

ARIZONA NURSES ASSOCIATION

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

PROMOTE A SAFE & HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Supported the passing of bills that [enhanced the health of people in Arizona](#) and provide important resources and protection to nurses across the state
- [Encouraged nurses in their work](#) through RNconnect and the Renewal Retreat
- Provided new Continuing Education programs and activities to [assist nurses in furthering their skills and knowledge](#)

ADVANCE PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

- [Elected new leaders](#) to both the AzNA Board of Directors and each AzNA Chapter
- [Created racism and DEI commission](#) with affiliates and other nursing associations
- Advanced the profession of school nursing and [increased number of school nurses](#) through the Arizona School Nurse Access Program (ASAP)
- Held Chapter Leadership retreat to engage chapter leaders and [expand their knowledge](#) of chapter function and responsibilities
- Awarded scholarships to nursing students to allow for the [continued education of the future nursing generation](#)

DEVELOP COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Engaged with other Arizona associations to [pass important legislation](#) to enhance the nursing workforce
- [Secured a record number of exhibitors and sponsors](#) to support AzNA events
- Worked with the Phoenix Suns and other sports organizations to provide [exclusive experiences to nurses](#)

ENGAGE MEMBERS

- Developed [new online community](#) for members to network, learn and engage with AzNA
- Created [opportunities for education](#) specifically for members of AzNA
- Offered members the ability to help plan events and [support other initiatives through committee work](#)



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Each year, the AzNA Public Policy Committee [reviews bills during the legislative session](#). The committee evaluates bills based on AzNA's Public Policy Agenda and then determines whether to support oppose or monitor the bill.

The first session of the 56th Legislature adjourned on June 25, 2022. There were several bills directly impacting nursing and health care, many of which were the primary focus of AzNA's lobbying efforts.

[View a few of 2022's Major Bill Projects below and on the next page](#) and visit www.aznurse.org/PPNursesList for detailed information on other major, supported, and monitored bills.

SB1311 HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION

This bill is the culmination of 4 years effort to [address the increasing problem of health care workers assaulted on the job](#). This has been championed by Rep. Shah for those years and he had a companion (mirror bill) this year, HB2635, and teamed up with Sen. Barto for this bill to ensure passage. The bill was scaled back to apply to hospital facilities and does not increase the penalty.

Activities: AzNA lobbyist worked with sponsors, Sen. Barto and Rep. Shah, and with other health care and legal interests in drafting and negotiating bill and changes to bill with various legislators and arranging testimony to ensure passage.

Outcome: [Signed into Law](#)

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HB2691 HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE; GRANT PROGRAMS

This bill provides: 1) \$15 million per year for three years to public universities and community college nursing programs to [expand faculty and related items to increase enrollment of nursing students](#) (CNA, LPN, RN and APRN); 2) \$27 million per year for three years for grant program for health care institutions to [expand student clinical rotations/preceptorships and new nurse transition to practice and nurse upskilling programs](#); 3) \$500 per year for three years for stipends for preceptors for physicians, APRNs, PAs and dentists, primarily in rural and in primary care; and 4) \$5 million per year for pilot program to [expand entry level behavioral health training programs](#) at Maricopa and Navajo community colleges, including student tuition and costs, and if successful to be expanded across State.

Activities: Lobbying efforts were led by AzNA lobbyist who worked closely with the Governor's Office, the sponsor, Rep. Osborne, and with other health care groups and legislators in developing and drafting the bill language, testifying at hearings, and addressing concerns raised by legislators and Governor.

Outcome: [Signed into Law](#)

HB2434 SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION; REQUIREMENTS

This bill will require hospitals and surgery centers to provide smoke evacuation additions to Bovee instruments to [evacuate the extremely harmful smoke which is created during surgery](#) and has impacted the health of nurses and other health care workers.

Activities: Lobbying efforts were led by AzNA lobbyist and working with sponsor, Rep. Shah, negotiating with hospitals and educating legislators, arranging testimony, drafting language.

