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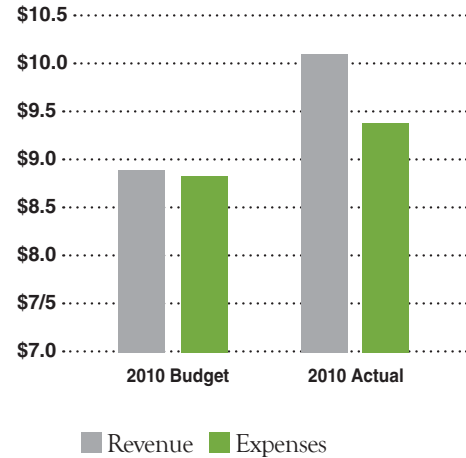
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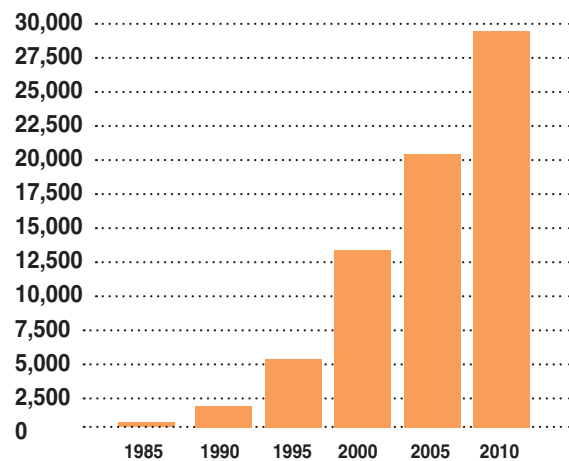
Annually, the AANP Board of Directors approves a carefully developed and fiscally sound budget. The 2010 budget and the 2010 actual revenue and expenditures are presented in the graph. AANP engages in careful and detailed fiscal management with constant attention to providing optimal benefits and support for members. A formal detailed independent audit is conducted every year.

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual
Revenue	8,929,024	10,057,202
Expenses	8,829,594	9,392,008

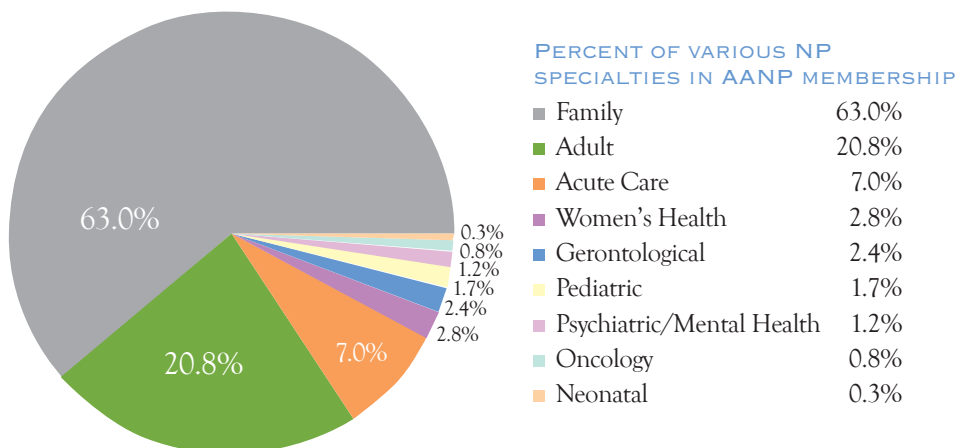


MEMBERSHIP

AANP continues to grow with individual membership at 29,000 by year-end, up from 27,000 the previous year. Group membership grew from 126 in 2009 to 158 national, state and local organizations during 2010.



The pie chart below reflects the percent of various NP specialties in AANP membership.



YEARS OF NP EXPERIENCE	PERCENTAGE
5 or fewer	47.5%
6-10	22.0%
11-15	18.6%
16-20	5.5%
21+	6.5%

Mean years of experience is 8.9 yrs.

Making History

1985

- The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Inc. (AANP) is established.
- AANP initiates development of national NP database.
- AANP has 100 members at end of first year—1985.

1986

- AANP begins a concerted effort to affect pertinent national legislation.

