



President Susan VanZandt



President-elect Ana Garcia

**Welcome** to the 28th annual conference! We have the pleasure to host some of the best experts in their respective fields to provide you with the most up-to-date educational experience. As we adapt to live with COVID 19 in our everyday routine we continue to reorganize our strategies in how we reach out to our members while keeping your safety and health as our priority.

This year's conference theme is *Envisioning the Future of Healthcare* as we believe Nurse Practitioners inevitably are and will continue to play a vital role in the healthcare not only in our state but also our nation. As a profession we have met resistance in our fight towards full practice authority and in our endeavor to increase access to healthcare to the patients we serve. However, as an organization we firmly believe the best is yet to come for nurse practitioners in our state. We will continue to stand strong in our efforts to move forward towards legislation that is favorable for our profession. We invite you to join our mutual cause and donate to the AONP PAC as it continues to be the most effective avenue towards advancing our agenda.

As we continue to work together, we hope you enjoy another year surrounded by our esteemed colleagues, take advantage of the wonderful exhibitors joined us, and absorb the wealth of information our speakers will share with us.

We're glad you're here!

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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Introductions ..... President, Susan VanZandt

Secretary's Report ..... Secretary, Michael Ranck

• Meeting minutes are available upon request.

Treasurer's Report ..... Treasurer, Dianne Miller

## New Business

- 2023 AONP Executive Board Election Results
- Oklahoma Nurses Association ..... Carl Laffoon

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Benny Vanatta, AONP Executive Director & Lobbyist  
Susan VanZandt – AONP President  
Toni Pratt-Reid – AONP Legislative Chair  
Ana Garcia - AONP President-elect

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## **AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2014**

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- OHCA MAC Committee member as AONP Representative.
- OCTOBER 6, 2014 Hydrocodone - Federal changes to Control II.
- Board approved Schnake Turnbo, PR firm to represent AONP.
- Developed Rural Healthcare Video.
- Oklahoma Opioid Task Force Committee Member.
- Conducted Day at the Capitol.

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## AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2015

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- Board voted to change PR firms. Contracted with KOCH Communications.
- Developed social media campaign: Right 2 Choose | Right to Practice
- Board voted to move forward on FPA.
- HB 2158 - Authored by Representative Echols.
- Regional 6 Strategic Meetings and TNP Leadership Summit.
- Interim Study granted. AONP brought in Florida Rep. Dr Pigman, FairView CEO, Roger Knack, Maureen Cahill, Author of Consensus Model in Advanced Practice.



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## AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2015 (CONTINUED)

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- OHIP Workforce Work group.
- OHCA MAC Member.
- OHCA Strategic Workforce to move to capitation.
- Oklahoma Policy Budget meeting.
- AONP met with attorneys for assistance in successfully blocking OHCA budget changes.
- Meetings include Oklahoma Healthcare Authority CEO, Oklahoma AARP, Oklahoma Hospital Association, Rural Health, ONA, Senator Mike Sanders.

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## AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2016

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- OSMA meeting to discuss HB 2814.
- AONP board met with Rep. Cox, Rep. Ritz, and Rep. Derby.
- Representative Echols penned letter to FTC.
- Multiple speaking engagements with news stations, OP eds.
- Guest, Katherine Hoebelheinrich, MS, APRN Nebraska Rep “It takes an average of TEN years for a state to successfully pass FPA.”
- Campaigned successfully for Senator Pederson.

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## AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2017

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- Met with Representative Cockroft, authored HB 1013
- Camera interviews, Daily Oklahoman, Journal Record
- Participated in AARP Town Hall broadcast,
- Telehealth Task Force, member
- Enhanced Coalition with several organizations joining
- Met with Oklahoma tribes for representation
- Attended Region 6 Static Planning and TNP Legislative Summit Meetings

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## AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2018

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- Conducted meetings with State Chamber's VP of Government Affairs - garnered support letters sent in support to OHCA and legislators.
- Board members attended State Chamber. Moving Forward Healthcare Summit resulted in increased grants from Physician Manpower Training Commission for nurses.
- PR team put together successful campaign for HB1013.

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## AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2018 (CONTINUED)

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- Successfully campaigned against rate reductions, Gov. Fallin signed budget that did not adversely affect advanced practice providers.
- Day at the Capitol with Dynamic speakers in support of FPA.
- Meetings with AANP leadership to support HB 1013.
- Met with Senator Griffin, author - SB 570
- Attended legislative fundraiser in Tulsa.

