



The History of the
**Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners
& Nurse Midwives**

Celebrating 30 Years
1989-2018

The History of the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners & Nurse Midwives

The Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives grew from a need of the advanced practice nurses of the state to meet, educate and activate the far flung members of the group. Original efforts included those by the Council of Nurse Practitioners of Kentuckiana, the ARNP Council of the Kentucky Nurses Association and the Bluegrass Chapter of Advanced Practice Nurses. Eventually, the momentum moved toward a reformed group, namely, the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Midwives (as it was originally named), a group ignited by the drive of Michael Sheets. Michael invigorated everyone into action. The igniting incident was the failure of HB 807, a prescriptive authority bill put forth in 1988. Despite over 100 nurse practitioners and nurse midwives appearing and testifying before the Health and Welfare Committee, the bill did not make it out of committee.

In a letter to ARNPs, in April of 1988, Michael announced plans to form a new organization, "solely dedicated towards sponsoring the issues of nurse practitioners and their patients." The same letter listed the following goals, all still of prime interest to the organization to this day:

-
- *Work toward improvement of access to care for everyone in the state*
 - *Provide a yearly continuing education conference*
 - *Update mailing lists of nurse practitioners and nurse midwives*
 - *Assist with coordination of ARNPs and employers*
 - *Improve visibility of ARNPs in the state*
 - *Ensure ARNP input in any state policy changes pertinent to ARNPs*
-

The first meeting was held May 21, 1988, at the Fayette County Health Department. Initial efforts included bylaws preparation, fund raising, newsletter publication, planning the first conference the next year and elections. Initial faces included Nadine Sheehan, Beth Tucker (now Donofrio), Pam King, Kathy Wheeler, Debbie Browning, Sally Siebert, Annette Castle, Katie Isaac, Maggie Antenucci (now Friel), Dorothy Peterson, Margaret Novy, Janice Greer, Jean Fee, Joan Gripshover, Susan Bowling, Sally Griffin, Katherine Donohue, Charlotte Denny, Wendy Wagers and Wanda Morgan. The initial legislative committee was composed of Beth Tucker (now Donofrio), Michael Sheets, Wanda Morgan, Sally Griffin, Maggie Antenucci (now Friel), Kathy Wheeler, Marge Novy, Pam King, Charlotte Denny and Joan Gripshover.

Michael had a special knack for getting people involved, getting them to do things they never dreamed they might. Though lines were always blurred, Michael was the "idea person," Nadine Sheehan was the "detail person" and Beth Tucker (now Donofrio) was the

"conference person." If Michael was the spark of the organization, Nadine was the glue. Nadine kept things organized and connected.

The first conference was held April 20-21, 1989, at the Holiday Inn North in Lexington, Kentucky. Nearly all the

presenters were from Lexington, and did so gratis; many presenters were NPs. The conference served 107 participants, profiting the organization \$3,828!

Over the years many changes occurred, including the name change to the Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives. Soon other faces appeared: Kathie Cook, Barbara French, Jacque Reid, Sharon Sheahan, Ellen Bailey, Sheila Ward, Ruth Beaman, Marilyn Osborne, Jane Harley, Bobbi Andriakos, Ruth Ann Bode, Beth Partin, and Kathy Whelan. Sheila Ward eventually took over as President, not only strengthening the connection to Louisville, but providing much needed "polish" to colleague letters and newsletters. It was Sheila who encouraged the hiring of someone specifically to manage the conference.

In 1992, the organization advertised for a part time conference planner and executive director. Delwin Jacoby filled the position initially. Eventually, two others would be Executive Directors, Gina Lowry and Kathy Wheeler. Gina, like her predecessor, was a detail

person and kept the conference coordinated and running smoothly. As Kathy Wheeler took over as Executive Director, Gina became Conference Coordinator. When Gina left the position as Conference Coordinator, Jamie Keesling filled that position and retired as Conference Manager in 2017. Suzanne Adams took over as Conference Manager in 2017.

Early legislative efforts by the organization included assisting the Kentucky Nurses Association as they shepherded legislation relative to the advanced practice role. Thanks to the Kentucky Nurses Association, and all the other nursing organizations in the state, legislative efforts in the 1980s had produced a nurse practice act that was the envy of many around the country. Features helpful to advanced practice nurses included title recognition and an independent nursing board. Each legislative year, starting in the early 1980s, the Coalition would band together with all the nursing organizations in the state and attempt legislation pertaining to prescriptive authority.

In 1995, Guthrie True was retained as the organizations Legal Counsel and Lobbyist, an initiative spurred by then President Sharon Sheahan. In June 1995, KCNPNM held its first retreat for Board members. At that meeting a new legislative plan and strategy was mapped out and implemented. In 1996 legislation was introduced by Representative Mary Lou Marzian to grant prescriptive authority to ARNPs. Kathy Wheeler and Beth Partin each spent 30 days during that session lobbying in Frankfort so as to have a NP presence almost daily in the capitol. The legislation passed allowing a logjam of many regulatory barriers to fall away and allowing numerous other legislative issues to progress. This was a turning point for APRNs. One of the most notable immediate effects was the regulatory change to define ARNPs as primary care providers under Medicaid. Following her term as president, Beth Partin was named Legislative Liaison in 2000.

Legislative efforts to pass bills to remove barriers to practice and help improve the ability of ARNPs to provide care to their patients have continued. Almost every legislative success has been hard won through the efforts of our legislative supporters, lobbyists, KCNPNM leadership, and our most notable grass roots supporters. It seems that passing APRN legislation is almost always a battle. Passage of specific bills is listed in the outline of events.

Over the years, the conference steadily grew in size, depth and complexity. Rotating initially between Lexington and Louisville, the conference now rotates between those two cities and Northern Kentucky, where there is a new conference center. Originally the educational tracts were divided into two days, one day of pediatrics and health of women and a second day on primary care and family medicine. Now, there are multiple educational tracts with multiple offerings any hour of the conference, spread over four days. The conference has done more than keep the organization financially sound; it has created a much needed gathering place for sharing, networking, education and cohesion building.

