



## 2020 3rd Quarter Newsletter

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## President's Message

Throughout the year, AAENP's leadership has focused on increasing the value we offer to you, our members. We've established free educational offerings, a national scholarship program, and developed several partnerships in order to meet the membership needs. In mid-October, the AAENP board will gather virtually for a strategic planning session and open board meeting.

We encourage you to join us for the virtual open board meeting on Saturday October 17th at 1pm CST. We look to hearing from you as we shape our vision for the future.



Yours in Service,  
Andrea Smith-Brooks, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, ENP-C  
President, American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners

[Register to Attend the AAENP Open Board Meeting](#)

# AAENP Response to the "Joint Statement Regarding Post-Graduate Training for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants"



## **AAENP Response to the “Joint Statement Regarding Post-Graduate Training for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants”**

*Released September 11, 2020*

The American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP) was founded in 2014 by two emergency nurse practitioners and a board-certified emergency physician. The original mission “to promote high quality, evidence-based practice for NPs providing emergency care for all patients in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team” has not changed. Given our continued efforts and partnerships with physician colleagues to establish standards for education and practice for nurse practitioners in emergency care, AAENP is disappointed in the “Joint Statement Regarding Post-Graduate Training for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants”.

In response to the diversity of nurse practitioner educational programs, AAENP is providing standardized and structured clinical and academic opportunities to prepare specialty nurse practitioners with the expertise to provide care within collaborative teams. Regardless of the semantics of training models, no title is owned by any profession. Increased availability of learning experiences must be viewed as an opportunity to embrace an interdisciplinary team and to meet the shared goal of improving the overall quality of patient care.

Despite debates regarding terminology, AAENP remains steadfast in our belief that patients benefit from full collaboration of all interprofessional providers in emergency care. The provision of safe patient care will only be accomplished in an environment of open dialogue, transparency, and respect for all emergency care colleagues.

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## **Founder's Inspirational Message**

Welcome to the new world! The way we practice as NPs in the ED will never be the same. Over the past few months it's been hard for me to adjust. So many of us have lost jobs or had hours cut. In parallel, some of us have shown our worth to hospital systems and practice groups that have placed us in the spotlight.

At the same time, our education is questioned and our ability to

provide quality care is questioned. Social media posts ask "How can NPs in the ED provide safe care with such little education?" and categorize our care as "cheap labor and unsafe".

My response is always - it starts with each individual! You can be the most educated person in the world but without love in your heart and only thinking of the bottom line - it just doesn't matter. AAENP was founded for a reason. To protect you the NP in the ED and to protect the patients we serve.

We have your back!

Elda Ramirez  
AAENP Founder



## AAENP Appoints New Board Members

The American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners is pleased to announce the selection of three members to serve on the Board of Directors.

- **Bradley Goettl of San Antonio, TX**
- **Brittany K. Hines of Falls Creek, VA**
- **Judson Smith of Nashville, TN**

Each will each serve a three-year term to begin in October 2020.

Current Board Chair Amanda Comer, DNP, APRN, noted that, "This time of transition is always exciting and brings powerful momentum to the organization. These individuals join the AAENP Board of Directors from various backgrounds, but each person bring solid experience and a passionate commitment to emergency care. We are grateful that they will share their expertise with us."



**Bradley Goettl, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C, ENP-C, CEN, CFRN, CPEN, EMT-P**, brings nearly 20 years of experience providing emergency care to patients in diverse settings, including prehospital care, rural, urban, and academic emergency medicine settings. Currently, Brad is an assistant professor for the Department of Emergency Medicine and the School of Nursing at UT Health San Antonio. He currently practices as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner at University Hospital and serves as the department's lead advanced practice provider. Within these roles, he is helping to expand the Emergency/Trauma Care post-graduate nursing program from UT Health Houston to UT Health San Antonio. He has served AAENP since 2015 on the Membership and Education committees. Dr. Goettl often shares his special interests and expertise in operational medicine, clinical reasoning and risk management, pre-hospital and disaster medicine at local, regional, national, international conferences.

**Brittany K. Hines, MSN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C, ENP-C** has provided consistent leadership for the AAENP Membership Committee and has been the driving force behind many of the social media posts and member benefits added in recent months. Currently, she works in a community hospital emergency department and urgent care clinics throughout Northern Virginia, while continuing to serve as a Major in the



US Air Force Reserve with the 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. She has additional interests in health care leadership. When not in clinical practice, Brittany enjoys camping, making jewelry, and spending time with her family.