Outcome: [Signed into law](#)

BY THE NUMBERS

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Events

550+

Attendees

\$2k+

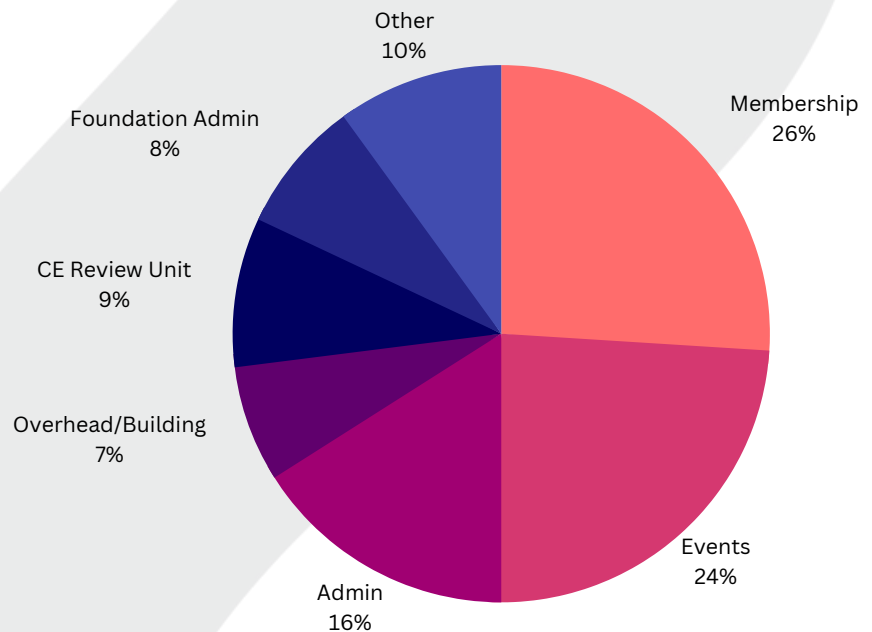
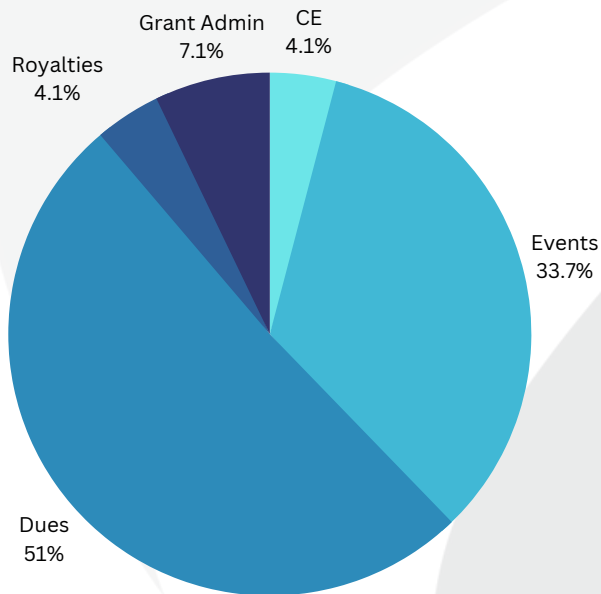
Scholarships Awarded

720 New Members

3700 Total Members

Revenue: \$657,032.33

Expenses: \$636,320.40



FROM THE MEMBERS

"AzNA is a fountain with limitless options for those who are interested in collaborating and networking with other nurses to make a difference in our profession and in healthcare." - **Dr. Sue Roe**

"AzNA is so supportive of Arizona nurses and this is what caught my attention. -**Audrey Cooper Toulouian**

"AzNA gives us all the chance to have a seat at the table where the decisions that affect those at the patient's side are made." -**Shannon Campbell**

UPCOMING IN 2023

Save the date for these upcoming events:

February 6

Healthcare Day at the Capitol

July 29-30

35th Annual NP Symposium

September 22

2023 AzNA Convention