

DCNP Newsletter

March 2022



DCNP Members,

It has been a pleasure serving the DCNP membership and Nurse Practitioners in our wonderful state during the past two years as DCNP President.

I am grateful to have been part of such a driven and progressive board of directors. Although COVID 19 may have interrupted our coveted monthly membership meetings, the board was able to devote extensive time and effort to the legislative front. Through successful proposition of HB 21 and HB 141 Delaware NPs continue to progress towards full practice authority.

I would also like to thank each DCNP member individually for maintaining your membership during the last two years. It is only with your support that the DCNP is able to continue its role as a stakeholder for NP advocacy in Delaware.

I look forward to continuing to support the DCNP in the future. I hope in the future you will consider taking a leadership role with DCNP. The board and key leaders within the DCNP organization are wonderful, supportive, and experienced NP Leaders who will provide you with the necessary foundation to fulfill your leadership potential.

I wish each of you the very best and would like to extend my final thank you as DCNP President.

Brandy Magee

To the DCNP Membership,

As we come to the end of Brandi McGee's tenure as President of the Delaware Coalition of Directors and the DCNP membership. Brandi has been a team player and excellent to work with showing flexibility and creativity during these difficult past two years dealing with COVID-19 pandemic. Brandi was instrumental in moving the DCNP membership to Zoom meetings when in- person meetings were no longer possible. Also, during the past year, she was mindful and caring when guiding Board members through discussions on sensitive legislative issues. Brandi assumed her responsibilities as DCNP President with great professionalism and dedication while at the same time working full time and caring for a young family. I, personally, look forward to continuing to work with Brandi as she moves into the role of Past President.

Thank you, Brandi, for keeping the DCNP moving forward and improving.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lang-Groening APRN, NP-C
DCNP President Elect

CALL FOR 2022 DCNP BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Dear DCNP members:

I want to let our membership know of the upcoming opportunities within the DCNP. It is a good way to become involved with the DCNP often leading to other valuable opportunities for NP's.

The positions below are elected positions and voting will occur at our annual business meeting April 28, 2022.

If you are interested in a particular position, click on Bylaws & Meeting Minutes on the DCNP website for position descriptions.

Please send a brief intro on your interest as well as a brief bio to
Suzette Flores, DCNP Chair of the Nominating Committee - suzetteflores76@gmail.com

The elections will take place at our annual business meeting on April 28, 2022. We also have an exciting program from Ultragenyx about treatment for rare diseases. 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 POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION:

President-Elect 2022-2024 (Southern Chapter member preferred)

- Become president Nurse Practitioners (DCNP), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to her from the Board of when position is vacated in 2024 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

Treasurer 2022-2024 (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 2022-2024 (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