The organization has the proud heritage of being one of the first such organizations of its type in the country. Many other advanced practice nursing organizations have modeled themselves after the Coalition, providing education, hiring their own lobbyist, paying an executive director and overseeing the many issues of interest to advanced practice. The Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives is an unparalleled exemplar!

1974

Organizational meeting of the Council of Nurse Practitioners of Kentuckiana; founding members included:

**Glenda Bourne | Netty Burton | Carol Kendall
Betty Lewis | Sue Buehner**

1974-1977

Council of Nurse Practitioners of Kentuckiana joined by Rita Berkley, Ann Derrick, Mariam Frenke, Kay Groff, Jenny Hunt, Donna McCoy and Susanne Steinbock

Group worked with KNA to develop the ARNP Council of KNA

1978

Council lobbied to pass the initial revision of the Nurse Practice Act to register ARNPs in Kentucky

1982

Organizational meeting of the Bluegrass Chapter of the ARNP Division of Practice

Sandy Graves elected President of Bluegrass Chapter Executive Committee of Bluegrass Chapter composed of Sandy Graves, Linnie Toney, Pam King, Kathy Wheeler, Bea Gaunder and Trish Miller (now Birchfield)

1983

Bank account of Bluegrass Chapter contained \$132.85!

A hand written phone tree of Bluegrass Chapter listed Sandy Graves, Kathy Wheeler, Pam King, Ellen Kent (later Bailey), Linnie Toney, Janet Chenett, Helen Robillard, Nancy Sisler, Larry Owens, Trish Miller (now Birchfield), Bea Gaunder, Terry McCarty, Mary Patton, Ann Tarter, Ralph Smith, Joanne Green, Larry Kelley, Kay Hurd, Marilyn Payne (now Tompkins), Vi Brown, Martha Davis, Susan Robertson, Beth Pattie, Judy Woosley, Peggy

McFadden, Marge Crosby, Rita Marsh, Kathy Lynaugh, Joy Brands, Sharon Sheahan, Marilyn Musacchio (to contact UK midwifery students), Marty Bledsoe (to contact FNS midwifery students), Carolyn Sensenig (now Lindquist), Mary Kramer, Sally Siebert, Mary Bradford, Faye Leverton, Karen Rachael, Cindy Boulton, Leslie McGinnis, Mary Hollenkamp, Pam Lear, Gil Ciocci, Judy Kuhn Hastings, Barbara Halker, Pam Woodrum, Marge Newton

Bluegrass Chapter prepared first fact sheet, for use for public relations and legislation

1986

Groundwork laid for legislation pertaining to prescriptive authority

1987

HB 807, sponsored by Representatives Tom Burch, Louis Mack and Dottie Priddy, presented before Health and Welfare Committee on Thursday, March 3; over 100 ARNPs appear and testify (yes, they let everyone speak!); KMA and pharmacists speak against the bill; bill fails to pass out of committee

1988

Michael Sheets sent letter to ARNPs across Kentucky detailing events related to failure of HB807; called ARNPs to action and organization; Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Midwives formed, absorbing ARNPs from multiple groups (Council of NPs of Kentuckiana, ARNP Council, Bluegrass Chapter, CNMs)

Organizational meeting held May 21, at Fayette County Health Department; meeting addresses legislation, newsletter, continuing education program, telephone job service and mailing list; July meeting announced \$28 in bank account!

July meeting announced dates and plans for continuing education meeting the following April

1988 continued

Legislative Committee composed of Beth Tucker (now Donofrio), Wanda Morgan, Sally Griffin, Maggie Antenucci (now Friel), Kathy Wheeler, Marge Novy, Pam King, Michael Sheets, Charlotte Denny and Joan Gripshover

Bylaws and Nominating Committee composed of Debbie Browning, Katharine Donohue and Katie Isaac

Membership and Public Relations Committee composed of Maggie Antenucci (now Friel), Trish Miller (now Birchfield) and Delwin Jacoby

Continuing Education Committee composed of Michael Sheets, Nadine Sheehan, Debbie Browning, Jean Fee and Wendy Wagner (minutes say Wagner, but probably Wagers)

Michael Sheets invited to attend Kentucky Rural Health Association

September meeting changed organization name to Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives

November meeting announced \$77.50 in bank account!

November meeting encouraged members to write Representative Tom Burch to support legislation, as well as respective senators and representatives

November meeting discussion centered on protocols vs. formularies and the terms "prescriptive privileges" vs "prescriptive authority"

1989

First Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 20-21 at Holiday Inn North in Lexington, Kentucky

Conference Committee composed of Debbie Browning, Nadine Sheehan, William Grimes, Michael Sheets and Beth Tucker (now Donofrio)

1989

First Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 20-21 at Holiday Inn North in Lexington, Kentucky

Conference exhibitors paid \$150 per booth

Conference provided 15 hours of continuing education in two-day conference, first day on women and children's health, second day on primary care

107 people attend conference

Conference netted \$3828.32

Ellen Bailey named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

May meeting began plans for next year's conference; conference will still be two days but second day will offer split sessions; Sheila Ward to assist making plans for midwifery presentations

Minutes of May meeting provided two full pages of job offerings!

July meeting announced the organization had been approved for tax exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization; there was discussion of obtaining a bulk mailing permit.

