



## NPO Chair's Report Sept. 27, 2024

The NPO 2024 Fall Conference is being held in Portland, Oregon at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Downtown from September 26th through September 28th -- a beautiful setting to enhance our learning, have fun, and to further advance our professional development. This year we have two keynote and plenary speakers with diverse presentations: Keynote on Health Policy Updates Every Nurse Practitioner Needs to Know by AANP President Stephen Ferrara, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN; and a Keynote on Climate Change, Community Vulnerability, Health Equity and Responsive Healthcare by Anita Keā'lani Yap, Masters, Urban and Regional Planning. Our plenary session on practice updates will address the role of Nurse Leadership in Professional Practice and Regulatory Excellence by OSBN's Executive Director Rachel Prusak, MSN, APRN, FNP-C and Policy Analyst, Sarah Wickenhagen, DNP, APRN, FNP-C. In addition, we will have three concurrent presentations each session on topics covering primary care, pediatrics, mental health, and health policy. These quality speakers will make this NPO conference another edifying experience for all who attend.

Planning conferences takes a team of dedicated people for it to come to fruition. We thank the ONA staff for their help with all the seemingly invisible 'behind-the-scenes' work that must occur for a conference to happen: PK Troope, Cecilee Henstrom, Dennis West and Sarah Luna. Likewise, please thank our NPO Education Committee members who turn inspiring ideas into reality.

NPO conferences serve as an arena for us to learn, to network, and to grow our profession and, to that end, we will continue working hard to offer excellent educational experiences. Stay tuned for upcoming plans for 2025!

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