**CFANPC 2016 Board Elections**

Biographies

Name: Susan L. Smith

Position Applied for: President-Elect

Vote for me because: I am passionate about our profession and wish to be part of the CFAPNC leadership as we continue to grow. My tenure as Scholarship Chair exposed me to the complex needs of our organization and its members. The VP position would allow me to continue my education in preparation for group leadership.

Qualifications:

Certifications (Current)-

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, American Nursing Credentialing Center

Family Nurse Practitioner, American Nurses Credentialing Center

Wound Care Certified, National Alliance of Wound Care

American Burn Association Advanced Burn Life Support Instructor and National Faculty

Clinical Practice-

Burn Trauma Senior Nurse Practitioner, Orlando Health. September 2009 to present. Adult burn patients: inpatient- burn trauma intensive care unit, step down; peri-operative care; outpatient.

Clinical Preceptor, University of South Florida, Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program.

Name: Vernon Langford

Position applied for: President-Elect

Vote for me because: My outlook for CFANPC is to advance and expand upon the community awareness and knowledge of APNs by becoming more visible in the communities in which the members of the organization serve. Through community events, networking with local organizations and expanding the social networking footprint of the organization, my goal is to make the CFANPC well known in the state of Florida and beyond for passionate and involved APNs with the ultimate goal of aiding in the passing of full practice authority and DEA licensure in the state of Florida. I have served on CFANPC’s education committee for two years, the last as committee chair.

Qualifications/Interests:

I began my healthcare career at the age of 14, analyzing hazardous biologic materials while observing the protocols in a healthcare setting. I have since logged nearly 13 years of experience in various areas of patient care (personal patient supervisor, nursing assistant, clinical instructor, staff/charge nurse, and nurse practitioner). My scope of practice encompasses health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis and management of common and complex health care problems beginning in childhood and continuing throughout the aging process.

I obtained my BSN from Bowling Green State University and MSN (FNP) from the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio. I also hold an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration from Valencia College. In addition, I am currently a Notary Public. I am active in Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. Through my education and practice, I have obtained experience in neurology, orthopedics, oncology, urology, cardiac care and monitoring, organ transplantation, dialysis, and emergency/critical care.

Name: Patrice Muse

Position applied for: Membership committee chair

Vote for me because: I am interested in supporting the CFANPC by working in the position of Membership Chair. I have the interest and the organizational skills to assist in the membership growth as well as coordinating with other committee and board members to assist in membership satisfaction. I am aware of the council’s goals and would work to support them.

Qualifications/Interests:

As an advocate for health care in my community, I have served on the American Red Cross Health Disaster Team, and supported the United Ostomy Support Group as the WOCN liaison. I enjoy teaching people how to best meet challenges and succeed in their self-care. I received my Family Practice Nurse Practitioner Certification in post-graduate studies at Graceland University four ½ years ago and have worked in the specialty of wounds since then, as a member of the Florida Wound Care Doctors’ practice.

Spare time is spent in family activities, fishing, art and cycling.

Name: Maria Soto

Position applied for: Hospitality committee chair

Vote for me because: Being a new NP I wanted to venture more and acclimate myself in the circle of nurse practitioners with different backgrounds and specialty. I take this as a wonderful opportunity to learn more and get to know people who can serve as positive figures for my professional growth. Aside from networking, I hope to also give back to our profession in any way I can and promote camaraderie among us. I am excited to learn along the way and hopefully contribute positively to this organization.

Qualifications/Interests:

I am certified in adult-gerontology primary care. I recently graduated last year from Florida Southern college in Lakeland. I currently work for Florida Wound Care Doctors under Dr. Walter Conlan specializing in wound care. I am also a certified wound, ostomy and continence nurse for the last 8years. I am an active member of the Florida association of Enterostomal Therapists (FAET) and serve as the education director. I've been a nurse for the last 23 years working in different settings. I've been married for 20 years, have three teenagers and a pet Chihuahua! I am an active member and volunteer in our church St. Peter and Paul. My faith is a big part of my life and I am a firm believer of paying forward to others.

Name: Cristina Arroyo

Position applied for: Education committee chair

Vote for me because: Because of the passion that I have for the profession I would like to exert my energy into a leadership role for CFNPC. It would be a great start for me to be committed to promoting excellence and leadership as a Nurse Practitioner. I hold a separate masters degree in Nursing Education which is why I am interested specifically in education committee chair position. Education and knowledge gives us power and makes us valuable practitioners in a world that is rapidly progressing. I would be committed to the role in providing valuable educational information to the meetings that would benefit us all.

Qualifications/Interests:

I have leadership experience working as Clinical Manager in Miami, Florida but pursued my FNP because of my love for the clinical side of nursing. I am new to this organization and also new to the profession. I recently passed my ARNP boards in October and currently work for Kidsville Pediatrics.

Name: Ann Raikes Hartley

Position applied for: Nomination committee chair

Vote for me because: As the current nomination committee chair, I already have a year of experience in this position. As I learn and grow, both as a nurse practitioner and in this leadership role, I continue to identify ways in which I can assist in improving CFANPC’s presence in the online community. For the first time in our history, we will have the ability to conduct online voting via electronic ballot. I truly believe this is the way to go as we move our organization (belatedly) into the digital age.

