President’s Message

2021 END OF YEAR MESSAGE TO LANP MEMBERS:

The LANP board of directors will convene for our annual retreat in January of 2022. At this retreat, each of the six areas of the strategic plan will be reviewed/revised. The strategic plan guides our work for the year. And you, the LANP membership, are an integral part of this work! Your goals and priorities are crucially important to the LANP BOD planning for 2022. Please take a moment to complete this survey giving us your feedback and suggestions.

Reflecting on the 2021 strategic plan, together we accomplished great things. Here is just a snippet of those accomplishments.

Education: LANP became an approved CE provider allowing us to offer our members free CE activities throughout the year. Thanks to the new Education Chair, Dr. Rhonda Hensley for coordinating great education activities this past year!

Membership: Jolie Montreuil and the Membership Committee has done a great job of increasing value and engagement. Our membership has increased significantly this year.

Leadership: LANP has gained a seat at the table for several new committees that were commissioned by the legislator or by our healthcare associates. And we will be giving out our first NP Excellence award at the Pearls & Pinstripes event in Alexandria on January 22.

Marketing: We have expanded resources listed on the LANP website. Additionally, we had multiple articles about NPs in newspapers across the state, especially during the 2021 Legislative session.

Organizational: Reviewed and revised policies and procedures and Bylaws (voted on by membership).

Health Policy: Increased awareness and gained a coalition of partners and supporters in the 2021 legislative session. Passed a bill to allow NPs to certify and recertify for home health orders.

Again, just a small sampling of the accomplishments in 2021. But I can’t close without commenting on the Governor’s executive order. We showed what we are capable of when our state frees us from unnecessary red tape and overregulation. We were able to provide the kind of care we have always been
Hello from the membership committee!

As I reflect on my first year as Membership chair, I am happy and proud to see the growth we have had as an organization. I am determined to continue to grow our membership by finding ways to reach more Louisiana NPs and to continue to work to add value to your membership. Please know that I am working hard behind the scenes to give you the best bang for your buck, but also remember that being a member of your professional organization allows you opportunities to network, meet other like-minded professionals; to be a part of something bigger, a group that works tirelessly to preserve our profession, scope of practice, keeps us up to date on new guidelines, education and research, and helps solidify our role in the healthcare of the citizens of Louisiana. Your professional organization works for you while you go about your daily work of caring for patients. There is immeasurable value in the assurance that your annual membership dues are protecting you!

But you know who else your membership dues are protecting? All the NPs in Louisiana that are NOT members of the organization. I encourage you to speak with your peers and discover “why?”. Share your “why?”. How has being a LANP member benefited you? Ask them “why” they are not a member and encourage them to join us as we continue to build and strengthen the Nurse Practitioner role. There is power in numbers.

In the 4th quarter we have 69 new members and 254 members have renewed. Our current membership total is 1552. Our organizational goal for 2021 was to have 25% of all Louisiana licensed NPs as active members. There are just over 4,700 NPs in Louisiana and with 1119 actively practicing NPs as members, we are currently at 23%. I challenge you all for 2022 to help me recruit our NP colleagues who are not members and let’s achieve a 35% goal of actively practicing NP’s as members of LANP.

Your membership dues help fund lobbyists who work for YOU at the State Capitol. And we are working hard to give you even more benefits. Current membership benefits include discounts on select APEA products, discounted annual conference fee, free monthly Zoom CE meetings, and a quarterly newsletter with a CE opportunity.
Membership Update

What are you waiting for?
Join 1,500 of your colleagues when you Join/Renew today!

Special offers for membership include:

- $5.00 off if you set your membership to automatic renew (available for regular and retired members)
- Discounted annual conference fee
- Discounts on Advanced Practice Education Associates (APEA) products
- Monthly Zoom CE meetings
- CE opportunities in quarterly newsletters

YOU are who we work for! We welcome suggestions on what you feel will add value, so please email me at membership@lanp.org with your ideas, suggestions, questions and even your criticisms.

