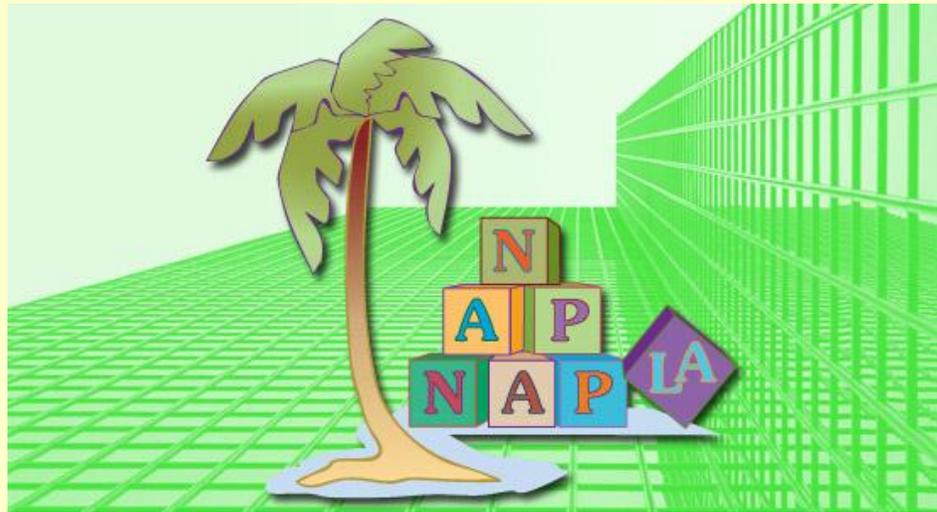


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## Newsletter

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#### **NAPNAP-LA 2012-2013 Elections – Deadline extended!**

**Leslie Larsen, RN, MS, CPNP**

**The deadline for NAPNAP-LA's 2012-2013 election has been extended!**

**Now is the time** for NAPNAP-LA members who are dedicated to the mission and vision of our professional organization, and who are interested in opportunities for leadership, **to consider joining the 2012-2013 Executive Board.**

Potential candidates can contact current Board members or visit the website, [lanapnap.org](http://lanapnap.org), for more information about the Executive Board and the election process.

The Constitution and Bylaws of NAPNAP-LA mandate that "the Officers of the Association shall be President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer...Officers shall be elected by and from the active membership near the close of the fiscal year."

All officers shall hold office for a term of one fiscal year or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve for two-year terms.

With the creation of the **NAPNAP-LA Board Member Placement Guide**, as part of the strategic planning process, the duties of the President, Past-President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Chairs have been clearly outlined, including qualifications, time commitments, responsibilities, resources and contact information for those individuals currently in office. This year it is more convenient than ever before to discover how to become involved in the NAPNAP-LA Executive Board!

**Candidates for President-Elect or Secretary** should notify Leslie Larsen, RN, MS, CPNP ([lachaskes@aol.com](mailto:lachaskes@aol.com)) or Lynn Messenger, RN, MSN, CPNP ([lmesscpnp@hotmail.com](mailto:lmesscpnp@hotmail.com)) **prior to May 21st, 2012 in order to be included on the ballot.** All members are encouraged to consider the merits of the various candidates and **VOTE when the ballots are circulated via email in May 2012.**

**This has been an exciting and transformative year for NAPNAP-LA;** please join with us to “promote optimal health for children and to support nurse practitioners caring for children through leadership, practice, advocacy, education and research in the greater Los Angeles area.”



## **Celebrate NAPNAP-LA!**

**Please join us for NAPNAP-LA’s “End of Year” Celebration as we remember and celebrate the accomplishments of NAPNAP-LA in 2011-2012!**

This year’s brunch event will be held **Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Il Fornaio Restaurant, 1800 Rosecrans, Manhattan Beach, California, 90266.** Cost of the event is \$20 per person; please make checks payable to NAPNAP-LA and forward via mail to Judi Zimmerman, 1724 Laurel Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California, 90266, no later than June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

NAPNAP-LA’s annual gathering is intended to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our professional organization during the past year; to honor our outstanding NAPNAP-LA Scholarship recipients; to acknowledge the excellence of all of the scholarship candidates and thank them for their participation in the scholarship application process; and to welcome the 2012-2013 NAPNAP-LA Board. As we look back at the past year’s achievements, we also look forward to another year of working together with our members to improve the quality of health care for infants, children, adolescents and their families in the greater Los Angeles Community.

