

## Board of Directors:

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President – Deborah Dunn  
President Elect – Sherry Greenberg  
Past President – Valerie Sabol  
Secretary – Natalie Baker  
Treasurer – Jennifer Kim  
Director-at-Large – Sharon Bronner  
Director-at-Large – Stacey Chapman

## Committees with Chairs:

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Awards – Brette Svensson  
Chapter Leadership – Nina Ganesh Nandish  
Communications – National Office  
Conference Planning – Linda Beuscher, Michelle Talley  
Education – Laurie Kennedy-Malone  
Health Affairs – Deborah Wolff Baker  
Historical – Cindy Gerstenlauer  
Nominating – Linda Keilman  
Research – Christina Tocchi

## SIGS with Chairs:

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Acute and Emergent Care – Gregory Marler, Michele Halley  
GeroPsych – Linda Keilman  
Hospice/Palliative Care – unknown  
House Calls – Rachel Zimmer, Ron Ordon  
Post-Acute Care/Long Term Care – Christina Ramsey  
Veterans – Izabela Kazana

## Gerontology Nursing Certification Commission:

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George Peraza-Smith, President

## Leadership Institute:

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Carolyn Clevenger, Institute Director

## GAPNA Award Winners 2020:

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Established Chapter Excellence Award – Triad Chapter  
Emerging Chapter Excellence Award – no applicants  
Special Interest Group Excellence Award – Post Acute Care/Long-Term Care SIG  
Excellence in Clinical Practice – Maureen Beck  
Excellence in Community Service Award – Sara McCumber  
Excellence in Education Award – Ann Kriebel-Gasparro



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Excellence in Leadership Award– Laurie Kennedy-Malone

Excellence in Research Award – Kathryn Daniel

Health Affairs Scholarship – Ron Ordonez

## Foundation Board of Trustees:

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Chair – Jennifer Serafin

Vice Chair – Joanne Miller

Secretary – Beth Galik\*

Treasurer – Suzanne Ranshousen

Resource Development – MJ Henderson

Resource Development – Cathy Wollman

Administrative Affairs, Bylaws – Nancy Wilens

Board Member Emeritus – Barbara Phillips

GAPNA Foundation Registered Agent – Erik Joh, Esq.

Community Liaison – vacant

\*2019 Board of Director Changes: The Board Member term review was conducted at the annual meeting. Anna Dowd left the Board as Secretary; and a vote for Elizabeth (Beth) Galik as the new Secretary of the GAPNAF was unanimous.

## Foundation Award Winners 2020:

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### GAPNA Foundation Award (new):

Natalie Baker

### Research/Clinical Project Scholarship Award:

Ameera Chakravarthy, Research

Cassandra Vannes, Clinical

### AMDA Foundation Futures Program Educational Grant:

Carman H. Henderson

### Dave Butler Spirit of GAPNA Award:

George Peraza-Smith

### Dr. Virginia Lee Cora Research Grant:

Laura Tycon Moreines

### GAPNA Center for Clinician Advancement (United Health Group) Grant:

Not available this year

## National Office Staff:

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Executive Director – Michael Brennan,

Association Services Manager – Erin Maccartney

Director of Marketing – Jack Edelman

Registration Manager – Danielle Little

Conference Manager – Peggy Robins

Education Director – Rosemarie Marmion

Education Coordinator – Kristina Moran

Director of Online Learning and Innovation, Administrator of On-line Community,

GAPNA Exchange – Celess Tyrell

## Newsletter Editors:

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Carol Bartoo, working with Ken Thomas, editor from AJJ

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## Platinum Strategic Partners:

Avanir pharmaceuticals, and Eisai

## GAPNA Strategic Partners:

Acadia, Sunovion, xeris pharmaceuticals

## GAPNA Sponsors:

Merck, Sanofi, Janssen, Santyl, Sunovion

## Annual Dues:

Member Category	Description	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years
<b>Regular</b>	(advanced practice nurse)	\$100.00	\$190.00	\$285.00
<b>Associate</b>	(interest in GAPNA)	\$100.00	\$190.00	\$285.00
<b>Retired</b>	(advanced practice nurse)	\$75.00	N/A	N/A
<b>Student</b>		\$60.00	N/A	N/A

## Geriatric Nursing, GAPNA Section Editor(s):

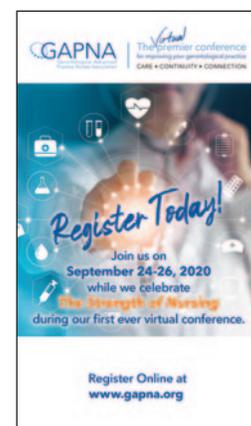
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## GAPNA Website Editor:

Casey Fowler

## GAPNA Accomplishments:

- 39<sup>th</sup> Annual GAPNA Fall Conference, The Strength of Nursing; changed from Hyatt Regency in New Orleans to the first Ever Virtual Conference, due to COVID-19 Pandemic, declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020. The conference was held on September 24-26, 2020; Pre-Con September 22-23, 2020
  - 527 registrants, 397 members, 130 non-members
  - Dementia Care Specialist Pre- Con – 72 registered
  - GSC-Review Course Pre-Con – 72 registered
  - Medication Safety Pre-Con – 134 Registered
  - Cap CEU based on package purchased
  - GAPNA worked with Digitell Inc. for technology management of the live-streamed, fully online conference, which included live-streamed sessions and on-demand content.
  - Pre-Con sessions included Dementia Care Specialist Skills Training and the new Gerontological Specialist Certification Exam Review.
    - Participants can learn to be a Dementia Care Specialist through GAPNA's self-paced online course and pre-conference workshop.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pharmacology & Prescribing in Older Adults Conference, April 14-18, 2020, the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii
  - Canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic
  - The conference has been rescheduled for April 20-24, 2021 at the same location.
  - Registration fees could be applied to the 2021 conference, or fully refunded.



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- In addition to the monthly meetings, the GAPNA Board convened two additional emergency board meetings early in the COVID-19 Pandemic crisis to address the important issues of newly implemented travel restrictions, social distancing, and the anticipated intensified healthcare needs of the public, and how these events would impact our members. These deliberations led to the important conclusions that GAPNA needed to do all that it could for the health and safety of its members, and that it needed to support its members as they navigated the uncharted waters that laid ahead. The actions taken were to reschedule the 2020 Pharmacology Conference, to encourage cancellation of face-to-face chapter annual conferences, and quickly establish a COVID-19 resource webpage on the GAPNA website. As events unfolded, GAPNA implemented supports for members, advocated for appropriate care of older adults, and actively advocated for policies that promoted access to APRNs and reduced barriers to APRN practice and provided safe work environments.
  - Supporting GAPNA Members
    - The GAPNA COVID-19 Resource’s webpage compiled resources that focused on the essential information needed to care for older adults across the healthcare continuum during the pandemic. GAPNA members helped curate the latest resources for this webpage.
    - Posted a new video series, *Facing Forward*. In this video interview series, GAPNA tapped into the expertise of GAPNA members to provide insights and tips as they have adjusted to providing care during the pandemic.
    - Another important section of the COVID-19 Resources is the Personal Health & Wellness section. These self-care resources were created especially for GAPNA members.
    - The *GAPNA Exchange* allowed members to tap into the support of their GAPNA community and access helpful information that members were sharing.
    - Members could tune-in to GAPNA social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter) to access the latest news and information on senior care and APRN resources and practice issues.
  - Advocating for Care of Older Adults
    - Early in March, journalists sought out GAPNA to provide insights on how to optimize care for older adults. Two board members were interviewed for an American Nurse article entitled “*A Growing Population*.”
    - Later in March, GAPNA was sought out again to provide insights on caring for older adults during the COVID crisis. Two board members were interviewed for an article in Minority Nurse, entitled “*Protecting Older Adults During the COVID-19 Outbreak*.” This piece was also expanded in a Washington Post article, *Seniors are the most vulnerable to coronavirus. You can help protect them.*”
    - In advancing nurse practitioner education, GAPNA’s Position Statement “Primary Care in Long-Term Care Sites: Long-Term Care Sites as Appropriate Clinical Placements for Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Students” (2019) was endorsed by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and LACE member organizations in April and placed on CCNE’s website. This prestigious endorsement and dissemination are a tribute to the work of GAPNA to promote NP preparation and expertise in care of long-term care residents.
    - In dialogue with NP faculty on April 24, a board member represented GAPNA at the Annual NONPF (National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties) conference (which was offered virtually) as a member of the LACE panel. The panel provided the opportunity to inform over 400 participants about GAPNA; our organizational mission, strategic plan, and initiatives; and to encourage these colleagues to engage with GAPNA to support gerontological advanced practice education in their colleges and schools.