**Judson Smith, MSN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC** brings a wealth of diverse nursing, emergency care & fiduciary experiences to AAENP. Most recently, he has served as the Finance Committee Chair for AAENP. He has worked as a travel intensive care unit nurse, cardiac telemetry nurse, interim Director of Infection Control, Hospital Supervisor, and as an emergency department nurse practitioner in rural and urban communities. Currently, Judson serves as a faculty member and leads the Pharmacology content for Bachelor's level nursing students at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, TN. He maintains his clinical practice working at a private community Emergency Department where he holds interests in the utilization of bedside ultrasound and opioid alternatives for pain control. Judson is passionate about improving the ability of nurses to critically think within high stress environments and within the clinical setting.

These individuals will fill vacancies created with the term closures of **LaMon Norton, DNP, FNP-BC** and **Eric Roberts, DNP, FNP-BC**, and transition of **Jennifer Wilbeck, DNP, APRN, FAAN, FAANP** to the role of Executive Director.

## Regional Updates

*Monitoring legislative issues impacting nurse practitioner practice.*

### A Call for State Representatives – Apply Now!

AAENP is still in need of state representatives for the following states:

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California (1)
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Minnesota
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- New York (1)
- Texas (1)
- Washington D.C.

David House DNP, CRNP, ENP-C, FNP-BC, CNS  
Lead-Regional Director

[Apply to be an AAENP State Representative](#)

## Please Welcome Our New State Representative!



### **Maryland: Marisa Arky, DNP, CRNP, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC**

Dr. Marisa R. Arky received her Doctor of Nursing Practice and Master of Science in Nursing from the University of South Alabama. She is certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board and as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She has over 10 years of experience in Emergency Medicine, and is also experienced in Urgent Care, and Observation Medicine. She is licensed in the state of Maryland where she resides, as well as the state of Virginia, and is pending licensure in the District of Columbia. She is an active member of AAENP, serving on the Education Committee and as a liaison to the Membership Committee. She is also a member of the Maryland Association of Nurse Practitioners and of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Dr. Arky serves as a Lead Preceptor for student and new graduate Advanced Practice Providers, and she is committed to advancing Nurse Practitioner practice and enhancing interdisciplinary collaboration. She is passionate about providing quality, evidence-based, equitable, advanced practice nursing care to individuals, families, and communities. Special interests include Telemedicine, and increasing access to care.

## New Member Benefit *Emergency Medicine Core Training*



**EMCT**  
Emergency Medicine **Core Training**

EMCT is the most comprehensive online educational program for emergency medicine. 14 online modules cover the entire breadth of emergency medicine, 10 systems based and 4 specialty modules. True-to-life and actual patient encounters are profiled in a multitude of scenarios in the Work-up, Diagnosis, and Treatment sections on each of the modules.

Check out more information on the [EMCT Program](#) and the [EMCT Premium Package](#) (a 12 month program that highlights key aspects of all of the EMCT modules in twice monthly web presentations).

Go to the Member Benefits section of the AAENP Website for more details on the discount and how to sign up.

Other member benefits include:

- AENJ - Free digital subscription
- eMurmur
- Fitzgerald Health Education Association
- Rosh Review
- EB Medicine
- Global Training Institute
- Barkley & Association

## Interested in Having AAENP Support Your Research?

Aligning with AAENP's strategic plan to support research and evidence-based practice in emergency care, AAENP will now distribute research and evidence-based practice surveys to members on a quarterly basis. Applicants can submit their work for consideration at the AAENP website . This is open to all professional researchers and PhD/DNP students.

We highly encourage members to participate in these research and evidence-based practice opportunities to increase the knowledge base about nurse practitioners working in emergency care.

[Click Here to Submit an Application](#)

## Get Involved with AAENP!

**AAENP Committees provide important leadership to Academy members and the Board. Committees and task forces are appointed by the president to address issues pertinent to the Academy as deemed advisable. Committee members serve for a specific period of time and are accountable to the President for the achievement of assigned objectives. Task forces operate much like committees, but once their work is complete they are deactivated.**

**AAENP has seven committees and several task forces working on issues such as education, ENP practice, conference planning, and finance. Members are welcome to apply to be a part of any committee(s).**

[Click Here to Apply to Join a Committee](#)

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### Committees

#### **Bylaws Committee (OPEN)**

The Bylaws Committee is charged with the ongoing review of the AAENP Bylaws for areas that may be in need of revision.

#### **Education Committee (Tiffany Andrews, Chair)**

The Education Committee is charged with evaluating activities and programs related to training, continuing education, and academic education, both graduate and undergraduate. These

responsibilities include recommendations on programs, education policy, and curricula in areas relevant to advanced practice nursing.

**Finance Committee** (Judson Smith, Chair)

The Finance Committee is charged with an audit oversight function and a policy advisory function and may be assigned additional objectives by the president. As audit overseers, the committee performs a detailed analysis of the AAENP budget and other financial reports ensuring due diligence and proper accounting principles are followed.