-Jolie Montreuil, FNP-C, Membership Chair & Greater New Orleans (GNO) Region Representative

Regional Highlights
Each quarter we highlight specific regions of LANP. This quarter we are highlighting the Capitol, Northeast Louisiana, and Northwest Louisiana regions. Each highlight consists of the current membership numbers and a featured spotlight of activities or a member of the region.

Regional Update: Capitol Area (formerly Baton Rouge)

The Capitol region representatives for the 2021 year have been Dr. Sandra Brown and Dr. Jamie G Waguespack. Both Dr. Brown and Dr. Waguespack are faculty at Southern University School of Nursing in the Nurse Practitioner program. Dr. Brown has been appointed to several statewide task forces to evaluate the state of healthcare in Louisiana. She was also one of the Nurse Practitioners that testified and represented us in the legislative session.

Dr. Brown has chosen to step down as the Regional Rep to better represent LANP and our profession in other areas, she will be greatly missed.

Dr. Waguespack, who welcomed a new baby this year, stays busy with her family, teaching DNP students and working as a NP in the ED. She has been an active LANP member since 2019 and has served the region as rep since 2020.
In the 2022 year the Capitol region will welcome Melissa Phillips as the new Co-Rep. Melissa has been an LANP member since 2018 and works as an ED NP. Welcome Melissa!

(Did we want pictures of the BR Reps?)

**Regional Membership Update: NELA**

The Northeast Louisiana (NELA) Region:

The NELA region reps are Crissi Brooks, MA, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC and Lucy Douglas, MSN, APRN, NP-C.

Crissi has been involved in LANP since she was in NP school. She served as the LANP student rep from 2019-2020 and stepped into the Region rep role in 2021. Crissi, with a background in Marketing, is instrumental in producing our quarterly newsletter and design of many of our social media posts. Fun fact about Crissi, she is a huge Golden Girls fan and knows every line of every episode!
The Northeast Louisiana (NELA) Region:

Lucy has been in the medical field for over 20 years and provides functional medicine services to the greater Ruston area and beyond. She has served as co-rep in the NELA region for several years and despite many life changes over the last several years, she has remained active on the LANP Board.

The NELA Region is also home to other members of the board including Vice President Michael Brown, FNP, PAC Chair Sherri Drake, and Education Chair Dr. Rhonda Hensley, DNP, Ed.D.
Dr. Annie Jopling, DNP: (pictured R)

Annie Jopling, DNP, WHNP, has been a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner in Louisiana for 23 years. She received her Master of Science in Nursing and certification as a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She received her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Frontier Nursing University in 2018.

Annie worked for the Woman’s clinic in Monroe for 19 years. She spent 4 years in South Louisiana at Ochsner in Urogynecology. Her experience includes general obstetrics and gynecology, bladder health, pelvic organ prolapse, pessary care and management, menopausal management, hormone replacement, sexual dysfunction, and osteoporosis management. She retired from practice in June 2021 and works as a Medical Science Liaison in pharma.

Annie is a 23-year active member of Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners. She has shared her knowledge of women’s health on numerous occasions at the conference and various other CE offerings. She is also an active member of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health (NPWH) and serves on the education committee for NPWH. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Diane Davis, APRN, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC: (Pictured L)

Diane has been a nurse since 1982 and has been serving the community as a Nurse Practitioner since 2006. She is a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and a Certified Adult Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. Diane has practiced as a nurse for almost 40 years in the areas of Adult Medical Surgical Nursing, Pediatric Nursing, Nurse Manager, Nurse Educator, Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse practitioner (PMHNP).

She is the owner of Therapeutic & Medical Psychiatric Services in Monroe, Louisiana, which provides services including medication management and pharmacogenetic testing for multiple complex mental health issues. Diane believes in providing individualized mental health care according to each person’s lifestyle, beliefs, culture, and sexual orientation.
The NWLA region reps are Deanna Kamphuis, MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC and James (Jimbo) Brooks, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC. Deanna has been a NWLA rep for 4 years. She is an Acute Care NP in the Shreveport area. She also serves on the board of Pick it Forward for the Orphans, which supports orphanages in Panama and local foster children. She is currently planning to attend a mission trip to Panama in February. She also loves spending time with her children and granddaughter.