At July meeting, Butch Stewart, KNA Lobbyist, addressed group on the issue of the prescriptive authority legislation that is planned

Sheila Ward and Sarah Ragalyi started work on professional display for use at KNA, KCNPNM conference and others

On August 24, Representative Tom Burch pre-filed prescriptive bill for 1990 session

In November, Michael Sheets and Sheila Ward met with KMA and pharmacists about prescriptive bill

1990

HB 86, sponsored by Representatives Tom Burch and Louis Mack, failed to progress

Second Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April in Lexington, Kentucky

Speakers received \$75 honorarium

Cindy Boulton named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

1991

January minutes reported Legislation Committee meeting involved Ellen Bailey, Sheila Ward, Barbara Dermody, Nathan Goldman, Bernadette Sutherland, Michael Sheets and S. Koser

January minutes displayed three full pages of job opportunities!

Third Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 18-19, in Lexington, Kentucky

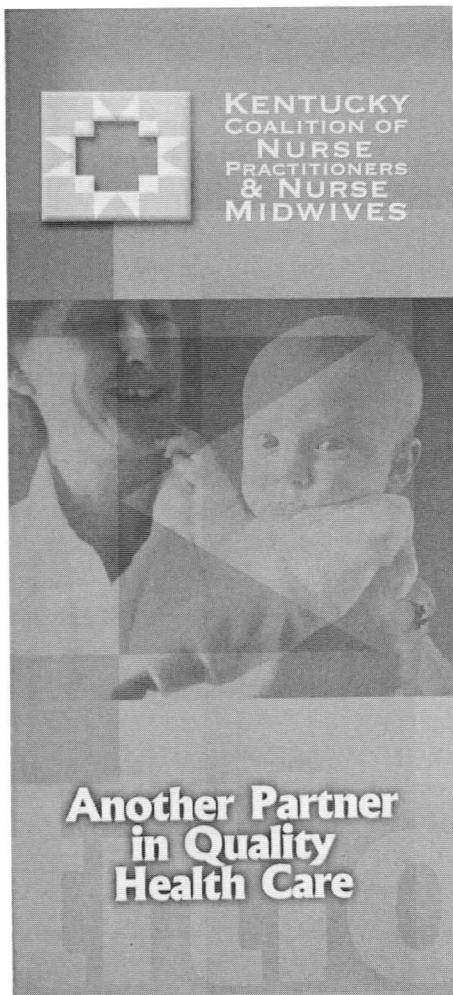
Conference attendees received a "notebook" of handouts; professional photographer hired for photos; Barbara Safriet participated in lobbying session; Dean Carolyn Williams addressed attendees at banquet; Jan Towers recognized for legislative work; AHEC handled audiovisuals

Kathie Cook named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

June meeting had four attendees: Sheila Ward, Nadine Sheehan, Sharon Sheahan and Ellen Bailey; Sharon Sheahan discusses creating a promotional video; Beth Tucker (now Donofrio) agrees to publish polished newsletter

Organization so successful members no longer had to pay dues!

At July meeting Sheila Ward reported prescriptive issue potentially to be included in two bills in 1992



Mailing in October listed officers as the following: Sheila Ward, President; Sharon Sheahan, Vice President; Nadine Sheehan, Secretary-Treasurer; Ellen Bailey, Recruitment; Beth Tucker (now Donofrio), Publications

October mailing included letter from the President Sheila Ward, potential prescriptive bill, list of tips on how to write elected officials, list of state senators and representatives and two fact sheets on nurse practitioners and nurse midwives

Postcard came out late in year announcing conference dates and location for the next year

December mailing included everything sent in October as well as meeting minutes, sample legislative letters, sample letter from doctor supportive of prescriptive authority, list of members of Health and Welfare Committee, Business Occupations and Professions Committee as well as a fact sheet on how nurse practitioners are educated in pharmacology

1992

Colleague letter dated February 28 by Legislative Chair Sharon Sheahan reported on two bills related to prescriptive authority, both not allowed to go forward during regular session due to claims by house leadership not to take up anything controversial during session; same leadership indicates issue will be taken up during special interim session on health in 1993

Fourth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 2-4, in Lexington, Kentucky

Conference moved to Radisson Hotel, now 2 ½ days long at a cost of \$125

In July, Sharon Sheahan, Sheila Ward, and Beth Partin meet with KNA and KMA on legislation for ARNP prescriptive authority

August BOD meeting reported on plans to hire executive director and conference planner; Delwin Jacoby hired as Executive Director soon thereafter

KCNPNM decided to help KNA pay for KNA lobbyist

KCNPNM began to take up issue of insurance reimbursement and ability to sign school physicals

August paperwork included letter detailing meeting of Don Chasteen and Bill Doll, both of KMA, and Lyle Cobb, KNA Lobbyist and Guthrie True, CRNA Lobbyist; letter indicated, in order to "enable" prescriptive authority, KMA would have extensive list of requirements (protocols, formulary, joint oversight, continuing education)

1993

Interim session delayed waiting for national health policy initiatives; KCNPNM reviewed KMA efforts and postponed legislative efforts until later time

Fifth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 15-17, in Louisville, Kentucky

KCNPNM officers as follows: Sharon Sheahan, President; Beth Partin, Vice President; Debra Browning, Secretary-Treasurer; Sheila Ward, Publications; Delwin Jacoby, Executive Director

Trish Birchfield named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

After being asked for clarification by Board of Pharmacy, Attorney General issued opinion that ARNPs are not authorized to prescribe nor are pharmacists able to fill ARNP prescriptions

In July, District Coordinators (based on legislative districts) are invited to special legislative luncheon with Governor Brereton Jones on August 30

December BOD conference call involved Sharon Sheahan, Maggie Friel, Debbie Browning, Barbara French, Ellen Bailey, Beth Partin, Jean Fee, Ken Jones, Beth Donofrio and Delwin Jacoby; significant decisions, guided by direction of Jan Towers and Barbara Safriet, made before legislative session

Opposition arose regarding NPs signing the high school athletic exam physical forms and Sharon Sheahan sent the first of many letters to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association asking for a change in this policy.