**Membership Committee** (Brittany Hines, Chair and Nicole Martinez, Chair)

The Membership Committee is charged with monitoring all aspects of membership, including prospective member outreach and retention—bringing in new members, teaching them about the Academy and its benefits and then ensuring that the member experience meets everyone’s expectations.

**NP Validation** (Jennifer Wilbeck, Chair and Wesley Davis, Chair)

The NP Validating/Credentialing/Scope of Practice Committee is charged with 1) supporting the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) with ongoing ENP exam development and maintenance, 2) overseeing, coordinating, and maintaining guideline development and 3) disseminating the *Scope of Practice and Standards, Practice Standards (Competencies)* and the *ENP Core Curriculum*. The committee also continually collaborates with other organizations in order to disseminate findings to AAENP membership and external organizations to support and advance ENP practice. The Validation committee is inviting interested members to join our efforts in advocacy and validation of the ENP role.

**Practice Committee** (Elda Ramirez, Chair and Paula Tucker, Chair)

The Practice Committee is charged with promoting the practice of emergency nurse practitioners by ensuring safe, high-quality patient care and advocating for practicing ENPs and their patients. The Practice Committee oversees, coordinates, and is responsible for guideline development and dissemination, patient safety, practice improvement, and quality measures.

**Political Action/Advocacy Committee** (Sharon Rainer, Chair and Amy Meredith, Chair)

The Political Action/Advocacy Committee is charged with providing strategic advice, counsel, and options to the Board of Directors regarding how the Academy can be responsive to and advocate for society’s needs for emergency nurse practitioners and how to advance the profession within public policy arenas, including but not limited to legislative and regulatory venues.

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**Task Forces**

**Conference Task Force**

The Conference Task Force is responsible for planning and organizing any national and regional level events, including the organization's annual meeting.

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**Local Leadership**

**Regional Directors**

Regional directors represent membership by acting as a mentor and resource to the State Representatives and a conduit of information for the Board of Directors. They communicate national policy, programs, and information to their respective states and serve as a regional leader for their geographic area. This includes coordinating state representative and regional meetings as well as maintaining on-going communication with State Representatives while actively recruiting new members within the region.

**State Representatives**

State representatives represent the members of the organization by acting as a conduit of

information between membership, Regional Directors and the Board of Directors. They act as a resource regarding individual state practice nuances by monitoring regulatory issues within the state, responding to concerns or issues, assisting AAENP to establish relationships with academic and healthcare institutions within the state and by identifying educational opportunities that would be of value to the membership. They also attend regional meetings and actively recruit new members. \*Currently seeking candidates for multiple states, please click on the following link for available positions and application.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Rhone D'Errico, DNP, MBA, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, ACUE, Nevada State Representative, recently completed his Master's in Business Administration Degree. He also just recorded a talk that will be given at this year's AANP Connect conference entitled "Suicide Prevention for the Primary Care Provider."



Dr. D'Errico also just complete two publications with his wife, Maria D'Errico.

- D'Errico, M. P., Tung, W. C., Lu, M., & D'Errico, R. (2020). Knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to human papillomavirus vaccination among college students in a U.S. state university: Implications for nurse practitioners. *Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1097/JXX.0000000000000431
- D'Errico, M. P., Tung, W. C., & Lu, M., & D'Errico, R. (2020). Barriers and recommendations associated with HPV vaccination among college students. *The Journal for Nurse Practitioners*, 16(7), 533-537.

## Academic Institution News

**UTHealth- Emergency Nurse Practitioner Program- Summer Class 2020**  
Outdoor Field Day Training Event using COVID-19 Precautions



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**UT-Heath School of Nursing Emergency Nurse Practitioner Faculty:**  
(L-R): Dr Debbie McCrea, Dr. Elda Ramirez, Dr. Brad Goettl, Dr. Janice Lee, Dr. Denise Johnson-Vaught



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**UT-Health ENP Program: New class of students - Fall 2020**





Faculty: Dr. Maritza Ruiz, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, ENP-C



Program Director: Dr. Elda Ramirez PhD, RN, FNP-BC, ENP-BC, FAAN, FAANP, FAEN

# Upcoming Events

## **AAENP Events**

October 17, 2020 | AAENP Open Board Meeting

October 24, 2020 | Virtual Social Hour

November 20, 2020 | Virtual Social Hour

## **Partner Events**

We are proud to offer virtual learning events in partnership with, ACMT: American College of Medical Toxicology and University of New Mexico Project ECHO. Head over to the events page on our website for further details and upcoming learning events!

[Visit Our Website](#)



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