1987

- AANP research data provided documentation that assisted NPs in reestablishing affordable malpractice insurance.

1989

- Publication of the Journal of the AANP begins.
- The first official AANP National Conference is held in Philadelphia with 158 attendees.
- AANP moves headquarters from Massachusetts to Texas and hires first part-time paid staff.
- AANP releases results of first AANP National NP survey on NP preparation and practice.

1991

- The AANP State Award for NP Excellence is established.

1992

- AANP actively works with nursing associations such as the Royal College of Nursing UK to develop role of NPs internationally.
- Barbara J. Safriet writes in the Yale Journal on Regulation supporting the NP role.

1993

- AANP forms Certification Program as separately incorporated entity.
- The AANP State Award for NP Advocate is established.

1995

- AANP initiates the Corporate Advisory Council (ACAC) to work with industry leaders.

1998

- The AANP Foundation is established as a separately incorporated 501 (c)(3) organization and is the first foundation operating to benefit NPs in all specialties.
- The AANP Foundation Scholarship and Grant program is initiated and makes first awards to AANP members.

1999

- AANP conducts National NP Survey comparing results reported in 1989 survey.
- Estimated 60,000 NPs in the U.S.

2000

- AANP initiates the Fellows program, hosts first international NP conference in U.S. and creates Political Action Committee (PAC).
- AANP has 11,502 individual members and 58 group members at end of 2000.

2001

- September 11—AANP enlists support of hundreds of NPs to offer aid in NYC and DC .
- AANP has 12,500 individual members and 72 group members at end of 2001.
- Estimated 87,000 NPs in the U.S.

2002

- Acute care NPs join AANP.
- The AANP Network for Research (AANPNR) is created, the first national practice-based research network exclusively for NPs.
- AANP has 12,630 individual members and 73 group members at end of 2002.

1985 - 2010

2003

- Implemented AANP SmartBrief, a daily electronic newsletter with cutting-edge healthcare related news, culled from the top 300 electronic news sources.
- AANP has 14,500 individual members and 86 group members at end of 2003.
- Estimated 97,000 NPs in the U.S.

2004

- National Nurse Practitioner Week, held annually in November, is recognized by U.S. Congress.
- AANP conducts National NP survey comparing results of 1989 and 1999 surveys.
- AACN publishes position paper on Doctorate of Nursing Practice.
- AANP has 16,601 individual members and 100 group members at end of 2004.

2005

- AANP celebrates 20 years as “The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner.”
- AANP has 20,000 individual members and 115 group members at end of 2005.
- Estimated 106,000 NPs in the U.S.

2006

- Increased participants in the AANP CE Provider Program to 16 approved providers.
- Corporate Partner Council moved to AANP Foundation.
- AANP has 21,300 individual members and 128 group members at end of 2006.

2007

- Conducted 2007 AANP National NP Income Survey.
- Launched *NP Finder.com*—an online Web-based NP locator site for consumers to find an NP in their community and for AANP members to register their sites where new patients are accepted.
- AANP has 22,800 individual members and 143 group members at end of 2007.

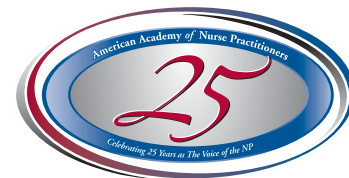
2008

- Activated AANP CE Center for online access to continuing education.
- Created petition urging pharmaceutical companies and other suppliers of healthcare products to use provider-neutral language in consumer print and broadcast advertisements.
- AANP has 24,918 individual members and 151 group members at end of 2009.

2009

- Distributed “Did you Know?” AANP video showcasing the role of the NP. Video distributed to Public Television stations in all 50 states, aired 400 times in many of the top 200 markets
- Launched E-Bulletin, a weekly communication email to all members.
- Launched *Webnp.org*, a social networking site for AANP members.
- Produced advertorial/open letter to President Obama and Members of Congress showcasing NPs as primary care providers. Ran in *Roll Call* publication that is distributed to elected officials in DC.
- AANP has 27,076 individual members and 154 group members at end of 2009.
- *Estimated 125,000 NPs in the U.S.*

