Letter from the President
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This is a hard letter to write, however, I believe that a call to all nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists in the Permian Basin to get involved in their professional development activities and DON'T leave it to others to do for you!

Since becoming President of Advanced Practice Nurse of the Permian Basin in September of 2017 due to sudden relocation of then current president Lori Wingate and President Elect Kathy Kleinstubber, the current board and myself have worked hard to bring the organization into the 21st century. Tiffany Hansen has worked tirelessly to revamp our finances and membership procedures and current rolls. Shawn Harris and Racelli Gibson have been working with the Hispanic Medical Society and the Pa Society to bring about our first joint conference in September 2018 (see the flyer on the webpage) so that continuing education can be had locally without long travel and expensive flights. It will be a revenue generator for all organizations, but more importantly it will bring 8 hours of quality continuing education to the Permian Basin and it will put on a spotlight on the organizations that participate. Again we could not sponsor this on our own at this time, but we don’t want other organizations speaking for us. We need a seat at the table!

These other groups continue to participate in health fairs and other community activities because they have members that engage and want to promote the career they worked so hard to achieve! Do you want to let them speak for us?? I say NO!

We invite one and all to participate in the current Advanced Practice Nurses of the Permian Basin organization and help us with our committees and help us with our legislative activities. Shawn Harris and Racelli Gibson along with others including Joyce miller and Leatha Tempke are also working on revamping our bylaws and bringing those in line with other organizations that we will be working along side specifically Texas Nurse Practitioners and Texas Nurse Association. We are also working towards increasing our voice with our current legislative efforts. We need to be the voice in West Texas for Advanced Practice Nurses! We will continue to work towards bringing the organization into a 501c status so that we will truly represent non-profit status and that will allow you to use your dues as a tax deduction.

We are working with Texas Nurse Practitioners to expand access to the services that Nurse Practitioners provide. We are working to expand practice authority and to improve the work environment for all of us. We need you and we need your talents to continue to grow and improve this organization. The meetings are always the third Thursday of every month except for December and we always have good speakers and great information is shared for one and all, so be there this Thursday 6/21/2018 at Abuelo's restaurant so we can continue to improve and work this organization.