CALL for 2020 DCNP Board Member Nominations

Dear DCNP members:

DCNP is growing and we need your voice. We have several officer positions to elect this spring and are seeking nominations.

To ensure there is representation from both the Northern and Southern chapters on the Board, positions will be rotated between the chapters so that is why each open position specifies a preferred a home location.

**Consider nominating yourself.** This is a very exciting time to be on the DCNP Board. You will serve with a dynamic group of people, gain knowledge and friendship and will be exposed to important topics affecting nurse practitioners in the State of Delaware.
The elections will take place at our annual business meeting on March 19, 2020. We also have an exciting program about providing care for patients with obesity that night. This will be the kickoff of our DCNP statewide program to help NPs get the information they need to help their patients. So, whether you are running or not, we encourage all to attend. By the way, please know you must be a current Full DCNP member to run for office and vote - join today if that membership has expired.

HERE ARE THE BOARD SPOTS OPEN FOR ELECTION:

**President-Elect 2020-2022 (Northern Chapter member preferred)**

- Become president when position is vacated in 2022 after a two-year orientation as president-elect
- Assume the duties of the president in the event of his/her absence
- Perform other duties as assigned by the president, including attending Board Meetings and programs
- Chair of one group (pending bylaw change vote at annual meeting)

**Treasurer 2020-2022 (Southern Chapter member preferred)**

- Helps develop an organizational budget with board of directors
- Receives/accounts for dues from the DCNP website and all other funds due to the Coalition
- Deposits funds in a bank when appropriate
- Pays bills pertinent to the activities of the organization
- Accountable for the fiscal affairs of DCNP
- Provide monthly financial reports to the Board of Directors
- Presents an annual budget report at the year-end meeting

**Director-at-Large 2020-2022 (Southern Chapter member preferred)**

- Attend Board of Directors' general and annual meetings with voting privileges
- Remain active in DCNP activities
- Perform other duties as assigned by the President
- Co-Chair membership committee and share responsibility for membership recruitment and maintenance (pending bylaw change voted at annual meeting)

**Nominating Committee, Member 2020-2022 (Northern Chapter member preferred)**

- Work with committee to prepare a slate consisting of at least one candidate for each office to be filled at the next annual meeting
- Submit a slate of suitable candidates to the Board of Directors at least 30-45 days before the DCNP annual meeting for approval
- Remain active in DCNP activities and participated in Board meetings as needed
Program Planner – Northern Chapter (not an officer) to help with planning dinner meetings and programs. Call vendors and help with venue selection for pharm sponsored meeting, help plan CE activities

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February Meetings

YOU MUST REGISTER ON DCNP WEBSITE

Northern Chapter
Topic: The Eight Week Difference: MAVYRET® (glecaprevir/pibrentasvir) to treat chronic hepatitis C (HCV) patients across all genotypes (GT1-6). (AbbVie Inc.)
Date/Time: Thursday, Feb. 20th at 6:00 PM
Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Newark, 654 South College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713

Southern Chapter
Topic: FDA-approved medicine used long term that combines 3 separate long-acting COPD medicines in 1 inhaler; Trelegy Ellipta. (GlaxoSmithKline)
Date/Time: Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 6:00pm
Location: JD Shuckers, Georgetown

March Meetings
DCNP March Joint Annual Business Meeting: March 19, 2020 Location, Obesity Project
Topic – SAVE THE DATE

Christiana Care Annual Diabetes Update
Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the John H Ammon Medical Education Center
To Register: https://events.christianacare.org/event/24th-annual-diabetes-update/

AANP National Conference
NPs: Jazzing it up in The Big Easy - Don't miss out on the biggest NP event of the year: the 2020 AANP National Conference (#AANP20). There will be countless
opportunities to learn, develop your skills and make memories alongside thousands of your NP colleagues:

• Choose from more than 450 sessions and hands-on workshops.
• Hear from three exciting keynote speakers on health policy, NP practice and business innovation.
• Explore your interests in Regional Meetings, Specialty Practice Groups and Student Networking Breakfasts.
• See the latest evidence in the field with poster presentations.
• Attend networking events like the AANP Golf Outing, tours around the city and much more!

