



Texas Nurse Practitioners

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Dear TNP Members,

It has been an exciting and humble experience serving as president of this wonderful organization. I have always stressed that we will continue looking for new ideas and directions to reach our ultimate goal of full practice authority. What we have been doing clearly has not worked. To that end, TNP has made some very strategic and important decisions with an eye to the future.

I believe that we need to invest our resources in strategies that position us for success with the legislature. That is why we have retained the services of our lobby team and why we developed our Legislative Academy. We have also filed paperwork with the Texas Ethics Commission creating our own political action committee. No longer will we cede the political playing field to the medical associations. We will now meet them head-on and in every setting. To make these moves, we had to make some tough decisions.

The Texas Nurse Practitioners Board of Directors voted to no longer be a core member of the Coalition of Nurses in Advanced Practice (CNAP). While we continue to support it's main mission and its member organizations, we no longer believe that this is the best entity representing our Association and our members.

Why Now?

- Nationally more and more states are achieving full practice authority.
- TNP has had the same lobby team in place for four years.
- We are a membership of Nurse Practitioners and it is our responsibility to serve the needs of our membership.
- TNP is dedicated to improving patient access to quality health care.
- TNP will sustain and build its influence to advance all nurse practitioners.

What Now?

- Consider future additions to our team to enhance our efforts in successfully reaching our legislative goals.
- TNP has filed paperwork for the development of our own political action committee (TNP PAC)
- TNP will continue to strengthen our own ability in the Legislative process.
- Implementation of TNP Legislative Academy and TNP Affiliate Capitol Days in 2015 (already scheduled -- please see www.texasnp.org for details)
- Build new coalitions and partners with groups outside of Nursing related organizations.
- We will continue to work for full practice authority for all APRN roles with the primary focus on Nurse Practitioners.

Gone are the days of sitting back and waiting for something to happen. TNP is determined to fight tooth and nail for full practice authority and every move we make is with that goal in mind. We appreciate your support as members and we will continue working hard on your behalf. Every move we make is for you, our members and your patients.

Sincerely,

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