By working together NAPNAP-LA has accomplished far greater things for our patients, our colleagues, our agencies and our communities than we could have achieved on our own, as isolated professionals. **Thanks to the 2011-2012 NAPNAP-LA Board and membership for all that you do, and all that you have done** to continue to meet the needs of our organization, its members and the children and families whom we serve.

Let's celebrate!

## Committee Updates:

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By: Shannan Stephenson

We received 25 donated books at the regional conference. Thank you to everyone who contributed! The books will go to children in crisis at Harbor-UCLA's child advocacy center.



### PROGRAM

On March 3, 2012, NAPNAP-LA and the Advanced Practice Nurses from Children's Hospital Los Angeles held a successful conference at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center entitled, "Advancing Pediatric Nursing Care: A Day of Practice Updates." We had a record attendance, with 185 registrants, including licensed nurses, nurse practitioners and nursing students. We learned a great deal from our renowned faculty on a wide range of topics at this year's conference. Our speakers and topics were as follows: Pia Pannaraj, MD, MPH, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Faculty, Children's Hospital Los Angeles: The Re-emergence of Pertussis, Measles and Other Vaccine Preventable Illnesses; Catherine Goodhue, RN, MN, CPNP, Division of Pediatric Surgery, Children's Hospital Los Angeles: Cholestatic Liver Diseases in Infants and Children; Julie Elginer, DrPH, MBA, School of Public Health, UCLA: Pediatric Nurse Practitioners as Advocates: Lifting Your Voice to Meet Unmet Needs; Tena Rosser, MD, Division of Neurology, Children's Hospital Los Angeles: I. The Basics of the Neurologic Examination and Localization II. The Basics of Epilepsy Diagnosis and Management; Kathleen Ruccione, RN, MPH, CPON, FAAN, Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases, Children's Hospital Los Angeles: Childhood Cancer Survivorship-Optimizing Health Outcomes in the Primary Care Setting; and Kristi Westphaln, RN, MSN, CPNP, Trauma Program in the Department of Surgery, Children's Hospital Los Angeles: Welcome to the Drama of Pediatric Trauma: Recommendations for the Management of Minor Pediatric Trauma from an Office or Urgent Care Setting.

Event packages donated from Appreciation Events, gift baskets, wine assortments, and gift cards were just a few of the items raffled off at the event to help raise funds for our Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the generous donations raised from the purchase of raffle tickets, we made \$303 to assist with scholarships.



The award for One of Our Own was given to Kynna Wright-Volel, PhD, RN, MPH, PNP-PC, FAAN, Assistant Professor at UCLA and Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Faculty Scholar, Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases, Children's Hospital Los Angeles and the award for Pal of the Year was given to Julie Elginer, DrPH, MBA, School of Public Health, UCLA.

We were fortunate to have the support of our dedicated vendors and exhibitors: Appreciation Events, Baxter, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Eloquest Healthcare, Genentech, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Melnic Consulting Group, Reach Out and Read, and Silpada Jewelry.

This day would not have been possible without the help of our educational conference planning committee members: Leticia Boutros, Margaret Brady, Debbie Browne, Joana Duran, Anna Evans, Debbie Jury, Pat Lachelt, Leslie Larsen, Lynn Messenger, Meghan Middleton, Bobbie Nelms, Maki Okada, Paola Pederzoli, Veronica Torres, Mary Whitten, and Judi Zimmerman.

We would like to thank all of our members who attended the conference and helped to make our 2012 Regional Conference such a success! If you would like to be involved with the planning of our 2013 conference, or have any suggestions for speakers, please contact us at: [dharris@chla.usc.edu](mailto:dharris@chla.usc.edu) or [cgoodhue@chla.usc.edu](mailto:cgoodhue@chla.usc.edu). We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Regional Conference in 2013!

Regards,

Catherine Goodhue and Debbie Harris

Educational Conference Co-Chair