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- Advocating for policies that promote access to APRNs and reduce barriers to practice and provide safe work environments.
  - As the COVID-19 pandemic escalated throughout the United States, the shortage of older adult primary care providers became evident. This created an outcry to set aside decades-old regulations restricting APRN practice and barriers to care. The GAPNA Health Affairs Committee was incredibly active and responsive to the emerging policy issues, and GAPNA actively engaged in endorsing and supporting important policy advances such as signing on to letters supporting:
    - The CARES Act
    - Permission for NPs to certify and recertify home health care services
    - Waiver of the requirement for practice agreements
    - AMDA – Red Hand letter
    - NONPF/Coalition Position paper: APRN Practice Expansion and Clinical Practice Hour Requirement.
- GAPNA released the 7th edition of *Gerontology Resources for APRN Preceptors and Students* toolkit, to make geriatric and gerontological content accessible to those caring for older adults. It is designed for APRN students, preceptors, and educators in mind, and provides a single portal to comprehensive resources. The toolkit is organized by primary care topics and includes links to websites and mobile device apps in the public domain.
- GAPNA recognized that on November 12, 2019, 23 GAPNA members received recognition as a Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing Program from the National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence.
- GAPNA and United Health Foundation briefed the Senate Special Committee on Aging on AHR Senior Report on September 24, 2019..
- In October 2019, two board members represented GAPNA at the Licensure, Accreditation, Certification, and Education (LACE) roundtable meeting.
- In November, a board member participated in the National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Compact Stakeholder meeting in Chicago.
- In November, GAPNA joined the National Task Force (NTF) on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, and, in December, a board member attended the NTF national meeting. GAPNA's involvement provides the opportunity for input on the revision of the NTF criteria, conveys the pressing need for adequate numbers of gerontological APRN faculty to teach current and future generations of APRNs, and stresses the need to deliver adequate breadth and depth of gerontology content in program curricula.
- The Board joined major nursing and healthcare organizations in signing a letter to Secretary Azar of the Department of Health and Human Services to applaud the President's recent Executive Order entitled, *Protecting and Improving Medicare for our Nation's Seniors*. We commend efforts to remove outdated barriers to APRN practice that impede seniors' access to high-quality health care.
- GAPNA joined other organizations sending a letter to House Majority Leader Hoyer, Senate Democratic Leader Schumer, and Senate Majority Leader McConnell strongly urging Congress to permanently repeal the Health Insurance Tax for Medicare Advantage and Part D beneficiaries by the end of the year.
- In October 2019, a board member represented GAPNA at the annual meeting of the Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care as a panelist on the National Leaders Forum, along with the President of the American Society for Consultant Pharmacists, and the President of the American Medical Directors Association.