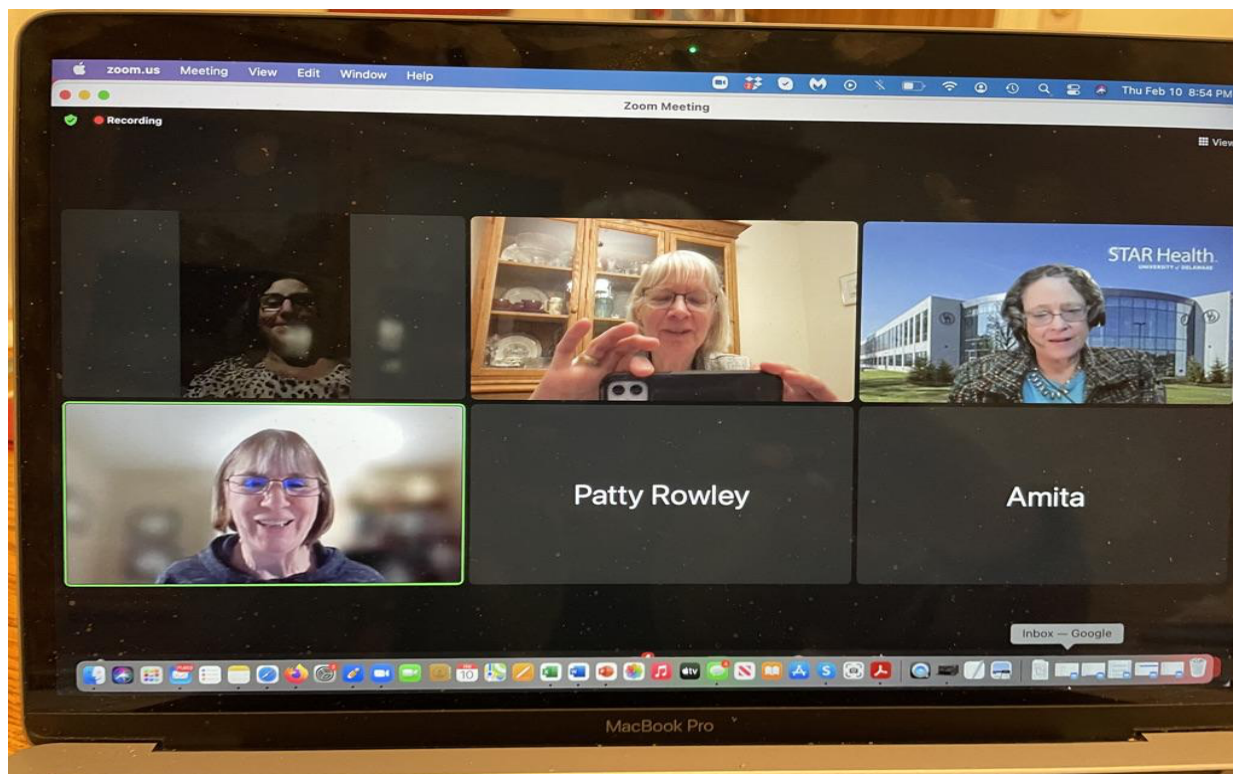
Nominating Committee, Member 2022-2024 (Northern & Southern Chapter member preferred)

- 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 – appointed by the Board of Directors to help with planning dinner meetings and programs. Call vendors and help with venue selection for pharm sponsored meeting, help plan CE activities

Scholarship Committee - appointed by the Board of Directors to work with others on the committee in choosing scholarship winners

Communication Committee - appointed by the Board of Directors to help with the newsletter and website



Feb. Board meeting on zoom

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 24, 2022 Meeting , 7-8 pm, Zoom Meeting

Seeing Through the Mask: COVID & Mental Health

Speaker: Dr. Neil S Kaye, MD, DLFAPA

Neil S. Kaye M.D. is an active clinician and expert witness. As a specialist in Forensic Psychiatry, his testimony has had a major impact in high profile cases. Neil S. Kaye, M.D. is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at The Thomas Jefferson University College of Medicine and a Special Guest Lecturer at Widener University School of Law. He completed a residency in psychiatry at the Albany Medical Center Hospital and Syracuse.

Objectives:

1. Describe core features of COVID related stress
2. Evaluate patients and colleagues who may be masking COVID related stress
3. Identify when/how to challenge assumptions about professional stoicism

(This educational activity has been submitted to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners for approval of up to 1 contact hour of accredited education.)

REGISTER ON DCNP WEBSITE

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, April 28, 2022 Annual Membership Dinner Meeting, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Plan to attend the Joint (Northern & Southern Chapters) Annual Business Meeting to network with colleagues and vote for board members.

Presentation sponsored by Ultragenyx, Treatments for Rare Diseases

Location: Roma Italian Restaurant in Dover, DE.

Christiana Care Continuing Education

<https://christianacare.org/forhealthprofessionals/continuing-education/>

March 10, 2022,	Swank Dementia Care-Spring Symposium
March 25, 2022,	5 th Perinatal Palliative Care Symposium
April 8, 2022,	Parkinson's Disease Update
May 3, 2022,	William J. Holloway ID Symposium
August 6, 2022,	33 rd Annual Update in Cardiology
Sept. 10, 2022,	26 th Annual Diabetes Update

AANP UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 AANP Health Policy Conference: March 6-8th in Washington, DC

Discuss Policy Issues with Your Peers, Learn What Resonates With Your Elected Leaders and Return Home a Stronger NP Advocate!