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## AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2018

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- We lost our comrade and colleague, Mindy Whitten and developed Mindy Whitten Memorial Fund.
- Board of Nursing Strategic Meeting for Legislative Initiatives.
- Legislative Bootcamp-Panelist for Healthcare Providers and Oklahoma Healthcare Agenda.
- Met with Oklahoma BON over licensure issues in specialty care.
- Successfully campaigned and walked for Representative Cindy Roe.
- Call to action campaign - successful against SB 1353 and SB 1127
- Regional 6 Strategic Meetings and TNP Leadership Summit.

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## AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2019

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- Board members met with Senator McCortney.
- Successfully halted dual licensure, which had significant restrictions to APRN license.
- Worked with Senator Smalley co-author of SB for FPA.
- Conducted Soonerpoll for SB 839.
- Met with Governor Stitt's Healthcare team.
- Meetings with AANP CEO - practice/insurance issues.
- Regional 6 Strategic Meetings and TNP Leadership Summit.

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## **AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2020**

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- The world stood still.
- SB 496 stopped, which was Sen McCortney's bill with dual licensure, dual exams, and 8000 hours.
- Meetings with Insurance Corporation, Blue Cross Blue Shield.
- Conference calls with AANP CEO and Legislative Leadership specialty practices.
- Regional 6 Strategic Meetings and TNP Leadership Summit- virtual
- Board voted to pause PR firm contract.

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## **AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2021**

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- SB 388 Passed
- HB2099 Passed
- Regional 6 Strategic Meetings and TNP Leadership Summit.
- Board voted for new website platform and social media development team.
- Strategic meetings with AANP to increase collaboration of members.

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## **AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2022**

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- Met with OKBON for unlicensed personnel.
- Researched all states language relating to unlicensed personnel rules for HB 3892.
- HB 3892 unlicensed personnel bill passed Committee and House, not heard in Senate.
- Regional 6 Strategic Meetings and TNP Leadership Summit.

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## **AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2022 (CONTINUED)**

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- Held Region 6 meet and greet for Oklahoma members at AANP conference.
- Campaigned with AANP for successful passing of Federal work comp practices.
- KANSAS became 26th state to gain FPA.
- SB 1337 Medicaid Capitation passed.

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## **AONP LEGISLATIVE WORK - 2023 AND BEYOND**

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- Work with legislators to find common ground to move towards FPA
- Increase NP awareness within Oklahoma.
- Add organizations and alliances to Right to Practice|Right 2 Choose.
- SBI337 work with OHCA on structuring provider roles.
- Universal Signature Bill.

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## **MARSHALING OUR ALLIES**

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- Any legislator already in our camp.
- Beneficiaries of our legislation.
- Understand the opportunities of an election year and supporting pro-NP candidates.
- Supportive leaders for our cause.
- Other professions concerned about our issues.

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## CREATING A COORDINATION STRUCTURE

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- Working our Coalitions.
- Right to Practice | Right 2 Choose website:  
<http://right2chooseok.com>



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## DOING OUR HOMEWORK

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- Know your issues thoroughly.
- Know the opposition's side.
- Create a network that works.

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## DEFINE YOUR MESSAGE

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- Identify the latest information and issues that affect Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners.
- Message must make sense and be understandable.
- Address the issue in reasonable ways.
- Offer a solution.

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## CREATE A COMMUNICATION NETWORK THAT WORKS

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- A fast way to get information out.
- Feedback loop.
- Messages to whole group originates from a central point - unifying a central message.
- Regular updates.

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## MAINTAIN THE LONG VIEW

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- It's a marathon.
- Glass half full – Glass half empty.

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## 2022 / 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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- Understand new laws and legislative changes from the 2022 legislation session. How do these changes affect Oklahoma Nurse Practitioners.
  - (mandated private management of Medicare)
- What is planned for the 2023 session.

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF PAC IN AN ELECTION YEAR

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- What's a PAC? (non-partisan **P**olitical **A**ction **C**ommittee)
- Why does it need money and how is the money used?
- What opportunities does an election year bring?
- Become an AONP member. We are stronger together.
- Members will be notified of pro-NP candidates.
  - ✓ Only members receive emails.