2010



- AANP celebrates 25th Anniversary.
- AANP has 29,000 individual members and 158 groups at end of 2010.
- *Estimated 140,000 NPs in the U.S.*

See 2010 accomplishments beginning on page 5



2010

celebrated the 25th anniversary of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Inc. (AANP) and the 45th anniversary of the nurse practitioner role. It was the year of healthcare reform and what a year it was! AANP continued to ensure that NPs were at the table and recognized in the healthcare reform process and were part of any plans that were being developed. AANP participated at White House meetings on health reform, on policymaking committees and panels, presented invited testimony to decision-makers, formed partnerships and coalitions with other NP organizations—all the while clearly articulating and representing the role of the NP as an expert primary, acute and specialty healthcare provider in all settings. AANP was also well-represented in the print, broadcast and electronic media on a continuous basis, giving NPs greater visibility than ever in the past.

THE FUTURE IS NOW—*we are excited about it—and on behalf of the AANP Board of Directors, state representatives and staff, we thank you for your support and for joining us on this amazing journey.*

Penny Kaye Jensen, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, FAANP
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Activities and Accomplishments

Key elements of the AANP Mission are reflected in the following examples of activities and initiatives that were accomplished in 2010 based on the major goals of the AANP Strategic Plan:

I. PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN NP PRACTICE, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (JAANP)

- JAANP, a scholarly, peer-reviewed monthly journal, is a valuable benefit (with online and/or print access) for our members and a subscription base reaching approximately 6,500 libraries and other institutions. A regional breakdown of online readership shows we are read throughout the entire world. Nearly 520,000 full-text articles were downloaded from the JAANP site in 2010.
- In 2010 our Impact Factor increased from 0.823 to 0.907; this is a 10.2% increase in our citation ranking. As the only nurse practitioner journal with an Impact Factor, we continue to see an increase in submissions and a rise in the rejection rate. All of this means high quality articles of importance are reaching our members as well as the larger audience of scholars who read about health care and health care delivery.
- In early 2010 we instituted the Early View access to articles published online ahead of print and our print production was on time or early each month during the year.
- We are also a part of our publisher Wiley-Blackwell's philanthropic endeavors to make high quality health care information available at a reasonable cost to 4,600 libraries in developing nations and selected free access for health workers in emergency situations such as the devastating floods in Pakistan and the earthquakes in Haiti and Japan.
- We published two "virtual issues" in 2010: one, a compilation of articles on obesity, and the other, a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the FAANP. We also published one themed issue on women's health in 2010, one CE supplement, and two sponsored reviews. Our publisher, through their new Wiley_Health Twitter account and a Facebook site, has actively promoted content in JAANP to physicians, health journalists and medical librarians.

RESEARCH & EDUCATION

- AANP Members received free CE activities through a variety of resources and formats, with ability to archive activities on their CE Portfolio.
- The AANP CE Center hosted 80 programs in 2010—a 60% increase and introduced new resources, including a clinical simulation series and a professionalism series.
- The number of unique CE Center users totaled 17,324 (38% increase) in 2010.
- Provided CE approval and accreditation for over 400 CE meetings and activities and CE materials, including over 2,300 contact hours and 540 contact hours of pharmacology and accredited 19 AANP CE Providers.
- AANP CE hosted first Professional Society Roundtable made up of medical, PA, and NP organizations, to discuss professional society accreditation and implementation of educational programming.
- Created and disseminated patient education resources, on topics such as teen health and von Willebrand disease.
- Maintains the only national NP database of all practicing NPs and conducts national surveys gathering critical data about NP demographics, workforce, practice.
- Completed the 2009-2010 National NP Sample Survey and conducted the 2010-2011 National NP Practice Site Survey.
- Conducted a comparison of the cost of NP preparation with that of physicians, publishing an online report.
- AANP Network for Research (AANPNR) and the Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) co-hosted an NP Research Agenda Roundtable and published a related White Paper.
- Received grants to develop a variety of patient education materials.
- AHRQ invited AANP to participate in a TelNet, describing our conversion of AHRQ Comparative Effectiveness Reports to CE.
- Enhanced educational alliances with organizations such as SHM, ACCP, and AAPA through initiatives such as founding COPD Alliance.