2022 AANP National Conference: June 21st-26th in Orlando, FL

Join the American Association of Nurse Practitioners® (AANP) in sunny Orlando, Florida, for the largest nurse practitioner (NP) conference in the United States! Attend for a week filled with continuing education (CE), exclusive keynote speakers, legislative and policy updates, hands-on workshops, lively exhibitors and much more. Plus, you'll have limitless opportunities for networking and fun with NPs of every specialty and practice setting. Registrants for the in-person conference will also receive access to the 2022 AANP National Conference on-demand package at no extra charge!

Hear Martin Luther King III's Closing Keynote Speech at the National Conference!

- **Attend in person or online and earn up to 38 contact hours:**
- **Link:** <https://www.aanp.org/events/2022-aanp-national-conference>
- **Link to Online Registration:** <https://www.aanp.org/events/2022-national-online>

Obesity Care Week With the Clinical Advantage Bootcamp

During Obesity Care Week 2022 (OCW2022), Feb. 27-March 5, NPs can make an impact by changing the way we care for obesity. Sign up now for OCW2022 alerts to receive the latest news, information and resources that will be rolled out during this week, and to take action in support of this important issue! Additionally, be sure to visit the AANP CE Center and complete the multi-module [Clinical Advantage Bootcamp: Intermediate Certificate of Obesity Management Fundamentals](#). Upon completion of the program, you can earn up to 15.75 contact hours (CH) of continuing education (CE) credit.

New Obesity Education and Advocacy Tools

- Find new obesity education and advocacy tools in the [JAANP Resource Center](#), including webinars, fast fact sheets and more — available for you now!

AANP Polls Open for 2022 Election — Your Vote Is Your Voice

Each year, members of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners® (AANP) vote to elect nurse practitioners (NPs) who will help lead the association and determine the future of the NP role. Polls for the 2022 AANP Election opened today and will close at 11:59 p.m. PT on Thursday, March 31. AANP members eligible to vote in the election should have received an email with instructions for voting. [Visit the AANP Election page to review the candidates, consider proposed bylaws changes and place your vote.](#)

In Delaware our state representative position is to be voted on. **Be sure to vote!**

DCNP ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2022

Description and Eligibility

The Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners is pleased to announce their annual NP Education Scholarships. Two scholarships will be awarded to registered nurses who are attending a BSN-MSN, BSN-DNP, MSN-DNP or a Post-Graduate NP nursing program. Each scholarship will be \$1000. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is May 1, 2022.

Award recipients will be notified by June 1, 2022 and will be expected to attend a future meeting of the Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners to accept the scholarship.

Purpose of the award: To support the education endeavors of our Advanced Practice Nurses and Advanced Practice Nurse Students.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Active enrollment in a BSN-MSN, BSN-DNP, MSN-DNP or Post-Graduate NP nursing program
- Current active regular membership or student membership in the Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners
- Cannot have received DCNP Scholarship in the past
- Support of the DCNP through regular attendance at meetings will also be taken into consideration
- 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

APPLICATION FORM IS ON THE DCNP WEBSITE:

<https://dcnpweb.enpnetwork.com>



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>

DCNP WEBSITE

Please check out the updated DCNP website and give us feedback on what you would like to see added to it. Also, if you have an interest in website maintenance let us know so we can add you to the work group.

<https://dcnpweb.enpnetwork.com>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislation Matters....

Hi everyone. The DE Legislature continues in full swing until June 30, 2022. A number of bills in the DE Legislature impact the healthcare of Delawareans so Legislation Matters to NPs and the care of our patients.

Below are some bills related to healthcare currently under consideration in the Delaware Legislature. We are in the 2nd year of the legislative session so if a bill does not progress (get through House and Senate Committee and both the full House and Senate chambers then signed by the Governor) it would have to be resubmitted next year if there is interest by the sponsor. Each entry gives a number of the bill, brief information about who is supporting this with contact information and a link to read the whole bill.

Your board members of the Delaware Coalition of Nurse Practitioners have reviewed some of the bills and their position is noted. Also noted is the position of the Delaware Nurses Association when known. We hope each of you will take an interest in following and commenting on laws and regulations that impact the way we practice. There are more than 1,100 licensed NPs in Delaware and when we all speak we do make a difference.

