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Nominating – Kimberly Posey
Research – Ju Young Shin

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GeroPsych – Tamatha Arms
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Post-Acute Care/Long Term Care- Christina Ramsey
Veterans Care – Katherine Voss

Gerontology Nursing Certification Commission:

George Peraza-Smith, President

Leadership Institute:

Carolyn Clevenger, Institute Director



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GAPNA Award Winners 2021:

Established Chapter Excellence Award – Triad Chapter
Emerging Chapter Excellence Award – no applicants
Special Interest Group Excellence Award – Post-Acute/LTC
Excellence in Clinical Practice – Ron Ordoná
Excellence in Community Service Award – Katherine A. Evans
Excellence in Education Award – Kala K. Blakely
Excellence in Leadership Award- Georgia BrinitStiffler
Excellence in Research Award – Tracey Yap
Health Affairs Scholarship – Patrick Lub and Amy Rose Taylor
1st Place Poster – Hector Castillo
2nd Place Poster – Lisa Marie McCusker
3rd Place Poster – Lorraine Novosel
Poster Presentation – Ju Young Shin/Barbara Haberman

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Community Liaison- vacant

Foundation Award Winners 2020:

GAPNA Foundation Award (new) – Karen Robson
Research/ Clinical Project Scholarship Award
Research – Malissa Mulkey
Clinical – Yvonne Fourte
United Health Group Center for Clinician Advancement Grant – Laurie Kennedy-Malone
AMDA Foundation Futures Program Educational Grant – Ozioma Erundu
Dave Butler Spirit of GAPNA Award – Cynthia Gerstenlauer
Dr. Virginia Lee Cora Research Grant- Sharon Stahl Wexler

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Newsletter Editors:

Carol Bartoo, working with Ken Thomas, editor from AJJ

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Acadia, Sunovion

GAPNA Sponsors:

Acadia, astellas, janssen, Lilly, Sanofi, SmithNephew, Sunovion

Annual Dues:

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

Geriatric Nursing, GAPNA Section Editor(s):

Benjamin A. Smallheer
Elizabeth Long

GAPNA Website Editor:

Denise Lyons and Kannah Lewallen

GAPNA Accomplishments:

- 40th Annual GAPNA Fall Conference, September 30 – October 2, 2021, Hybrid (in person and virtual); Marriott Marquis, San Diego Marina, San Diego, CA
 - In person registrants: members 155, non-members 99, total 254
 - Virtual registrants: members 163, non-members 78, total 241
 - Grand Total: 495
 - Pre-conference workshops registrants (not available virtually)
 - In person: members 46, non-members 13, total 59
 - CEUs offered
 - 14.5 NCPD + GAPNA Online Library access with additional on-demand content
 - Pre-conference: 7.5/3.5 NCPD
- 6th Annual Pharmacology & Prescribing in Older Adults Conference, Virtual *Contemporary Pharmacology and Prescribing in Older Adults Conference*, March 4-6, 2021.
 - The planned April 20-24, 2021, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii was canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
 - 672 paid attendees; average attendance at each live session was 500. ISPTs well attended. 651 members, 21 non-members
 - 15.25 credits, includes on-demand conference sessions, all available for pharmacology credit



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- The GAPNA BOD approved the LEAD coalition's request to update ICD-10 coding distinguishing MCI from Alzheimer's Dementia
- GAPNA's BOD approved a new GAPNA's Position Statement, "*Addressing Nursing Home Safety during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond.*" It was developed through collaborative efforts of GAPNA leadership and the Expert Panel on Aging in the American Academy of Nursing. Endorsements are being gathered.
- Sherry Greenberg attended the National Academy of Medicine Town Hall on the COVID-19 Vaccine for Health Care Leaders on 12/4/20
- GAPNA sent a birthday card to Loretta Ford for her 100th birthday, and to AJJ for their 50th Anniversary
- The 40th Anniversary of GAPNA was officially launched in February. The theme was, "*Preserve the Past, Enhance the Present, Secure the Future.*" Fundraising initiatives were done throughout the year.
- The National Office coordinated with GAPNAF to offer virtual activities as fundraisers during the Pharmacology Conference
- The National Office partnered with Hyatt hotels in developing a package deal for chapters to network in small groups at the Pharmacology Conference
- GAPNA's annual site visit with UCLA and Hartford on 1/4/21 was successful
- The National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE)'s request to renew GAPNA's membership was not approved
- Chapter reimbursement was approved at twice a year
- The Board approved a grant to develop and implement a web based Frailty focused communication training
- Greg Marler attended the APRN Stakeholder meeting
- GAPNA's Instagram account was approved
- Sherry Greenberg presented in Brazil 5/28/21 at a Session Round Table
- GAPNA's Podcast series, "*GAPNA Chat,*" was launched 8/15/21 and could be accessed on GAPNA's Website or other podcast platform. A new Podcast will be launched every other week through March 2022
- Reviewed AMDA's *Pain Management Clinical Practice Guide, Parkinson's and Psychosis Pocket Guide*
- Reviewed *Future of Nursing 2020-2030 Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity*
- The BOD accepted *2021 National Task Force Standards and Criteria for Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs*
- LACE statement on APRNs changing population or role was approved
- The BOD approved a 1.0FTE administrative support position for 2022 as membership has steadily grown over the past 10 years
- The BOD approved The GS-C Review book
- GAPNA's new website finalized
- The GAPNA online store was updated
- GAPNA Online Library: can search for on demand continuing education offerings, available to view conference sessions for those who were unable to attend a conference or for those interested in purchasing additional sessions
- GAPNA Exchange available to members to share clinical practice pearls, education tips, research ideas, and policy endeavors
- *OR Today* sat down with GAPNA's Immediate Past President Deborah Dunn 10/31/20 to discuss her nursing path and a career dedicated to nurturing others