Jimbo has been an NP for 21 years and the last 15 has practiced as a GI provider at the Overton Brooks VAMC in Shreveport. He is a Star Wars fan and actually has a collection of the original movie posters. He has been region rep for the last 6 years.
Dr. Pamela Simmons, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE
(pictured R)

Dr. Pamela Simmons has been a cornerstone of the Nursing Community in the Shreveport-Bossier area for many years. The Northwest region of LANP would like to spotlight her this month as she moves into a much-deserved retirement. Dr. Simmons as has been a driving force in this community in the development of all roles that nurses hold in this area and we will be forever in her debt for her contributions she has made to our profession.

Personally thank you Pam from the bottom of my heart for the help and support you have provided me not just these last few years as I have served on this board but for my entire nursing career.

- Deanna Kamphius, NWLA Rep

Dr. Simmons career spans decades and includes administrative, clinical, and teaching positions at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. She also held nursing positions at Schumpert Medical Center, P&S Hospital, Highland Hospital and Shreveport Regional Dialysis. In 2010 she became the senior director and department head in the College of Nursing at Northwestern State University. She directed the ASN, BSN, RN to BSN, MSN, and DNP, and post masters certificate programs. She provided leadership in the course development for these programs and taught many core courses in the graduate programs.

She has been vice-chair of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education Board. She earned her PhD in 1995 in Philosophy of Nursing and Post Masters Certificate (FNP) in 2013. Dr. Simmons and her sister Dr. Arterberry opened the Arterberry Family Care Center in 2014 serving underserved patients. This care center stayed open for 3 years and closed in 2017 when their collaborative practice physician moved, and they were unable to obtain another collaborator.

The Northwest Region of LANP would like to thank Dr. Pamela Simmons for the contributions she has made to our profession over the years and wish her all the best as she begins this next big adventure.
Oops, we did it again! According to the 2021 Becker’s Healthcare News report, Louisiana ranked #1 for the lowest health outcomes in the U.S., while also earning the top ranking for having the poorest health behaviors. (https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/rankings-and-ratings/america-s-healthiest-unhealthiest-states-for-2021.html). These stats will never improve without changing the current political mindset that controls how health care services are delivered in our state. While Louisiana is slated to receive millions of dollars earmarked for infrastructure expansion, we must ask ourselves this question--If you expand infrastructure (buildings, roads, etc), who will care for the workers required to build it as long as a health provider shortage exists? Don’t you think the citizens of Louisiana deserve better? We do, it’s our time!

Health Policy leadership has been actively working on initiatives to enhance our position during the upcoming 2022 legislative session. In November, we rolled out LANP’s social media “Thank You” three-stage campaign on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. During the first phase of the campaign, bill authors were highlighted as “access to care champions” and thanked via social media and received personalized letters. Here is just one example of a post you may have seen.

Phase two of the campaign began during the second week of December, and members of the House and Senate Health & Welfare Committees who voted in favor of HB495 during the 2021 legislative session were thanked for their “support” via social media and received personalized letters. Beginning in January, we will roll out phase three. Representatives who voted in favor of HB495 on the House Floor will receive personalized thank you letters, and we will repeat our social media campaign posts (i.e., never out of sight, so never out of mind). Finally, leadership continue to meet with The Castle Group and our lobbyist, Keli, to develop a strategy for the 2022 legislative session, and we have secured speakers for the Health Policy portion of the Spring Conference.

Someone once said, “always leave things better than you found them” and that’s what LANP has been trying to attain for the citizens of Louisiana with our legislative efforts. Despite these efforts, Louisiana is STILL sick! Are you on board with us to strive to heal Louisiana? We need your help! Reach out to your legislators, meet with them, contribute to the PAC, and share the social media posts to your pages!

Yours in service,
Jenn, Kyle, and Keli

For more information on how to get involved in LANP’s grassroots advocacy efforts, visit www.accesstocarela.org
Greetings!