Here is the link to the Delaware Legislature site. <https://legis.delaware.gov/> You can search for bills by putting the number or a word. This page also gives you a link to the various committees and task forces. If you are not sure how to find your specific legislators, here is a link to help you learn the names and email addresses of your Representative and Senator. https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/

Prepared by Susan Conaty-Buck, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP, Co-Chair DCNP Legislative Committee

Healthcare Bill with Active Debate

SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL REPORT

Senate Substitute 2 for Senate Bill 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 19 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM.

DCNP Position: Reviewed SB1 Senate Substitute 1: Take No Position (Do not support or protest).

DNA Position: Support the Bill

Bill Progress

Current Status: Passed Senate Health and Human Services then sent to Senate Finance 3/4/22
What happens next? Awaiting consideration in Committee

Bill Details

Current Bill Introduced on: 3/4/22

Bill has passed the DE Senate 3/8/22, Next goes to House Committee

Primary Sponsor: [S. McBride](#)

Additional Sponsor(s): Sen. [Townsend](#), [Brown](#), [Gay](#), [Mantzavinos](#), [Pinkney](#)

Reps. [Heffernan](#), [Longhurst](#), [Baumbach](#), [Dorsey Walker](#), [Morrison](#), [Osienski](#)

Co-Sponsor(s): Sen. [Ennis](#), [Hansen](#), [Lockman](#), [Paradee](#), [Poore](#), [Sokola](#), [Sturgeon](#), [Walsh](#)

Reps. [Bentz](#), [Bolden](#), [Chukwuocha](#), [Cooke](#), [Griffith](#), [K. Johnson](#), [Kowalko](#), [Lambert](#), [Lynn](#), [Minor-Brown](#), [Mitchell](#), [S. Moore](#), [K. Williams](#), [Wilson-Anton](#)

Original Synopsis: This Act, the Healthy Delaware Families Act, creates a statewide paid family and medical leave insurance program. Delaware employees can access up to 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave through the State's paid leave trust fund for a qualifying event, including for the following: (1) To address a worker's own serious health condition. (2) To care for a family member with a serious health condition. (3) To bond and care for a new child. (4) To address the impact of a family member's military deployment. This Substitute to Senate Bill No. 1 differs from Senate Bill No. 1 with regard to the eligibility determination process, covered relationships, length of leave, forms of leave covered, cumulative leave, eligibility criteria, implementation timeline, appeal process, departmental powers, and not requiring participation from certain smaller businesses. This Substitute differs from Senate Substitute No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 1 by making technical corrections, clarifying intent and providing greater statutory detail with regard to appeals, coordination of benefits, definitions, private plans, and departmental powers, and providing temporary flexibility regarding implementation.

Bill Text: [SS 2 for SB 1](#)

House Bill 140

151st General Assembly (Present)

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO END-OF-LIFE OPTIONS

DCNP Position: Support the bill

DNA Position: Support the bill

Bill Progress

Current Status: Out of Committee 1/19/22

What happens next? Legislation has been voted out of Committee; now placed on the Ready List

Bill Details

Introduced on: 6/30/21

Primary Sponsor: [Baumbach](#)

Additional Sponsor(s): Sen. [Townsend](#)

Reps. [Bentz](#), [Morrison](#)

Co-Sponsor(s): Sen. [Lockman](#), [S. McBride](#), [Sokola](#)

Reps. [Brady](#), [Kowalko](#), [Osienski](#), [Schwartzkopf](#), [K. Williams](#)

Original Synopsis:

This Act permits a terminally ill individual who is an adult resident of Delaware to request and self-administer medication to end the individual's life in a humane and dignified manner if both the individual's attending physician or attending advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and a consulting physician or consulting APRN agree on the individual's diagnosis and prognosis and believe the individual has decision-making capacity, is making an informed decision, and is acting voluntarily. (see the bill for additional detail)

Bill Text: [View HTML](#) [View PDF](#)

PLEASE GO TO THE DCNP WEBSITE, CURRENT LEGISLATION FOR A FULL LIST OF HEALTH CARE BILLS BEING CONSIDERED.