Register and select your sessions today.

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DCNP Annual Scholarship  APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1ST

The Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners is proud to announce their annual NP Education Scholarship. Two scholarships will be awarded to registered nurses who are attending a BSN-DNP, MSN, MSN-DNP or a Post-Graduate NP nursing program. Each scholarship will be $750.00.

Purpose of the award: To support the education endeavors of our current and future nurse practitioner colleagues.

Eligibility Requirements:

• Active enrollment in an advanced practice BSN-DNP, MSN, MSN-DNP or Post-Graduate NP nursing program.
• Current active regular membership or student membership in the Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners.

Application Process:

• Submission, on the DCNP Website: application form, complete a 350 word personal statement, email a copy of current transcript as proof of enrollment in a BSN-DNP, MSN, MSN-DNP or Post-Graduate NP nursing program, and current registered nurse and/or nurse practitioner license to Cynthia Lang-Groening APRN at: cynthia.lang-groening@comcast.net
• The personal statement must be typed and include long and short-term goals and how the award will help to achieve those goals.
• The scholarship will be awarded based, in part, on the strength of the application in following areas:
  • Goal: Personal goal discussed for plan of study (MSN, DNP, etc.).
  • Quality: Generally well written, ideas clearly communicated.
• Technical: Guidelines followed, content appropriate sections and complete.

• Application deadline is April 1, 2020.
• Award recipients will be notified by May 1, 2020 and will be expected to attend the May 2020 Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioner meeting to accept the scholarship.
• Recipients are required to provide a brief presentation related to the focus of their advanced practice education, or their DNP project at a future DCNP meeting.

Support of the DCNP through regular attendance at meetings will also be taken into consideration.

Please contact Cynthia Lang-Groening at: cynthia.lang-groening@comcast.net with any questions.

APPLICATION FORM IS ON THE DCNP WEBSITE: https://dcnpweb.enpnetwork.com

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Become a DCNP Member

MEMBERSHIP NEEDED TO VOTE IN UPCOMING ELECTION IN MARCH

The Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners (DCNP) accepts new members at any time during the year! As a member of the Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, you will have access to relevant continuing education opportunities, important industry and legislative news and the ability to connect with your neighboring colleagues in advance practice nursing.

PLEASE GO TO THE DCNP WEB SITE FOR INFO ON MEMBER BENEFITS AND TO JOIN! https://dcnpweb.enpnetwork.com

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Please see the DCNP Website for Legislative news.
OTHER NEWS

First Annual Board Retreat

Members of the DCNP Board met in January for the first daylong retreat to set a course for future activities of DCNP. Members will hear more about this at the DCNP Annual Meeting on March 19 but members will be excited to hear recommendations include more member participation as speakers at monthly members meetings, ensuring members from both Northern and Southern chapters are represented on the board, continuation of our annual scholarship program, consideration of how both chapters can meet together, and discussion of the DCNP Statewide Signature project (see information below). Members can be assured their investment in DCNP as the one organization working hard to represent the voice of Delaware NPs is worth their money and time.

Signature Project

DCNP members who participated in the 2019 organizational survey chose to have our organization develop a plan all NPs across the state could use to help patients working to control obesity. Julianne S. Knecht, PharmD, RPh, Obesity Medical Liaison, NJ, DE, MD from Novo Nordisk volunteered to work with DCNP setting up this program. Her company is sponsoring our Annual meeting March 19th where we will discuss next steps on this important work. Thank you to those of you who answered our call to work with this project – you will be contacted shortly and there is room for anyone else who wants to help design this statewide effort.

Pharma Sponsors

DCNP is happy to hear from pharma representatives who may want to sponsor a monthly meeting for either the Northern or Southern chapter. If you have recommendations, please send information to the DCNP website including the company name, medication, rep’s name and contact information and if there is a preference for a Northern or Southern chapter meeting. VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please ask the representative if their company places any restriction on the type of NPs who can attend the meeting. DCNP is committed to providing programs that do not exclude any type of NP and cannot allow companies that restrict attendance to sponsor dinners.

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