Here we are, the end of 2021; everyone has worked very hard this year and so much has been accomplished. While we did not gain Full Practice Authority, our fight to do so has gained much attention. LANP members across the state have been reaching out to their legislators/candidates through emails, phone calls, meet-and-greets and the feedback has been promising. You can help our efforts by making a donation to the PAC. These monies are used to support legislators/candidates who are supportive of improving access to care. It is easy to donate! You can make a one-time donation if you like, but even better is your option to make a recurring monthly donation. How easy is that? A big THANK YOU goes out from PAC as our contributions for October and November have been at least $2000.00. WOW!

A big shout out and thank you to Ms. Rhonda Foster for being our top contributor this quarter! Ms. Foster owns a Pediatric Practice in Central Louisiana. Thank you so much for your support!

Ms. Rhonda Foster is our top contributor for this quarter! Our next top contributor is Ms. Kathy Baldridge. As everyone knows, she is our very hard-working LANP president. Thank you! Our Party with PAC event had to be postponed but has been rescheduled. Cheers to 30 Years: Pearls and Pinstripes is set for January 22, 2021 from 6pm to 11pm at the Hotel Bentley in Alexandria. This event will also host the LANP and Foundation Awards & Scholarship Recipients. Tickets are available to purchase now: Individual $70, Couple $130, and group of five (5) $300. What a great time for fellowship with other NPs from across the state! We also are still planning a statewide raffle for some fantastic items. We will let you know when tickets are available for purchase.

Contributions collected for the months of September, October, November are as follows:

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Don’t forget the PAC store. It is available to you 24-7 online and has some great items for purchase. Go take a look and find that must-have item.

The PAC committee is available to help you should you have a question. Please feel free to reach out to us through president@lanp.org, rebecca@lanp.org, or slain73@yahoo.com.

Thank you so much for all that you do and your continued support and commitment to health!

All monies collected are used to support those legislators/candidates that support improved access to care. Visit the LANP PAC (about) for more information about why your contributions are so important. Please feel free to reach out to us through president@lanp.org, rebecca@lanp.org, or slain73@yahoo.com.

Thank you so much for all that you do and your continued support and commitment to health!

-Sherri Drake, APRN, FNP-C
PAC chair
Food allergies affect a significant number of children and adults globally and there is evidence suggesting that the prevalence of food allergies (e.g., peanut allergy) is growing. Research is ongoing to understand risk thresholds and improve food labeling to assist with allergy management. In this article, some key questions and responses reflecting the latest science related food allergies are presented. Additional detail can be found in an article published in Food Safety Magazine, available here.

1. What are Food Allergies?

Food allergies refer to a medical condition where the body's immune system reacts to certain allergenic proteins in foods and ingredients. It is estimated that food allergies affect 32 million Americans including one in every 13 children. And every 3 minutes, a food allergy reaction sends someone to the emergency room.

Food allergies are among the diseases considered to be part of what’s called the “Atopic March.” Also known as the “Allergic March,” this term refers to the progression of allergic diseases in a person’s life:

eczema, food allergy, allergic rhinitis and asthma. Not everyone will follow this progression or experience every condition.

2. What Causes Allergic Reactions to Foods?

Allergic reactions happen when the body's immune system overreacts to a perceived threat, in this case an allergic protein. Food allergies typically involve an Immunoglobulin E (IgE)-mediated hypersensitivity. Current U.S. law recognizes eight food allergens: milk, egg, peanut, tree nuts, soy, wheat, fish and shellfish, with sesame to be added in 2022.

Family history can also play a role in whether someone develops a food allergy. If you have other kinds of allergic reactions, like eczema or hay fever, you have a greater risk of food allergy. This is also true of asthma.

3. How are Food Allergies Managed?

The first step in managing food allergies is diagnosing and understanding the level of sensitivity—how much allergen can an allergic individual consume before developing a response? Critically, individuals with food allergies should avoid foods that contain allergens. To that end, individuals with food allergies should always read and understanding package labels and err on the side of avoidance if they suspect that an allergen may be present. Though they can provide useful information, package labels often convey risk of exposure to allergens using vague statements such as “may contain.” In 2017, the National Academy of Sciences urged that more risk-based labels be placed on foods instead of general precautionary labels.

