY-despite the flooding state wide! The 26th annual AANP conference 9/21-26 in Vegas at the Venetian/Palazzo was a record attendance by over 6000 NP's participated! Very hot and yes, Elvis was spotted several times!! Opening Keynote was Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary DHHS with great support for our NP profession as vital PCP's in today's evolving healthcare environment!! She saluted the NP's as "heros" who greatly contribute to the health and wellness of so many people across the U.S.!! AANP's strategic and visionary plan for 2020 is still to focus on the message, policy, and membership of our profession to place the NP role in continued awareness of what we do. Membership is up to 32,000 NP's, 40% of states have plenary status (no restrictions with full scope of practice) and more public/legislative arenas are aware of the NP role top as the 3 most important advancements. The vision is still to lead NP's into transforming pt-centered health care. Major legislative action issues currently are: accountable care organizations, ordering HHC and Hospice, MSRA, OIC, and signing death certificates. Log onto www.aanp.org for more details. Our state Senator, Tim Johnson is involved with the HHC Planning Improvement Act- Bill S 227, so watch for it's progress. Our state policy and action recap: no movement

on any legislation for 2011 but we continue collaboration with our new governor and our state NP organization pertaining to any ongoing issues. We need to continue to educate legislators at every opportunity on the role of the NP and the importance of our presence in healthcare as PCP's. We are still a collaborative state with over 431 practicing NP's in SD. Our neighbor state ND, just went full plenary status (independent) and we are the only state that is not in our Region 8 (SD, ND, Colo, Utah, Mont, Wy). Key issues impacting Region 8 are: prescriptive privilege, recognition as PCP, Team based care-NP to practice full scope of education, MSRA-building coalitions, and membership. Ruth Galbraith, CNP from Winner, SD was honored as our 2011 NP State Excellence award recipient and I was reelected as your State AANP rep for another term. Thanks for your support!! Stay involved and continue providing the excellent healthcare to your patients as NP do! Please continue your membership at the state (NPASD) and national level (AANP). With our numbers and involvement, we can accomplish great things for our patients and profession! Mark your calendars for June 20-25, 2012 for the annual 27th AANP in Orlando, Florida.

~Kathy Zambo, CNP,
AANP State Representative

Check out our new website!
www.npasd.org
Renew/Join NPASD online!



AANP 2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Well what happened in Vegas won't stay in Vegas. I have to say even though it was HOT, HOT, HOT it was a great time. 109 and 110 degrees. (Oh but it was a dry heat!)

The 2011 National Conference was held at the Venetian Conference Center which is a beautiful facility. Yes there was a little bit of gambling, sitting in the cool pool, attending shows, and taking in the ambience of Vegas.

This was a record breaking conference with 5681 attendees and 268 exhibitors. There were so many great workshops and seminars to choose from that it was difficult to decide which ones were the most important to attend. There were workshops dealing with pancreatitis; thyroid, pulmonary, cardiac, dermatologic

diseases; politics and more. Many hands on workshops on suturing, ultrasonic interpretation, orthopedics, abdominal pain.

If you have never attended an AANP National Conference I encourage you to do so because it is an experience you will never forget. It is amazing to sit in a general conference with thousands of other NPs and feel the energy from everyone.

The 2012 AANP 27th National Conference will be held June 20th-24th 2012 in Orlando Florida at the Orange County Convention center. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

~Donna Dickey,
NPASD Board Member



Come one come all!

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Join NPASD now for \$100.00 or renew your membership if it has lapsed. There is a new improved website at NPASD.org where you can join and pay online. You can also update your profile.

You also can REGISTER NOW for our NPASD state conference on September 23rd and 24th, 2011 being held at the Orthopedic Institute in Sioux Falls.

Here are some benefits for joining NPASD:

- NPASD membership guarantees a discount on State Conference fee
- NPASD provides a referral databank list of NPASD members
- NPASD provides a communication network for Nurse Practitioners
- NPASD serves as an advocate of Legislative Action benefiting Nurse Practitioners
- NPASD will represent you in state health forums
- NPASD serves as your voice in issues of concern to Nurse Practitioners such as certification, liability insurance, third party reimbursement, rural health, and barriers to practice
- NPASD serves as a resource for practice, research, legislative and marketing assistance to grass roots and state organizations and individuals
- NPASD provides continuing education and information concerning other regional and national conferences