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- In November 2019, a board member represented GAPNA at the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care National Summit on Advanced Illness Care.
- GAPNA members are highly sought for their expertise in care of the older adults. Members provide interviews, presentations, op-eds, and articles to a variety of organizations. Some examples:
  - In a Nurse.com article published November 6, 2019 entitled "*Home Care Nursing Shortage Has Negative Impact on Patients,*," past Chair of the GAPNA House Calls SIG Ron Ordon was interviewed and quoted.
  - In November, Dr. Rachel Zimmer, GAPNA House Calls SIG Chair, worked with United Health Group on an educational article on social isolation in seniors.
  - In November, GAPNA Past President Carolyn K. Clevenger was featured in a CNN health segment, Vital Signs with Dr. Sanjay Gupta, on how to care for an aging population.
  - Highlighting GAPNA's partnership with The John A. Hartford Foundation and UCLA on the Dementia Care Specialist training project, President-Elect Sherry Greenberg co-authored an article detailing this work, which was published in *Caring for the Ages*, 20(8), 14-5. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.carage.2019.10.003>.
  - American Heart Association News
    - *Caregiving is Never Easy and COVID-19 Has Made it Harder*
    - *Tips for Caregiving during the Coronavirus Pandemic*
    - Both articles are syndicated and are being picked up by news sources across the country, including U.S. News and World Report and the Houston Chronicle.
  - Monster.com
    - *Should you work in a hospital or an outpatient setting?*
    - *Top 5 skills needed to be a nurse today*
    - *Tips for nurses returning to the workforce.*
- GAPNA Endorsed:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Roundtable letter

LEAD Coalition Appropriations requests letter for funding of Alzheimer's Disease and other related dementias research and support programs

APRN Practice Expansion letter

AANA Nursing Organizations letter thanking governors for removing regulatory barriers to APRN practice during COVID-19

AMDA Policy Statement: COVID-19 testing strategies should be tailored to the clinical situation

Community Statement on the Integral Role of Oral and Dental Health Care in Protecting Americans from Viral Pandemics

S. 3768: Nursing Home COVID-19 Protection and Prevention Act – A bill to protect older adults and people with disabilities living in nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals

Opening America article from AELTCC

S. 3768: from COVID-19

Telehealth Legislative Priorities: Multi-Stakeholder Letter to Congress

Long-Term Care White Paper



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## Committee Reports

Research - Participated in the annual conference with Cash Cab, presentation and poster award judging and research booth to provide member mentoring. They submit quarterly articles to the newsletter, support research studies of GAPNA members and updated the toolkit.

Communication- They continued work toward the new website. Social media is monitored and showed slight growth for Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn and launched a "Fun Fact Friday" to encourage membership engagement. Positions within the committee were reviewed and it was determined that the GAPNA board will appoint a website editor similar to the journal and newsletter editors they had previously.

Planning - No report submitted

Awards – Continues to meet four times yearly to review the awards. There were 23 submissions, but none for emerging chapter. An infographic was created for the website for easier review of tips for nominations.

Health Affairs - Developed committee goals and how to achieve them. Brought policy issues to the organization and signed letters of support for issues associated with Advanced Practice and health care policy of older adults. Discussed lobbyist/PAC activity that the organization may want to consider. Hosted Home Health Coalition conference calls. Wrote articles and worked on session for annual conference to inform members about the policy work of the organization.

Historical-Continue to summarize the reports to capture the work of the organization and placed an article in the newsletter explaining the importance of the reports of the chapters/committees/SIGs. A link was placed on the website that connects to the Archive at UVA. A PDF addendum was added to the Monograph for 2011-2016. Use the newsletter to inform about committee work, re-naming the archive and ways to contribute.

Chapter Leadership- Continue to meet monthly w/ Chapters and added President- elect to the meetings to inform of what is happening at the chapter level. They had speakers at the meetings from different areas of the organization to improve knowledge and engagement in these areas.

Nominating-Worked hard to get a robust and diverse slate of candidates. Updated the website related to running for office and promoted running and the election process through email, telephone, and the website. Submitted articles to the newsletter.