4. Information on Management and Treatment

It is important to note that there is no cure for food allergies. However, there are promising scientific and clinical advances that can improve allergy management such as desensitization therapy which entails exposure of infants to small doses of allergens such as peanuts. Additionally, there is ongoing research to develop more accurate and less invasive allergen screens as well as concerted efforts to better connect patient experiences with allergy researchers to advance food...
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allergy research. Notably, FARE (Food Allergy Research and Education), a patient advocacy NGO, has established a nation-wide allergy patient registry to connect patients with food allergy researchers and a network of research institutions to collaboratively advance allergy research. Last but not least, FDA recently approved a drug (Palforzia) intended to mitigate allergic reactions to peanut exposure.

5. Can Response Thresholds Be Used to Better Communicate Risks of Food Allergens?

Progress has been reported in the scientific literature on the establishment of response thresholds for food allergens. These are generally derived from dose-response studies conducted on populations of allergic patients. The expanded use of response thresholds has the potential to result in much more informative food labels than those currently in use, which will help allergic individuals better assess their individual risks. One of the notable studies was conducted by researchers at the University of Cincinnati, whose team evaluated dose-response data and generated eliciting dose values for sensitive individuals based on US clinical trials. However, translating this and similar research findings into meaningful precautionary labels on packaged food requires an expanded effort to establish response thresholds to various population groups, as well as engagement with the public and medical community on how to use this information in allergy management decision making.

Dr Saab is Senior Science Program Manager for the Institute for Advancement of Food and Nutrition Sciences (IAFNS) where he provides leadership to technical committees on chemical safety, allergenicity, heavy metals as well as packaging safety and sustainability. Dr Saab also leads expert roundtable discussions and research symposia with stakeholders from academia, government, and food companies to maximize research impact.

The study was supported by the Institute for the Advancement of Food and Nutrition Sciences (IAFNS), a research nonprofit that mobilizes industry, government and academia to drive, fund and lead actionable research on food safety and nutrition topics.
The Foundation Selection Committee has reviewed all the scholarship applications and chose the recipients. It is through fundraisers such as the golf tournament that the Louisiana NP Foundation can fund scholarships. These donations are tax deductible. You can support the tournament by putting together a team and just sharing the information with your contacts. Plans are underway for our annual golf tournament in 2022. Be on the lookout for more information.

We will be awarding $11,000 to 7 deserving recipients at the PAC/Awards ceremony in January 2022. Applications for scholarships typically open in June and the selections are made in September. It's not to early to begin thinking about a deserving candidate for the 2022 scholarship awards!

LNPF is seeking volunteers to serve on the committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee or have questions, please contact Betty at lanpfoundation@gmail.com.

Kindly,
Betty Vicknair, PNP, LNP Foundation President

LANP & LNPF Awards & Scholarship Ceremony
Pearls & Pinstripes PC Fundraiser Event

Seating is limited, so don't delay.
We have SO MUCH to celebrate!

We are honoring LANP and Foundation Awards & Scholarship Recipients, Celebrating 30 years of LANP and raising money for legislative activities!

Saturday, January 22, 2022
at 6pm
Hotel Bentley, Alexandria, LA

One night of food, drinks, live band and lots of fun!
DRESS CODE: GATSBY (optional)

Hotel discount of $99/night with discount code: LANP
Call 318-442-2226
I am excited to share with you an introduction to our new LANP Education Committee. This group has been working diligently over the past year to bring interesting and relevant educational opportunities to our membership each month in the Monthly Membership Meetings on Zoom and in the Quarterly Newsletter CE Corner. This is an excellent way to earn contact hours from the convenience of your home, plus network with other NPs around the state as we share in the learning process.