- AANP 25th National Conference held in Phoenix, AZ, provided 28 concurrent sessions throughout the five day schedule, addressing the educational and professional needs from novice to experienced NP attendee in every specialty area.
- Introduced specialty conferences for the experienced primary care NP at two different venues.

II. SHAPE THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE THROUGH ADVANCING HEALTH POLICY

HEALTH POLICY/ STATE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- The 2010 state legislative sessions continued to see a record number of policy efforts that would use NPs more effectively in meeting care needs and remove outdated barriers.
- Notable changes were made in the regulatory arena across all aspects of practice. We saw states like Hawaii stepping up with regulations that are more in line with the NCSBN standards. Several states passed laws that will recognize NP signatures on vital forms relating to patient care—such as handicap parking permits, advanced care directives and death certificates—and several others gaining ground by building future political capital by raising awareness of NPs with policy makers.
- With the publication of the IOM Report on the Future of Nursing, many states began to take a fresh look at NP care and the need to modernize regulation to capture the full benefit of the NP workforce. Foundational efforts from AANP elected leaders and members were laid near the end of 2010 to help secure the future passage of independent (plenary) practice authority in North Dakota and Vermont.

HEALTH POLICY/FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS

- Activities of the Federal Office of Health Policy centered on Health Care Reform, CMS Regulations, Medicare Payment, Appropriations, Implementation of Medical Homes and professional issues for NPs across the nation.
 - Health Care Reform legislation was passed in March 2010. A significant number of provisions were attained that have positive impact on NP practice.
 - For our patients, the final legislation protected choice, protected individuals with preexisting conditions, protected against caps and out of pocket requirements, protected small businesses, closed the Medicare doughnut hole, provided for universal coverage, provided funding for workforce training and quality health system performance.
- Provisions specific to NP practice included provider neutral language throughout, nondiscrimination requirements, recognition of NP practices in independence at home pilots, inclusion of NPs as providers in Accountable Care organizations, funding authorization for nurse-managed health centers and school-based clinics, funding authorization for a graduate nursing education (GNE) demonstration, a Federally Qualified Health Center post-graduate training program demonstration, and an increased Title VIII authorization.
 - Medical Home Pilots and demonstrations will be undertaken by a newly formed Medicare Innovation Center. Work began on the implementation of the provisions of this legislation upon its passage. The pending SGR cut to Part B Medicare Payment was averted as well during this time.
 - NPs were named as eligible providers for the newly required face-to-face encounters prior to ordering home health and durable medical equipment.
 - A successful virtual lobby day was conducted to obtain cosponsors for our Home Health legislation that would remove the required physician sign off for eligibility certification for home health care services.
 - NP educational programs and Nurse Managed Centers were provided with an advance in additional funding. Representatives from the AANP participated in a special announcement of the release of these funds at the White House with First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Mary Wakefield of HHS. The 2011 budget was not yet passed at the close of 2010.
 - Congressional support for NP workforce development has been maintained.
 - The AANP has been actively involved in activities surrounding the release of the IOM Report on the Future of Nursing which provided recommendations supportive of the NP agenda regarding the removal of barriers to practice, as well as the RWJ/AARP Champion for Nursing activities supportive of the NP agenda.
 - Multiple meetings have been held with CMS and HHS directors regarding NPs and their patients.
 - In addition, two successful Health Policy Fellowship Meetings, two successful Student Health Policy Fellowship meetings and 11 successful Regional Health Policy meetings have been conducted this year.
 - In the fall a successful Multistate Reimbursement meeting focusing on relations with Commercial Insurance Carriers was held. In addition to hosting NP roundtable and advanced practice meetings, we have been active participants in committees and coalitions of the Patient Centered Primary Care Coalition, the Rural Health Advisory Committee,

the CMS nursing advisory committee, the Ambulatory Quality Alliance, the National Quality Alliance, the Coalition for Patients Rights, the National Alliance for Quality Care, HPNC, PARCA, the Nursing Community Coalition, the Advanced Practice Coalition, the GNE coalition, the National Chronic Care Coalition, the Preventive Care Coalition, the Joint Commission, URAC, liaison to the US preventive services Task Force and many others.