1994

HB 250, sponsored by Representatives Joe Clark, Larry Clark, Russell Bentley, Tom Burch, Leonard Gray, Tom Jensen, Marshall Long, Paul Mason, Stephen Nunn, Kenny Rapier, Jody Richards, Ernesto Scorsone and Greg Stumbo, assaulted with unfavorable amendments; other bills put forth, also with unfavorable amendments; multiple attempts at prescriptive authority failed

Pins worn by membership when calling on legislators said "The Right to Write"

Sixth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held February 16-19, in Lexington, Kentucky

1994 continued

Maggie Friel, Conference Chair; Ruth Ann Bode and Marianne Hutti, OB/Gyn and Nurse Midwifery; Teresa Free and Linnie Toney, Pediatrics; Beth Donofrio and Julia Kim, Adult Primary Care

Conference site changed to Hyatt-Regency; AV now to be provided by UK Medical AV; 389 attend

BOD as follows: Sharon Sheahan, President; Beth Partin, President Elect; Kathy Wheeler, Vice President; Debra Browning, Secretary-Treasurer; Ellen Bailey; Ruth Ann Bode; Beth Donofrio; Jean Fee; Maggie Friel; Ken Jones; Pam King; Marilyn Osborne; Linda Roemer

Beth Partin named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Gina Lowry offered Executive Director position, replacing Delwin Jacoby

In May, meeting held to discuss hiring Guthrie True as KCNPNM lobbyist

1995

In February, KBN issued Advisory Opinion Statement regarding ARNP and prescribing; opinion favorable but implications unclear

In March, decision made to retain Guthrie True as Lobbyist and Legal Counsel

The first KCNPNM retreat was held to lay down plans for a prescriptive authority bill that would be introduced in 1996. A detailed plan was developed on how we would proceed.

Kathy Wheeler, Beth Partin, and Guthrie True met with KMA numerous times to develop ARNP prescribing authority bill language that is acceptable to both organizations

Seventh Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 5-8, in Louisville, Kentucky

Maggie Friel, Conference Chair; Gina Lowry, Executive Director and Conference Coordinator

BOD as follows: Beth Partin, President; Kathy Wheeler, Vice President; Virginia Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer; Diane Easton; Marilyn Osborne; Sharon Sheahan; Margaret Friel; Jennie Sergeant; Marianne Hutti; Kenneth Jones; Pamela King; Pam King

Delwin Jacoby named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Decision made to put KCNPNM funds in CDs

1996

Kathy Wheeler began KCNPNM listserv; listserv made significant difference in ability to stay up with complex movements of prescriptive bill

Kathy Wheeler and Beth Partin each make 30 trips to Frankfort during the 1996 Legislative Session to lobby for successful passage of ARNP prescribing bill. Many ARNPs come to Frankfort for legislative committee meetings and Senate and House sessions to show support for the bill and countless calls are made and letters sent in support of the bill.

FINALLY, on the last day of the legislative session, ARNPs OBTAINED PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY!!!!

Maggie Friel, Conference Chair; Gina Lowry, Executive Director and Conference Coordinator

BOD as follows: Beth Partin, President; Wendy Etko, Vice President; Virginia Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer; Trish Birchfield; Marianne Hutti; Judy Kantlehner; Pam King; Pamela King; Carrie Morgan; Sarah Neale; Marilyn Osborne; Jennie Sergeant; Renate Sward; Christy Yates.

250 members

Kathy Wheeler named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Mary Lou Marzian, Pam Hagan, Guthrie True, David Boswell, Greg Brotzge and Salem George, MD, named Nurse Practitioner Advocates of the Year for Kentucky

Beth Donofrio awarded Career Achievement Award

Sharon Sheahan and Susan Vantrees produced informative video: The Nurse Practitioner: Your Health Care Partner

Kathy Wheeler named Executive Director; Gina Lowry named Conference Coordinator

As the organization grew, KCNPNM began to receive more statewide attention from government and other professional organizations



Gov. Paul Patton signing Prescriptive Authority Bill

1997

Ninth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 9-12 in Louisville, Kentucky

Maggie Friel, Conference Chair, Gina Lowry, Conference Coordinator

BOD composed of Beth Partin, President; Wendy Etka, Vice President; Virginia Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer; Trish Birchfield; Marianne Hutti; Judy Kantlehner; Pam King; Pamela King; Carrie Morgan; Sarah Neale; Marilyn Osborne; Jennie Sergent; Renate Sward; Christy Yates; Kathy Wheeler, Executive Director

Work continued on a remedy for the problem prohibiting ARNPs from signing high school athletic physical exam forms

Nancy Kloha named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Brenda Parker named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

1998

Tenth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 22-25, in Lexington, Kentucky

Maggie Friel, Conference Chair, Jamie Keesling, Conference Co-Coordinator; Beth Donofrio, Conference Co-Coordinator

KCNPNM held first Reunion

BOD as follows: Beth Partin, President; Trish Birchfield, President Elect; Judy Kantlehner, Vice President; Virginia Stewart, Treasurer; Bobbi Andriakos, Secretary; Maggie Friel; Jane Harley; Pam King; Carrie Morgan; Sarah Neale; Jennie Sergent; Renate Sward; Shala Wilson; Kathy Wheeler, Executive Director

Pamela King (Columbia) named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Paula Stone and Anne Powell named Nurse Practitioner Advocates of the Year for Kentucky

Maggie Friel awarded Career Achievement Award

Kathy Wheeler and Beth Partin wrote the first Administrative Manual for ARNPs in Kentucky and it is published. This manual provided Kentucky ARNPs with valuable information about Kentucky nursing laws, reimbursement, practice, and scope of practice information.