Qualifications/Interests:

I have 18 years of experience in nursing and have served in various roles, from staff nurse to nurse manager. I currently work as a nurse practitioner for Orlando Internal Medicine. My primary areas of practice are rehab and nursing facilities, long-term acute care, and acute care. My work and school experiences have exposed me to the specialties of med-surg, orthopedics, urology, general surgery, home care, long-term care, rehabilitation, hematology/oncology, endocrinology, emergency room flex care, acute care, and long-term acute care. I am passionate about the care I provide and always strive to leave a positive impression on the staff and patients that I work with. My goal is that they will always appreciate the care that they receive from their nurse practitioner.

Name: Paula Paton

Position applied for: Website committee chair

Vote for me because: I am very interested in more involvement with the organization. I know I will learn and grow as a person, and as an advanced practice nurse. More involvement with CFANPC promotes active engagement with the community and the healthcare issues many people face. I consider this an opportunity to learn more about these, and the political side of our profession, and perhaps someday influence health care at the legislative level. The opportunity for leadership, communication, networking, and knowledge acquisition are the many additional benefits I can see being a part of the executive team of this organization. I am dedicated, honest, motivated to help my community, and eager to learn.

Qualifications/Interests:

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| Education1/15 to present | Frontier Nursing University | Hyden, KY |
| 8/14 – 11/14 | Kaplan University | Davenport, IO |
| 5/07 – 11/12 | University of Phoenix | Phoenix, AZ |
| 1/81 to 4/84 | Mohawk College of AAT | Hamilton, Ontario, Canada |

Certification

American Association of Critical Care Nurses – CCRN-pediatrics

Employment

Administrative Supervisor

Arnold Palmer Medical Center

Orlando Health

Name: Joseph “Joey” Knoll

Position(s) applied for: Legislative committee chair; Social media committee chair

Vote for me because: I believe strongly in the NP role, as well as the significant contribution we provide to the healthcare setting in general. I love people. I love working with patients, and I love working with other members of the team. I am a very social and outgoing person, and enjoy the opportunity to hear other’s stories. I make it a priority to surround myself by the most successful people possible, and this is what has led me to this organization! I want to foster my personal professional practice, and expand the scope/authority of the role itself. Working alongside the CFANPC board members only adds to my knowledge level, experience and builds a team capable of achieving shared goals!

Qualifications/Interests:

I have worked in healthcare since the age of 15! I started out as a “mealtime aid” at a nursing home in NY helping feed patients after school. From there I continued on to be a CNA, LPN, RN, BSN, and ultimately MSN/ARNP. I worked in various healthcare roles, but most all centered around healthcare management of some aspect. While pursuing my BSN I minored in legal studies (pre-law) in consideration of possibly attending law school. I obtained my LPN training at TECO (Technical Education Center of Osceola County), RN at Valencia, My BSN at Nova Southeastern University, and my MSN from Florida Southern College.

Clinically I have worked in long-term care, acute care, and critical care; again mostly in nurse management and administration. I worked at a well-known LTACH (Long Term Acute Care Hospital) for 5 years, and was accepted into the CEO in training program in 2013. Unfortunately I was not in a position to relocate as requested, so had to relinquish the role. Since that time I have worked in Internal Medicine; initially in critical care but for the past year in the long term care / rehab setting. I also spent 2 years teaching LPN and RN students at a private college.

I am certified as an Adult & Geriatric NP by AANP. I did this at a time when it was optional to do both (I hear now it might be required?). Adding the geriatric certification to my degree has been helpful working in long term care for sure! During my healthcare history I have possessed a few certifications including PICC qualification, BLS/ACLS instructor, Wound Care Nurse, Legal Nurse Consultant and Case Management.

Name: Charles “Chuck” Norman

Position applied for: Secretary-elect

Vote for me because: I’d like to think that people consider me friendly and gregarious. I like to bring people together to promote a team environment. Only seeing a few men at the CFANPC, I would like to be a positive force for change. I’d like to increase the number of both male and female Nurse Practitioners over the next year.

Qualifications/Interests:

My credentials are: MSN, ARNP, FNP-C, CEN, CCRN, EMT-P. I was recently hired by Orlando Health. I hold multiple associate degrees from Valencia College, and two Bachelor’s Degrees from the University of Central Florida. I completed my Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of Cincinnati in August 2015 and was certified by the Academy of Nurse Practitioners in October 2015. I worked as an Orange County firefighter paramedic for several years prior to becoming a RN in 2008. After 23 years of military service in the United States Coast Guard, I retired as a Chief Machinery Technician in June of 2015. I am a recipient of the distinguished Chaplin of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor award and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Visionary of the Year award.

I obtained a Minor in Political Science with my first Bachelor’s Degree from UCF and I am involved in and follow local, state and federal legislature. I currently serve as the Mayor of Orange County’s appointee to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.