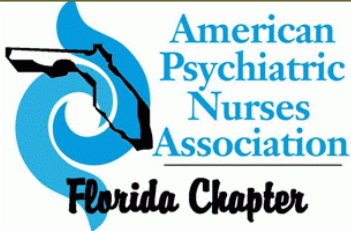


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President's Message



Change is in the air! Summer is ending, school is starting anew, and the leaves begin to change...well, perhaps the pine needles fall. In early August, APNA Florida Chapter's new Board of Directors met for the first time. There have been a few proposed changes for our chapter.

The first issue at hand is that, APNA has requested all chapters to sign an Affiliation Agreement to legally connect or "charter" the state chapters under the national organization. APNA's Executive Director, Nicholas Croce, presented at our board meeting to discuss the agreement in detail. In addition, the board chose to review our chapter bylaws for possible revisions. The Florida Chapter's bylaws were last updated in 2006.

We have decided to ask our membership to vote on these two potential changes during our General Membership meeting at the Annual Conference on October 29th 2015 at 6:30pm. Please keep an eye on Membership Bridge in the coming weeks to review these documents! You must be present in order to cast your vote.

Since the Annual Conference is at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort this year we are looking forward to seeing a large showing of our colleagues from around the state! There will be a Welcome Table near registration for our chapter...so come visit us & sign up to get involved in one of our new councils!!

My Regards,

Emily Bell

President

Important Dates



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- [GME Psychiatry Update](#)
October 10, 2015
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- [APNA National Conference](#)
October 29-31, 2015
Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
Lake Buena Vista, Florida
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- APNA Florida State Conference
April 2, 2016
Jacksonville University
Jacksonville, Florida

Every year, over 800,000 people die from suicide; this roughly corresponds to one death every 40 seconds. The number of lives lost each year through suicide exceeds the number of deaths due to homicide and war combined.



Legislative Update



Florida Legislation 2015: Special Session Wrap Up

Representative Cary Pigman introduced Special Session Bill 27A entitled:

Drug Prescription by Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants.

This legislation would have allowed ARNPs and PAs to prescribe controlled substances including Schedule II – V under supervisory agreement with a physician. It passed favorably during the House floor vote (97-2). The bill was referred into the Senate Health Policy & Senate Appropriations committees; it was there that the bill died for the second time this year! Both of these Senate committees cancelled their last meetings with little notice during the last week of special session. The Chairman of the Senate Health Policy committee, Senator Aaron Bean recommended “tabling” this bill and called for the creation of a joint legislative task force on Health Care Policy Innovation to “thoroughly examine healthcare policy proposals.”

Florida legislators have decided to begin their regular 60-day session early next year. It will start in January instead of March 2016. This was likely changed because the Presidential Preference Primary election is scheduled for March 15th 2016.

Advanced Practice Update

The West Coast APC held their quarterly meeting on August 20, 2015. There were 17 members in attendance. During the meeting, a Needs Assessment questionnaire was completed. Those who were not in attendance were sent the Needs Assessment via e-mail for completion. For more information and to get involved please contact Emily Bell @ emily.e.donelson@gmail.com.

The South Florida APC continues to meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The most recent meeting was at Casa D’Angelo in Fort Lauderdale and was sponsored by Takeda Lunbeck. Dr. Ronald Kurlander spoke about Brintellix, one of the newest treatments for Major Depressive Disorder. Brintellix is known as a “novel” antidepressant because it is the first compound of its kind.

The next South Florida APC meeting will be on Thursday November 5th 2015 (1st Thursday) due to a scheduling conflict on the second Thursday. There is no venue scheduled at this time. In January 2016 the meeting might be held in north/central Palm Beach County to reach more members. For more information and to get involved please contact Paulette Perlowin @ Pauleygop@aol.com.

North East Florida APC will be meeting again in October 6, 2015, (location to follow) and will be sponsored by GeneSight. For more information and to get involved please contact Karen McNeely @ karensmcneely@gmail.com.

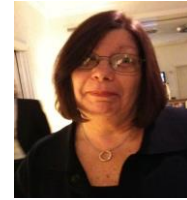


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In Appreciation

The 2015-2016 Board of Directors recently met to begin planning for the upcoming year. We really appreciate all of the Florida APNA members that continue to offer their service toward advancing psychiatric nursing. We also appreciate everyone who took time to vote in order to help shape your Board of Directors. It is with deep gratitude that we would like to thank our outgoing board members, most of whom stepped in at the last minute to fill unexpected board vacancies:

Pat Brown-Immediate Past President

Sandra Cadena-President

Judy Flanagan- Multiple Terms as Secretary

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You can also use this as an opportunity to meet with the Florida Chapter Board of Directors during the state breakout meetings on Thursday October 29th at 6:30 pm. Check conference program for location.

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

-Henry Ford



Around The State

We want to hear from you! Please let us know what you are doing in your area so we can highlight your accomplishments in the newsletter. Some examples include:

- Unit Council Magnet Projects
- Professional Presentations
- Community Initiatives
- Research Projects
- Evidence based practice changes

Please submit your information via Member Bridge or to the media coordinator @ karensmcneely@gmail.com

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