Beth Partin appointed to KBN

KCNPNM advertised in the Western Kentucky Directory

1999

Eleventh Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 21-24, in Louisville, Kentucky

Becca Kibler, Conference Chair; Jamie Keesling, Conference Coordinator

BOD composed of Trish Birchfield, President; Judy Kantlehner, Vice President; Virginia Stewart, Treasurer; Gayle Phillips, Secretary; Genevieve Mulkins, Student Representative; Sara Ferguson; Wendy Fletcher; Maggie Friel; Jane Harley; Sharon Sheahan; Shala Wilson; Christy Yates; Kathy Wheeler, Executive Director

Pocket version of Scheduled Drug List provided to members

Maggie Friel begins to chair Reimbursement Committee, active in the pursuit of equitable and direct reimbursement from the insurance companies of the region

Jean Fee named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Viola Brown receives Career Achievement Award

New Website (at the time <http://www.freeyellow.com/members3/kcnpm>)

Work began for a bill to grant authority to Kentucky ARNPs to sign for and receive sample medications.

2000

KCNPNM had a strong lobbying presence in Frankfort.

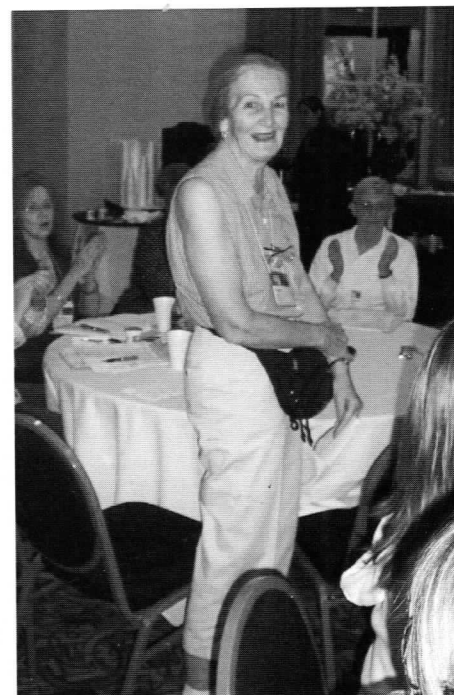
HB 676, sponsored by Representative Mary Lou Marzian, passed: ARNPs given authority to dispense samples; CNSs specifically defined as ARNPs, provided they meet regulatory requirements for ARNPs; specific KBN seat designated for an ARNP; KBN given authority to issue declaratory ruling; nurses given other options than continuing education to demonstrate continuing competency

HB 186, sponsored by Representative Brent Yonts, passed: RNs given the authority to pronounce patients dead in hospital or nursing homes

HB 281, sponsored by Mary Lou Marzian, passed: RN First Assistants defined in the law, with accompanying reimbursement

SB 128, sponsored by Senator Joey Pendleton, passed: ARNPs and PAs given the authority to perform admission H&P on patients admitted to psychiatric facilities

Twelfth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 26-29 in Louisville, Kentucky





2000 continued

Christy Yates, Conference Chair; Jamie Keesling, Conference Coordinator; close to 800 attendees

BOD composed of Trish Birchfield, President; Ellen Bailey, Vice President; Virginia Stewart, Treasurer; Gayle Phillips, Secretary; Sara Ferguson; Wendy Fletcher; Maggie Friel; Jane Harley; Genevieve Mulkins; Sharon Sheahan; Shala Wilson; Christy Yates; Kathy Wheeler, Executive Director

Jill Crawford named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Mary Lou Marzian named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Pam King awarded Career Achievement Award

2001

Bills on receiving KASPER reports and signing high school athletic physicals failed to progress

Thirteenth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery, April 25-28, in Louisville, Kentucky

Susan Noel, Conference Co-Chair; Christy Yates, Conference Co-Chair; Jamie Keesling, Conference Coordinator

BOD as follows: Trish Birchfield, President; Ellen Bailey, Vice President; Catherine Harris, Treasurer; Virginia Stewart, Secretary; Brad Briscoe, Student Representative; Sara Ferguson; Wendy Fletcher; Larry Kelley; Julie Ossege; Sharon Sheahan; Shala Wilson; Christy Yates

Julianne Ewen named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Carolyn Belcher, Barbara White Coulter, Joni L. Jenkins, Mary Lou Marzian, Ruth Ann Palumbo, Tanya Pullin, Dottie J. Sims, Robin L. Webb, Marie L. Rader, Kathy W. Stein and Susan Westrom named Nurse Practitioner Advocates of the Year for Kentucky

New website (<http://www.kcnpm.org>)

New lobbyist: Sheila Schuster, Ph.D.

New administrative assistant: Leila Faucette

Beth Partin named KCNPNM Legislative Liaison

John Sublett named to KBN

2002

HB 67, sponsored by Representative Barbara Coulter, passed: ARNPs and RNs in health departments given the authority to dispense medications

SB 142, sponsored by Senator Julie Denton and amended by Representative Mary Lou Marzian, passed: ARNPs given the authority to independently sign high school athletic physical exams

Fourteenth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 17-20, in Lexington, Kentucky

Susan Noel, Conference Co-Chair; Christy Yates, Conference Co-Chair; Jamie Keesling, Conference Coordinator

BOD as follows: Shala Wilson, President; Trish Birchfield, Immediate Past

President; Sandra Kelley, Treasurer; Karen Estridge, Secretary; Julianne Ewen; Wendy Fletcher; Larry Kelley; Julianne Ossege; Patti Priddy; Deborah Whitehurst; Marilyn Osborne; Kristi Watt-Adams, Student Representative

Bill Grimes named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Anne Wasson, MD, named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

2003

Fifteenth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery

BOD composed of Shala Wilson, President; Sandra Kelley, Treasurer; Karen Estridge, Secretary; Kristi Watts-Adams, Student Representative; Trish Birchfield, Immediate Past President; Julianne Ewen; Wendy Fletcher; Larry Kelley; Julianne Ossege; Patti Priddy; Deborah Whitehurst; Marilyn Osborne

Nancy Powell named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

2004

Sixteenth Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Primary Care and Midwifery held April 21-24, in Louisville, Kentucky

Julianne Ewen, Conference Co-Chair; Susan Noel, Conference Co-Chair; Jamie Keesling, Conference Coordinator

BOD composed of Shala Wilson, President; Vanda Kelley, Vice President; Sandra Kelley, Treasurer; Karen Estridge, Secretary; Elizabeth Shelton, Student Representative; Julianne Ewen; Wendy Fletcher; Dianna Hayden Hand; Larry Kelley; Patti Priddy; Deborah Whitehurst; Marilyn Osborne

Legislation is introduced to expand ARNP prescribing authority to include scheduled drugs. The bill passes out of the House, but in a Senate committee the bill is amended to direct the LRC to do a study about ARNP scheduled drug prescribing.