III. BUILD A POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE NP AS A LEADER IN THE NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY

FELLOWS OF THE AANP (FAANP)

- The FAANP Program was established in 2000 to recognize NPs who have made outstanding contributions in healthcare practice, research, education and/or policy and to facilitate leadership within the NP Profession.
- An FAANP top priority is the development of mentorship and leadership programs for NPs. The FAANPs conducted strategic planning in 2010 and identified a number of initiatives.
- In 2010, 44 new members were inducted into the FAANP, bringing the total of inducted FAANPs to 255.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBER SERVICES

- Worked with Weber Shandwick Public Relations to position the NP as the healthcare provider of choice and to establish AANP as “The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner.”
- Conducted a national survey (more than 1,000 participants) to determine current level of understanding of NPs and the services they provide, as well as to test messaging platforms for AANP.
- Conducted a Brand & Communications Audit conducted to identify the perception of AANP among key audiences and how AANP interacts with key audiences through various communications vehicles and their effectiveness.
- Messaging platforms and media outreach were developed based on the results of the two studies and leveraged using AANP’s 25th anniversary in 2010. Media spokespersons were identified and media training conducted.
- AANP President Dee Swanson appeared on *Fox & Friends* (Fox News Channel) to address the role of NPs and advantages of having an NP as your healthcare provider. The April 22 appearance had viewing audience of 1.4 million.
- Sophia Thomas, AANP Louisiana state rep, appeared on *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams*, addressing the impact of the oil spill on the health and livelihood of those in the Gulf region and the healthcare needed by the citizens of the area. The interview aired on 110 NBC stations around the country on July 5 and July 6 with a viewing audience of 4.9 million.
- Media coverage was obtained in multiple venues throughout the year in print, broadcast and online.
- An open letter to President Obama and Members of Congress was placed in March 2010 Roll Call (a newspaper on the Hill that is number one in readership versus all other publications targeting congressional opinion leaders). The ad was updated from previous one that ran in July 2009.
- “America’s New Healthcare Provider of Choice” article was distributed to 1500 daily and 8500 weekly print and online publications. Last article had a readership of 13.1 million and was viewed on the Web by 6.4 million unique visitors.
- Produced AANP 25th Anniversary Tribute Book. Distributed at 2010 AANP Conference and at variety of conferences held throughout year. Also given to new members as a special offer for joining AANP during a membership drive.
- Jeff Bauer, PHD, article titled: *Nurse Practitioners as an underutilized resource for health reform: Evidence-based demonstrations of cost-effectiveness*, was published in April 2010 JAANP and distributed to media throughout the year.
- *Get Fit for the 25th Fun Run/Walk* was held during AANP 25th Conference on June 26 in Phoenix with proceeds from the event going to the *Phoenix Kids in the Kitchen*—a Junior League initiative.
- Membership continues to experience a growth rate of approximately ten percent a year, with membership of 29,000 individual members and 158 group members at end of 2010.
- A new category of student membership, Recognized NP Student, was added to accommodate NPs who have returned to school for advanced degrees such as PhD or DNP.
- Marsh U. S. Consumer provides AANP members with malpractice/liability insurance at very competitive rates.
- AANP *CareerLink*—the official AANP career center—has expanded career resource opportunities.
- AANP *SmartBrief*, a valued resource for up-to-date healthcare information, is delivered to subscriber’s email each business day.
- American Medical ID continues to offer AANP members and their patients lifesaving ID options.

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Foundation

The mission of the AANP Foundation is to advance the role of the nurse practitioners through the support of education, research and practice for the improvement of the public's health.

In 2010 the AANP Foundation gave \$92,000 for 53 Scholarships and 5 Grants—since 1998 a total of \$751,650 in awards.

The First Foundation of its Kind: Advancing the Profession—The AANP Foundation is continually seeking ways that it can be a conduit for NP innovation, data collection, contemporary research, training and professional recognition, and is garnering financial support in order to better serve the profession of NPs and improve the public's health.

Primary AANP Foundation Programs: Scholarships for NP Preparation and Advanced Education—Each year the AANP Foundation offers educational scholarships for (Doctoral, MSN-NP, Post-MS, and NPs) members of AANP, advancing their healthcare knowledge to better serve the public. Beneficial Grants and Research Awards—The AANP Foundation funds research and projects that contribute to improved community health. Supporting NP investigative work across the country, grant and research applications are competitively reviewed by committee.