We have several new learning opportunities coming up for 2022. We continue our Monthly Membership Meetings on the first Monday of each month. This begins with a business session at 6:30 p.m. and an educational presentation from 7:00-8:00 p.m. After each session, learners are guided to an online site to answer 3-5 multiple choice questions and claim their contact hour certificates. At this point, we have sessions planned through May which include topics such as Access to Care, Long Haul COVID, ADHD, Osteoporosis, Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding. If you are interested in being a presenter for a monthly topic, there are some dates still available. Reach out to me at rhondafnp1@gmail.com and I will help you get it started.

Watch the quarterly newsletter where the Education Committee will continue to bring you contact hours for participation in the CE Corner.

We are especially excited to announce that in the Spring LANP Conference in March, we will host a special track designed for new practitioners. This track will focus on getting started in practice, billing and coding, tips and strategies for interviewing, negotiating for a good job situation, and writing a professional resume. This track should be highly useful for NP students in their final semester of study and any new NP getting started in practice. Be on the lookout for more information in the next few weeks.

If there are any suggestions of ways that the Education Committee can assist you with your educational needs for practice, please email me. We would love to hear from you.

- Rhonda
The Acadiana region would like to thank Carla Vidrine for her service to the region as the outgoing representative. Dr. Deedra Harrington began serving as the Acadiana region representative starting January 1, 2022. Dr. Christy Lenahan has been appointed as co-representative for the Acadiana region. Please see the below message:

Hi everyone, I am Christy Lenahan and I will be serving as your co-representative for the Acadiana region. Like Deedra, I am also an Associate Nursing Professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. In addition, I practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner at Serenity MedAesthetics in Youngsville, Louisiana. I have been a member of LANP for approximately 12 years and previously served on the LANP BOD as the Acadiana region representative and co-representative. I can’t wait to see what the future holds for our region and the entire Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

We had a great meeting in October (Value of CGM with Freestyle Libre 2 System) in which Ms. KC Arnold, an NP well known to our organization provided a presentation. At this meeting Mr. Kyle Lavergne provided an update on health policy and we had our first active member participation in the LANP Pac Fundraising QR code donation. Christy and I wish our members a blessed and productive 2022!
Here in the Bayou Region, we are still trying to recover from the devastating storm Hurricane Ida. Largely, the region has been somewhat “inactive” due to the devastation postponing regional meetings and gatherings. Some families are still living in tents and sheds, and most families are on the never-ending “wait list” for contractors.

We in the Bayou Region want to extend our thoughts and prayers to everyone in our community as well as to our Lake Charles counterparts who are still suffering and recovering from Hurricane Delta.

Among the sea of devastation, we like everyone else in the state, have seen a rise in the current Covid and flu cases. We would like to encourage everyone to continue to utilize impeccable hand hygiene practices and to please stay home from work and school if symptomatic.
Capitol Region
Sandra Brown, DNS, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, ANEF & Jamie Graham, DNP

Happy New Year from the Capital region!! We are excited to see what 2022 has in store for us. Our first meeting for the new year is scheduled for January 27th and will be held at French Market Bistro. It is being sponsored by Cologuard so come out and learn about noninvasive colon cancer screening.

The Capital region currently has 219 active members with 4 new members and 17 membership renewals in the last 30 days. We would love to increase our membership so spread the word!! If you have a colleague or NP student who is not a member please encourage them to join their professional organization. We are looking forward to 2022 and hope to see all our members in person now that COVID 19 is finally starting to let us get out and about.
**Greater New Orleans Region**

**Jolie Montreuil, FNP-C & Michelle Macalusco, DNP, APRN NP-C**

Hello from NOLA!

Our region has stayed busy this quarter. We have hosted 5 regional meeting with fantastic attendance! Thank you to our sponsors we had a variety of topics this quarter to include: Tardive Dyskinesia, Bipolar depression, Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM), Pulmonary Hypertension, Retirement and Investing, Spinal cord stimulators and Pompe’s Disease.

GNO region has had a successful year with region specific membership at an all-time high of 372!!! Over this last quarter we have welcomed 17 new members! Our region has been active in donations and collections at our meetings, in 2021 we collected over $1200 for PAC, $530 for healthy policy and $150 for the foundation!