2004 continued

Betty Powell named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

John Hubbard, MD, named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Kathy Whelan awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2005

The LRC study on ARNP prescribing of scheduled drugs is published in January.

Legislation was put forth on scheduled drugs; once again, it passed out of the House, but stalled in the Senate and did not pass.

Seventeenth Regional Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing held April 20-23 in Lexington, Kentucky

Julianne Ewen, Conference Co-Chair; Susan Noel, Conference Co-Chair; Jamie Keesling, Conference Coordinator

BOD composed of Venda Kelley, President; Julianne Ossege, Vice President; Sandra Kelley, Treasurer; Wendy Fletcher, Secretary; Shala Wilson, Immediate Past President; Kelly Weaver, Student Representative; Marilyn Osborne, CNM Member; Todd Bullock; Gayle Denham; Brenda Drennen, Julianne Ewen; Dianna Hayden; Larry Kelley; Kristi Watts; Deborah Whitehurst

Brenda Drennen named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Ann Giles named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Delwin Jacoby awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2006

After two previous attempts, legislation to grant APRNs authority to prescribe scheduled drugs passed!!!!

18th Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing held in Covington, Kentucky

BOD composed of Venda Kelley, Julianne Ewen, Sandra Kelley, Judy Kantlehner, Wendy Fletcher, Todd Bullock, Judi Daniels, Brenda Drennen, Dianna Hand, Larry Kelley, Susan Noel, Marilyn Osborne, Della Thomas, Kristi Watts.

Susan Matthews named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Sheila Schuster named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Judy Kantlehner awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2007

19th Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing held in Covington, Kentucky

BOD composed of Venda Kelley, President; Julianne Ewen, Vice President; Janie Owens, Secretary; Judy Kantlehner, Treasurer; Jenny Hungerbuhler, Nurse Midwife Representative; Todd Bullock; Judi Daniels; Brenda Drennen; Amy Fennel; Dianna Hand; Michael Huggins; Susan Noel; Sharon Fields, Student Representative

Carol Thompson inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Cheryl Swayne named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Bernard Buchanan named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Larry Kelley awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2008

Bill sponsored by Representative Bob Damron to allow APRNs to sign handicapped parking permits passed

Through efforts of KBN, KCNPNM and a number of legislators, KBML was forced to withdraw their "Guidelines for NP Collaboration", which had been in effect since 1997 and which KCNPNM and KBN had long opposed—these "guidelines" were determined to be unlawful by the legislative Regulatory review Sub-Committee (ARRS)—the withdrawal of the "KBML guidelines" removed unlawful barriers to APRN practice

20th Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing held in Kentucky

BOD composed of: Venda Kelley ARNP, President; Wendy Fletcher, MSN, ARNP, President-elect; Julianne Ewen MSN FNP, Vice President; Janie Owens, MSN, ARNP, Secretary; Judy Kantlehner ARNP, Treasurer; Todd Bullock RN MSN ARNP; Judi Daniels PhD ARNP BC; Amy Fennel, ARNP,...



2008 continued

CFNP; Alissa Freeman; Dianna Hand; Michael L. Huggins EdD, MSN; Jenny Hungerbuhler, CNM, Nurse Midwife Rep; Krista Isaacs ARNP, NP-C; Susan Noel ARNP, PNP,WHNP.

Sheila Melander and Lynn Kelso inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Julie A. Marfell named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Sen. Gary Tapp named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Sheila Ward awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2009

21st Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing held April 15-18

BOD composed of Venda Kelley, President; Wendy Fletcher, President-elect; Julianne Ewen, Vice President; Janie Owens, Secretary; Judy Kantlehner, Treasurer; Jenny Hungerbuhler, Nurse Midwife Representative; Todd Bullock; Judi Daniels; Amy Fennel; Dianna Hand; Michael Huggins; Krista Isaacs; Susan Noel; Alissa Freeman, Student Representative

Susan Matthews inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Dianne Glenn-Birkhead named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Sen. Jerry Rhoads and Representative Tommy Thompson named Nurse Practitioner Advocates of the Year for Kentucky

Bobbi K. Andriakos awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2010

A bill to remove the requirement for the CAPA-NS, CAPA-CS, and other re-

strictive statutory language, which was sponsored by Senator Gary Tapp, failed

KCNPNM successful in passed legislation to add APRNs to statutes that had previously been physician only--APRNs now permitted to certify an employee's absence; sign immunization certificates; sign a statement that an applicant for a family child-care home is in good health; order HIV testing; counsel HIV patients; report positive HIV tests; report communicable diseases; and order telecommunication devices for the hearing impaired

Bill passed to allow Kentucky regional universities to offer the DNP degree

Bill passed to allow APRNs and others who have earned a doctorate degree from a university to use the title Doctor as long as the person's educational credentials are included

KBN passed legislation to update the Nursing Law to be consistent with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) with the APRN Consensus Model

22nd Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing held April 21-24, in Lexington, Kentucky