Humanitarian Program: A new AANP Foundation initiative encourages and assists nurse practitioners who want to “give back” when world health catastrophes occur. The AANP Foundation promotes intercultural and international exchange between NPs and others by providing training and opportunities to use NP expertise to help where needed.

Supporting the Work: Financial Support for the AANP Foundation: Support comes from a broad range of ongoing activities and funding sources. Generous individual and corporate donations make AANP Foundation programs and endeavors possible.

The AANP Foundation hosts annual fundraising events, including many that take place during the AANP National Conference.

Ways to Support NPs: The AANP Foundation provides numerous opportunities for individual and corporate support: Corporate Council—offering tiered membership levels, exchange of information between the profession and industry, safe harbor, and increased brand image awareness; Legacy Program/Estate Planning—giving back to the NP profession, with a gift that keeps giving while providing tax benefits; Grateful Patient Donation—a means of recognizing compassionate and exceptional professional services; Individual Gifts—making a personal contribution to help build the profession.

In 2010, the AANP Foundation was governed by an independent eight-member Board of Directors.

The 2010 board was comprised of:

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In 2010 AANP Foundation executive staff was comprised of:

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American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program is happy to report that we have completed another successful year providing certifications to Adult, Family, and Gerontologic nurse practitioners. Nurse practitioners, (ANP, GNP, and FNP), who have completed an accredited masters, postmasters, or higher to include DNP are eligible to take the exams in their respective area of specialization. The examinations are developed in cooperation with Professional Examination Services (PES), a not for profit organization with over 50 years experience in the development and administration of national licensing and certification examinations specializing in health related fields. The programs are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies and recognized by the State Boards of Nursing, Medicare, Medicaid, the Veterans Administration, private managed care organizations, institutions, and health care agencies for credentialing purposes.

The examinations test clinical knowledge in the areas of assessment, diagnosis, formulation and implementation of treatment plans, and evaluation and follow up of primary health care issues. The family nurse practitioner examination covers knowledge in the area of prenatal, pediatric, adolescent, adult, geriatric, and frail elderly primary care. The adult nurse practitioner examination covers knowledge in the area of late adolescent, adult, geriatric, and frail elderly primary care. The gerontologic examination covers knowledge in geriatric and frail elderly primary care. Knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention, diagnosis, and management of acute episodic and chronic illness in the primary care setting is tested. Participants are expected to apply knowledge of pathophysiology, pharmacology, psychology, and sociology to the process utilized in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of patients in their care.

Since beginning the certification program in 1993 and as of the end of 2010, AANPCP had awarded a total of 31,431 certifications as Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP), Adult Nurse Practitioners (ANP) and Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners (GNP). 5,062 applicants took the exams in 2010. The first time pass rate for the exams was 87%. There were 429 applications for re-exam and 46 applications for recertification by exam. The recertification rate for a one year period in 2010 was approximately 87%.

We are pleased to offer continuous CBT testing throughout the year with an individualized 120 day window of opportunity to test at over 300 national testing sites. We also offer online application for initial exam, recertification, and verification of certification. This is available at our website: www.aanpcertification.org. The certification program continues to maintain active participation in the National Organization of Certifying Agencies, the American Board of Nursing Specialties, the Consortium for Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, and the Alliance for Advanced Practice Nursing Credentialing. It continues to be an active participant on the APRN Consensus Work Group, and is a participating member of the Joint Dialogue Task Force with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing examining issues in advanced practice nursing regulation: licensure, accreditation, certification, and education.

Founded in 1993, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program is a free standing corporation governed by an elected Board of Commissioners and a consumer member appointed by the Commissioners. The current commissioners are Dr. Lorna Schumann, FNP (Idaho), Dr. Mona Counts, FNP (Pennsylvania), Wendy Thon, FNP (Alaska), Dr. Patricia Bredenberg, ANP (Maine), Dr. Greg Holm, ANP (Florida), Marge Dean, GNP (Texas), and Barbara Safriet, JD, LLM (Public Member).

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