

July 2025



Summer Newsletter

We did it!

NPARI's Government Affairs Committee, PAC, and the voices of other supporting organizations and individuals were heard. It was confirmed in June that the bills that would have prevented nurse practitioners from working to full practice authority have been stopped.

The infamous "CRNA bill" that would have prevented NPs ability to prescribe mild sedation, while it did initially pass the Senate, the House was not able to decide on their version of the bill or how to weigh in on the issue. The session ended before they could come to any policy consensus. They also felt the issue should be handled by the DOH. This puts the bill to rest for now.

Rhode Island Association of Aesthetic Providers (RIAAP) took on the other infamous bill: "the med spa bill." NPARI gave RIAAP our support in this endeavor. The bill that was to prevent NP injectors from practicing independently. However, the nurse aestheticians helped with rectifying regulations that passed which allows NPs to supervise on site and created the accountability needed for med spa practice. We thank RIAAP for their muscle on this bill.

NPARI would like to provide special thanks to the Government Affairs Committee, including former chair and president **Desirae Heys** for her extensive work with additionally developing connections statewide to assemble a stronger NP voice. Thanks to **Denise Coppa** as new chair and **Donna Policastro** as lobbyist, and active members including **Senator Pam Lauria**, **Leanne Burke**, **Ashley Wright Lace**, and **Anne Neuville**. We thank **Sarah Beatrice** and **Pamela Lutes** working on RIAAP for their efforts too. *The defense of our practice rights continues despite these wins, join NPARI to help!*

ACCEPTING NPARI NOMINATIONS!

Visit the NPARI website and review the bylaws for descriptions of roles:

Board Member (2 positions) & Treasurer

Please email Terri Maine and Danielle Simmons on the Nominations Committee to cast a nomination for yourself or someone else by submitting a letter of intent and an updated CV.

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Meet the new NPARI President!

Anne Neuville, DNP, APRN-CNP, was voted as president elect in the previous election and has now stepped up to the plate as President. We appreciate her adaptability with navigating this new role and her commitment to the mission of NPARI.



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Another congrats to Gino Paolucci on receiving the state award for Outstanding Contributions. Award was presented with our AANP Legislative Liaison, Olajumoke Adetunji. We had a small turn out for people in San Diego from the 401 but there was lots of fun that still happened!

Other Updates:

The NPARI Annual Symposium this past March was a huge success! Great speakers, great vendors, and an excellent venue.

Donna Policastro, NP who is our NPARI lobbyist, is retiring from her long standing position at RISNA. Fortunately, she will continue to lobby for us!

Support the PAC!

Support NPARI's Political Action Committee with a donation to help protect our practice authority for ongoing legislation and professional challenges through the next session.

Look out this Fall!



- September Business Meeting Date - TBD
- November 9th-15th NP Week
- Fundraising and Social Events
- Announcements for more conferences
- Education committee updates

Enjoy the rest of the summer!