BOD composed of Wendy Fletcher, President; Julianne Ewen, President-elect; Amy Fennel, Vice President; Janie Owens, Secretary; Judy Kantlehner, Treasurer; Michael Huggins, Treasurer-elect; Jenny Hungerbuhler, Nurse Midwife Representative; Todd Bullock; Scotty Combs; Monica Griffith; Deborah Whitehurst; Tom Shields; Julie Marfell; Anca Galesanu, Student Representative

Julie Marfell and Kathy Wheeler inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Brian R. Burkhardt named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Debra K. Moser named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Pam King (Columbia) awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2011

A bill to remove the requirement for the CAPA-NS failed in the Senate, but passed by a wide margin in the House

23rd Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing held April 19-22, in Covington, Kentucky

BOD composed of Julianne Ewen, President; Amy Fennel, Vice President; Karen Scheich, Secretary; Michael Huggins, Treasurer; Scotty Combs; Wendy Fletcher Past President; Monica Griffith; Kathleen Halcomb; Jennifer Hungerbuhler NM Rep; Monica Key, Student Rep; Julie Marfell; Elizabeth Shelton; Edward Sizemore; Deborah Whitehurst.

Richard Prior inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Michael Wayne Rager named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Jane Kirschling and Suzanne S. Prevost named Nurse Practitioner Advocates of the Year for Kentucky



2012

KCNPNM participated in discussions with LRC staff and legislators on HB 1, a bill to add conditions for prescribing scheduled drugs and the operation of pain clinics—talks are successful in removing language from a draft bill that would have severely restricted APRN prescribing of scheduled drugs—KCNPNM successful in having all of suggested language added to the bill

A bill to remove the requirement for the CAPA-NS failed in the Senate, but passed by a wide margin in the House

24th Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing held April 18-21, in Louisville, Kentucky

Leila Faucette promoted to Executive Director

BOD composed of Julianne Z. Ewen DNP FNP-BC, President; Beth Partin DNP APRN, Vice President; Karen Scheich, Secretary; Michael L. Huggins APRN, Treasurer; Mary Bennett PhD APRN; Sarah Cole RN Student; Wendy Fletcher MSN APRN; Kathleen Halcomb, NM Rep; Julie A. Marfell FNP; Julie Ossege PhD APRN; Elizabeth Shelton APRN; Allen Sizemore APRN.

Judy Carrico named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Donald B. Katz named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

2013

KENTUCKY COALITION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND NURSE MIDWIVES CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

A bill to remove the requirement for the CAPA-NS failed in the Senate, when the Senate refused to call the bill for a concurrence vote—the bill passed out of the House by an even larger margin than in the previous two years



BOD composed of Julianne Z. Ewen DNP FNP-BC, President; Beth Partin DNP APRN Vice President; Karen Scheich APRN Secretary; Julie A. Marfell DNP, FNP, Treasurer; Jessica Estes PMHNP APRN, Wendy Fletcher DNP, APRN, Jessica Gargus ACNP-BC, Kathleen Halcomb EdD, APRN, Deborah Karsnitz CNM, DNP, Nurse Midwife Rep; James O. Music RN, BSN, Student Rep; Julie Ossege PhD, APRN; Elizabeth Shelton APRN.

New Administrator: Lynne Cobb

25th Annual Conference Toward Excellence in Advanced Practice Nursing held April 17-20, in Lexington, Kentucky!!!

Diana King awarded Retail Clinician Education Clinical Award for Retail Excellence

Sue Stone inducted as Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing

Christy Yates named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Beth Partin named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Kathy Wheeler awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2014

SB 7, sponsored by Senator Paul Hornback, passed. This bill removed the APRN requirement for the CAPA-NS

after the APRN had prescribed with a CAPA-NS for at least 4 years. Bills to remove the requirement for the CAPA-NS failed in 2010, 2011, 2012, & 2013.

HB 47, sponsored by Representative Mills, passed. This bill gave APRNs authority to sign for handicapped parking placards. It had been discovered that the previous bill, passed in 2008, only allowed APRNs to sign for a handicapped license plate.

26th Annual Conference held April 15-18, in Lexington, Kentucky

BOD composed of Julianne Z. Ewen DNP FNP-BC, President; Beth Partin DNP APRN, Vice President; Karen Scheich APRN Secretary; Sharon E. Lock, PhD Treasurer; Wendy Fletcher DNP, APRN President-elect; Danny Albertson; Jessica Estes PMHNP APRN; Jessica Gargus ACNP-BC; Julie Ossege PhD, APRN; Tammy Whitehead; Pam King (Louisville); Deborah Karsnitz CNM, DNP Nurse Midwife Rep; Chris Clark, Student Rep.



Pam King inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Audrey Darville and Vicky Turner named Nurse Practitioners of the Year for Kentucky

Dr. Kyland Kiser named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Alyce Goodman awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2015

No APRN legislation was filed in 2015.

27th Annual Conference held April 22-25, in Covington, Kentucky

BOD composed of Wendy Fletcher, President; Beth Partin, Vice President; Sharon Lock, Treasurer; Judith Johnson, Secretary; Daniel Albertson; Jessica Estes; Jessica Gargus; Angie Johnson; Deborah Karsnitz; Pam King; Tammy Whitehead, Cynthia Williams.

Kit Devine, Julianne Ewen, Sharon Lock and Beth Partin inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Amy Fennel named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Senator Paul Hornback named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Sally Siebert awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2016

SB 114 was sponsored by Senator Paul Hornback and was signed into law by governor Bevin on April 10, 2016. This measure allows APRNs, along with physicians and physician assistants, to perform and sign physical exams for law enforcement personnel; allows APRNs and PAs to sign death certificates; allows APRNs, who are the primary care provider for an individual and are providing care at the time of death to sign the

death certificate; allows APRNs, in addition to physicians, to certify that a driver with a seizure disorder, who has not had a seizure in 3 months, is able to operate a motor vehicle; allows APRNs, in addition to physicians and chiropractors, to certify that an individual, for a medical or physical reason, is unable to wear a seat belt; and allows an APRN, who has been providing care to an individual, who becomes disabled, to participate in the evaluation and petition the court for guardianship.