Education- Presented session at conference. They reviewed posters, abstracts and both sections of the Preceptors and student's toolkit as well as sections of the GAPNA website for updating. Did planning for session at the upcoming annual conference. Developed a process to review CE and other digital learning objects.

## SIG Reports

Geropsychiatric Nursing SIG – They submitted the *Geropsychiatric Nursing Subspecialty Position Statement: Supporting Evidence for Geropsychiatric Nursing as a Subspecialty of Gerontological Advanced Practice Nursing*, and it is being vetted/awaiting endorsement. This paper advances geropsychiatric nursing as an appropriate subspecialty of advanced practice nursing, calls for support of APRN geropsychiatric nursing education, recognition of specialization, and calls for the removal of barriers to practice increasing access to mental health care for our growing senior population. They continue to contribute geropsych Pearls to the newsletter. They worked with AJJ to apply for an educational grant from a pharmaceutical company for educating providers and caregivers on Neuropsychiatric Syndromes in Dementia.

Hospice and Palliative Care SIG – No report submitted

House Calls SIG- Presented at the annual conference and submitted 2 abstracts for presentation at the 2020 conference, which were accepted. Provided support via forums to members during the COVID crisis.



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Post-Acute/Long Term Care SIG – Provided multiple educational sessions both for committee members and GAPNA members relating to APRN care. Planned for a session at the 2020 conference. Continued to collaborate with other organizations about care of older adults. Recruited new members and engaged them through use of things such as the GAPNA Exchange.

VA SIG – Provided support to members during the COVID-19 crisis. Attempted to reach GAPNA members who work in VA settings via the GAPNA Exchange.

Acute (and Emergent) care SIG – Contributed to six sessions at the annual conference on acute care topics. Continue to work on the *Acute and Emergent Care Resource Guide* and educated new members about this. Provided support for members during COVID-19.

**Gerontological Nursing Certification Commission** – Since 2018, there were 80 candidates/69 pass/78% pass rate. Current total number of GS-Certified – 69. The COVID-19 pandemic had significant impact on test takers and the testing sites. GNCC and GAPNA are partnering to promote the GS-C in media and advertisement. Revisions of policies and procedures for supporting the infrastructure required to support the work of the GNCC were approved by the GNCC board of trustees. GNCC is managed by a commission of 5 trustees who are APRN's representative of the certification. The GNCC is separately incorporated and an independent organization that collaborates with the Center for Nursing Education and Testing (C-NET) for test development, administration, and evaluation. The *APRN Gerontological Specialist Certification Study Guide* offers references and information which can be used to prepare for the APRN Gerontological Specialist Certification exam.

**GAPNA Leadership Institute**- members considering a leadership position in GAPNA could apply for a fellowship to grow their leadership knowledge and skills in the second class starting in January 2020, under the direction of Past President Carolyn Clevenger, Institute Director.

## Health and APRN Influences

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- By 2019 28 states had full practice authority for nurse practitioners (NPs). 290,00 NPs were licensed by December 2019 and 1.06 billion patient visits were attributed to NPs in 2018. Almost 8% of all NPs were adult-gerontology and were among the top five AANP certifications. AANP.org
- In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, and in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the WHO has designated 2020 as the *International Year of the Nurse and Midwife* #YON2020 #YearOfTheNurse, endorsed by ANA.
- The bill on the Home Health Planning Improvement Act has been catapulted into Law as Sec 4407 of S.3548 or the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This provision modernized Medicare and allowed NPs, clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants to certify and recertify in Home Health on or before September 2020 (6 months).
- Full Practice Authority Update: In Colorado, all APRNs hours have been reduced. Once provisional prescriptive authority is granted, the APRN must obtain 750 hours of documented experience with a physician or with an APRN who has full prescriptive authority and experience in prescribing medications.

**Chapters:** 22