2022 is going to be a great year for our region! Welcome Michelle Macalusco, DNP, APRN NP-C into the Co-Rep position. She has already started filling in the role and has brought so much to our region! We are looking forward to continuing our growth, networking, and fundraising for the coming year!
Hello from Northeast Louisiana!

We had a very busy 4th quarter. We had in-person meetings in October, November and December. We would like to thank our sponsors: Janssen, Myriad Genetics, and Bayer.

We have 2 meetings scheduled for January. January 13 will be sponsored by Otsuka. The venue for the January 13th meeting is still TBA. The Otsuka rep wants everyone to know that they MUST register through the company’s link, in addition to registering with LANP. We have been informed that NO walk-ins will be allowed to attend this meeting due to the company’s COVID policies.

The January 27th meeting is sponsored by Abbvie and will be held at Parish Restaurant with speaker Dr. Kurt Buechler.

We also have a meeting scheduled for February 8th with details TBA.

We look forward to a productive and successful 2022!
The Northwest LANP region has had a pretty slow quarter this month. Our region monthly meeting for October was cancelled at the last minute by the sponsoring company due to what they thought was low registration. This occurred when they ask that participants register on their link. This came to us late and though we had 25 signed up for our meeting only 14 had signed up on their link and so the meeting was cancelled.

I ask that members please make sure the sign up on the sponsoring companies link if they provide one, so this doesn’t happen again.

We did have a productive November meeting and we went over things to discuss as we move into another legislative session in the spring of 2022.

We will have a December meeting and are collecting items that will be given to the Shreveport Bossier Rescue mission before Christmas. We hope all have a joyful and safe Holiday season! Happy Holidays to all!
The SWLA region had a very active fourth quarter! We were able to hold monthly meetings with great sponsors who provided education on treating DMII with SGLT2 inhibitors, new approaches for treating CKD, and new approaches for treating MDD. Our region was also heavily involved with the Senate District 27 race this November. We were able to meet with all three candidates vying for the seat. This was excellent practice for the upcoming legislative session.

In addition to all the excitement, the SWLA region has grown tremendously since the last newsletter. We added 16 members to our region in the last month. We would also like to welcome Valarie Clark, MSN, APRN, AGNP-C as the co-representative for our region. In addition to working as an AGNP, Valarie is also a post-masters PMHNP student at Northwestern State University. We are very excited to have her join us on the board and look forward to all the positive contributions she will make to our region and the state!
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of care we have always been providing, that was desperately needed in our state in the wake of Hurricane Ida and the COVID-19 pandemic. The kind of care that represents our state’s solution to address and overcome the short- and long-term consequences of the lack of health care access resulting in national studies consistently ranking Louisiana at or near the bottom in quality of resident health. In 2022, we will continue working to spread the message that Louisiana’s health care crisis does not and will not end when a declaration of emergency expires.

LANP Mission:
LANP is the voice of Louisiana nurse practitioners, dedicated to uniting, advancing, supporting and promoting excellence in health care.

As I enter my third (and final) term as your President, I reflected on the reasons I sought election. One of those goals is to see every licensed NP in this state united and working together. If LANP were a car, membership is the gasoline. You and your engagement are essential to the overall functions of the organization and fuels the success of our profession. I hope that being a member of LANP provides you confidence and security as you go about your daily work, knowing that the LANP BOD is working to fulfill the Mission of the organization.

- Kathy
LANP Member/Non-Member Survey

Annually, LANP reviews our strategic plan that expands on our mission to “be the voice of Louisiana nurse practitioners, dedicated to uniting, advancing, supporting and promoting excellence in health care.” Critical to the success of this plan is hearing from our members about your experiences, needs, and wants, while measuring our progress towards our goals.

We have put together a few questions to help us understand, analyze, and measure the success of LANP and its membership. As an LANP member, your answers are an important part of helping LANP support NPs and plan according to the needs of our community. Please take 10-15 minutes to share your feedback. Your answers are completely anonymous but will make a big impact on the organization going forward. Non-members are also invited to participate as we strive to engage all licensed NPs in Louisiana.

BEGIN SURVEY