HB 296 was sponsored by Representative Bam Carney. The bill did not pass this year. It would have added APRNs to the definition of practitioners of the healing arts. Physicians, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, and podiatrists are currently included in this definition. The bill passed unanimously out of the House but was stalled in the Senate.

Special Clinic Regulation It came to our attention that the Office of the Inspector General was amending the regulation for special clinics to allow treatment of some chronic conditions in limited service clinics and some other

not included. Representative Mary Lou Marzian was instrumental in arranging a stakeholder meeting and for helping to make the APRN point of view heard. Sheila Schuster and Beth Partin attended the stakeholder meeting as representatives for KCNPNM. Pam Hagan represented KBN. Other stakeholders included representatives from many limited service clinics, KMA, and KAFP. Rep Marzian and representatives from the OIG were also present. In the end, we were successful. Provider neutral language was used; APRNs may serve as a limited service clinic medical director; requirements for chart reviews were significantly reduced; a representative from KBN and KCNPNM were added to the committee that serves as advisory to the OIG for special clinics.; and APRNs who own private practices were excluded from the regulation.

28th Annual Coalition Conference held April 20-23, in Louisville, Kentucky

BOD composed of Wendy Fletcher, President; Jessica Estes, President-elect; Danny Albertson, Vice



changes. Upon review of the proposed amendments, we found them to be restrictive to APRN practice. Further, we discovered that there was no exception in the regulation for APRNs who owned private practices. The exception in the regulation was for "practitioners of the healing arts"; thus, APRNs were

President; Judith Johnson, Secretary; Sharon Lock Treasurer; Debbie Karsnitz; Nurse Midwife Representative; Pam King; Tammy Whitehead; Marianne Hutti; Angie Johnson; Quentin Moore; Ellen Thomson; Leslie Taylor, Student Representative; Damara Jenkins, ACNM Affili-

ate President; Whitney Nash, AANP Kentucky Representative

Audrey Darville inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Marianne Hutti named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Kathy Wheeler named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Cathy Waits awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2017

Legislation was passed in 2017 that allowed APRNs and physicians to enter into a "direct primary care agreement" with a patient for services.

Legislation was filed by Senator Hornback in the 2017 General Assembly to remove the requirement for the CAPA-CS. The bill did not pass.

The Kentucky Association of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives was incorporated as a subsidiary of KCNPNM. Wendy Fletcher was appointed as chair, Danny Albertson and Tammy Wellman as members of the board

29th Annual Coalition Conference held April 19-22, in Covington, Kentucky.

BOD composed of Jessica Estes, President; Danny Albertson, Vice President; Carol Lee Darwin, Secretary; Sharon Lock Treasurer; Wendy Fletcher, Past President; Debbie Karsnitz; Nurse Midwife Representative; Judi Kuric, Treasurer-elect; Stephanie Fugate; Marianne Hutti; Angie Johnson; Quentin Moore; Jennifer Ramsey; Ellen Thomson; Diana Glenn, Student Representative; Damara Jenkins, ACNM Affiliate President; Beth Partin, AANP Kentucky Representative

Janie Heath, Marianne Hutti and Whitney Nash inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

2018

KENTUCKY COALITION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND NURSE MIDWIVES CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

Deborah Thomas named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Michele Shearer named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Whitney Nash awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

2018

Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives celebrates 30th Anniversary!

HB 445, sponsored by Rep. Webber, and SB 89, sponsored by Sen. Hornback were introduced companion bills to remove the requirement for the CAPA-CS. SB 89 did not receive a hearing in the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee. HB 445 did receive a hearing in the House Licensing and Occupations Committee. Wendy Fletcher and Cathy Waits provided testimony. The bill did not receive a vote. The bills did not pass.

KCNPNM submitted comments on the amendments of the hospital regulation 902 KAR 20:016 and almost all comments were accepted. The amended regulation will allow APRNs to be included as part of the medical staff, if hospitals choose to add APRNs and other licensed practitioners. Notably, the Cabinet agreed to remove the wording "non-physician" and instead use the term "licensed provider".

HB 427, sponsored by Rep. Wuchner, made changes to the Nursing law, some of which impact APRNs. The bill removes the Controlled Substance Formulary Development Committee; requires new applicants for APRN licensure to take a jurisprudence exam; and now requires APRNs who are rescinding a CAPA-CS to send the letter only to

KBN and the physician and by regular mail. As of this writing, the bill is awaiting concurrence in the House after a technical change made by the Senate.

30th Annual COALITION CONFERENCE held April 18-21, in Lexington, Kentucky!!!

BOD composed of Jessica Estes, President; Danny Albertson, Vice President; Carol Lee Darwin, Secretary; Sharon Lock Treasurer; Wendy Fletcher, Past President; Debbie Karsnitz; Nurse Midwife Representative; Judi Kuric, Treasurer-elect; Dorothy Baker; Stephanie Fugate; Marianne Hutti; Quentin Moore; Jennifer Ramsey; Ellen Thomson; Diana Glenn, Student Representative; Damara Jenkins, ACNM Affiliate President; Beth Partin, AANP Kentucky Representative

Julie Ossege inducted as Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners

Sheila Carroll named Nurse Practitioner of the Year for Kentucky

Janie Owens named Nurse Practitioner Advocate of the Year for Kentucky

Beth Partin awarded Ellen Bailey Share the Light Award

This labor of love respectfully submitted by Kathy Wheeler and Beth Partin.

Please accept our apologies for any errors of omission or commission, particularly as related to spelling, credentials and name changes. Much material was taken from the original documents, which were not free of error; attempts were made to correct spelling and update names. Please consider this a work in progress. If there are errors, additions or suggestions please contact the authors.