

UNP welcomes your newly elected leaders to the team. If you know any of the new board members, reach out to them and perhaps offer congratulations on their leadership opportunity or offer your support. We invite you to meet your Board of Directors at the upcoming 29th Annual Pharmacology Conference in Park City on April 26-27th. You can register at [unp.org](http://unp.org) (look at the EVENTS area. An electronic brochure is available on the registration site). This is a fun and very informative conference with 11+ pharmacology CE. We hope to see you there!.

**BYLAWS:** All suggested Bylaws changes were accepted by majority vote.



**TREASURER: Dr. Matthew Anderson, DNP, APRN, FNP-C**

Dr. Anderson is a Professor at Brigham Young University teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses. He received a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from the University of Utah as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Matthew has a varied experience of ICU (Burn, Trauma, Medical, Cardiovascular, Surgical, and Neuro Critical Care, as well as Emergency and the Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

He loves being a nurse practitioner and would love to do anything to help our profession. He has a minor in business management and experience as a founding board member for the Wasatch Front Chapter of the American Association of Critical-Care and Treasurer of the organization. Dr. Anderson sees the UNP BOD Treasurer as a way of giving back to the nursing profession.



**MEMBERSHIP BOARD POSITION: Dr. Jennifer Strege, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, CHFN**

Dr. Strege has fifteen years' practical experience in critical care, cardiovascular, and management environments. Her foci is specialty area of cardio-thoracic patient care, heart failure, mechanical circulatory support devices (MCS) and heart transplant.

Dr. Strege has been the Co-Chair of the Heart Transplant APRN Committee with the US Department of Veteran Affairs in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was also on the Clinical Outreach and Development Committee (HF, MCS, Heart Transplant from 2011 to 2019. She has received awards from the U of U Hospital as well.



**LEGISLATIVE BOARD POSITION: Dr. Donner Schweitzer, DNP, APRN, FNP**

Dr. Donner Schweitzer earned her MSN from Weber State University (2019) and continued her education at Wilmington University in 2023. Her experience at the University of Utah Hospital led her to transition to the First Step House, working at the US Department of Veteran's Affairs in Tacoma, Washington, and to her current job with the Planned Parenthood Association of Utah.

Donner served on the Utah Nurses Association board for years in various roles. She also participated in legislative training offered by the ANA, preparing her for a role in legislation at the state level. Donner is very passionate about nursing and legislation that enhances healthcare in our communities.



**CONFERENCE BOARD POSITION: Carol Rasmussen, MSN, FNP-C, CDCES, FADCES**

Carol has experience as a Nurses Aid, LPN, RN, and Family Nurse Practitioner. She values the impact nurses have on patients, each other, and the community. Having worked in Long Term care, Inpatient, Critical Care and Family Practice, the influence we have in these areas has only increased. Carol is currently working as a consultant for providers and educators on their

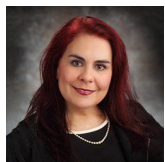
diabetes patient concerns.

During her work experiences, Carol learned the importance of volunteering in professional organizations. The value lies in helping to develop resources and support of our peers in the changing face of

Healthcare. She has been honored to be active in various organizations including: UNA Committees, Diabetes, two board positions with ADCES and CBDCE, Diabetes, National Treasurer for ADCES, Two positions on Nominating Committee's for ADCES and CBDCE. She has also been on multiple committees locally and nationally, and is a Journal Reviewer.

Carol's current volunteer activities include: Credentialing Committee, Certification Board of Diabetes Care and Education, Fellows Committee, Association of Diabetes Care and Education, Conference Committee, and the Utah Diabetes Care and Education Specialists. She is honored to be considered for a position on this board.

#### **COMMITTEE POSITIONS:**



##### **Dr. Gigi Whaley-Pryor, DNP, APRN, FNP**

Dr. Gigi Whaley-Pryor has a 30 year history of working in healthcare and holds a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (2012) from the University of Utah and has worked in Pain Management for the past 12 years. Gigi is a force for change, creates new and improved policies, advocates for Nurse Practitioners to expand opportunities and abilities. She has dedicated her life to helping those who do not have a voice and is passionate about creating elevated and compassionate operating systems within the healthcare industry. Gigi is goal oriented and encourages proactive awareness & engagement to maintain current practice privileges and to push for greater autonomy & independence for the NPs in Utah.



##### **Beth Saucier, APRN, FNP-BC, CDCES, BC-ADM**

Beth has been a board certified nurse practitioner since 2005, having worked as an RN for over 15 years. Her specialty has been in advanced diabetes management for most of her APRN career. She is taking a break to write on topics of health issues that she is passionate about. Beth has much to offer UNP with her many years of full-time experience, her effective writing skills, and her leadership skills. She has first-hand knowledge of the challenges that nurse practitioners face when pursuing an independent practice.