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- GAPNA Past President Valerie Sabol was in the literature spotlight, 11/20/2020, exploring ways older adults can stay challenged in a *Clinical Advisor* column
- Sherry Greenberg presented on the dissemination panel on behalf of GAPNA at the AMDA-The Society of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Pre-Conference, "Pragmatic Trials in Long-Term Care: A Consensus Conference" on March 10, 2021
- Renamed CNE to Nursing Continuing Professional Development (NCPD)

GAPNA Committees at Work:

Awards Committee – Besides reviewing the submissions, the committee discussed strategies for increasing the number of nominees and revised the tip sheet to help with this process. There were 17 nominations. The selection process was blinded to reduce bias.

Conference Planning Committee – No report was submitted but typically review abstracts for the conference, plan pre-cons, keynote, concurrent sessions and in depth focus sessions as well as general sessions for the first hybrid conference in San Diego, CA.

Communications Committee – Recruited new members and filled positions for both print and electronic media. Launched a new Instagram account in collaboration with the national office. The committee was reorganized to include new positions of website editor, social media liaison, and GAPNA Exchange liaison. These additional roles will help grow the content and strategies needed to reach out to GAPNA members

Education Committee – Prepared a concurrent session and reviewed abstracts for the annual conference. Collaborated with the research committee on the process to review abstracts. Reviewed AGPCNP and AGACNP enrollment trends and a sub-group is developing a background document on *Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioners: A Discussion of Scope and Expertise*. Three GAPNA members are on the National LACE monthly meetings

Health Affairs Committee – Monitored state and federal policies around APRN practice. Actively participated on national committees in regard to care of older adults. Sponsored two health affairs scholarship winners for the 2021 AANP Health Policy Virtual Conference. Proactively identified opportunities to support GAPNA strategic plans policy perspectives, and position statements.

Historical Committee – Completed an addendum of the GAPNA monograph, 2016 – 2020, Extended GAPNA's Panels 2016-2020 for display at the fall conference. Developed a template for a *Year in Review* and compiled such reviews back to 2015- 2016 through 2019- 2020. These reviews will be completed annually and posted on GAPNA's website for member access. Presented a general session at the fall conference on GAPNA's 40 years of history with future projections shared by GAPNA's leadership. Submitted an article on GAPNA's 4th decade to the GAPNA section of GN (to be published Nov/Dec 2021). Successfully renamed the online link for GAPNA's collection of archived records, housed at The Eleanor Crowder Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry at UVA School of Nursing to "*The Kathy Fletcher Memorial Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association Collection*," in memory of Dr. Kathy Fletcher (1951-2019). Kathy was instrumental in housing the collection of GAPNA's archived records at the center, was a past president of GAPNA and previous co-chair of the Historical Committee. The renamed link can be found at <https://www.nursing.virginia.edu/nursing-hitsory/collections-cnhi/organizations/>, and also includes an additional link with Dr. Fletcher's bio. Facilitated the archiving of three Chapters history (Gulf Coast Texas, Chicagoland, Great Lakes Chapter. Facilitated the archiving of GAPNA records 2011 – 2012.

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Chapter Leadership Committee – Met monthly and did brainstorming about engaging members. Worked on supporting chapter leaders by encouraging President-elects to join; discussed the National changes that had effects on the chapters. Worked to improve communication between National and the chapters by having guest speakers from the National leadership, Foundation, SIGS and Committees and encouraging chapters to place updates in the newsletters/GAPNA Exchange.

Nominating Committee – Recruited candidates for the GAPNA Board; collaborated with the Chapter Leadership committee to promote members to run. Held live Zoom webinars to promote interest in leadership positions. Undertook several new processes to increase membership voting

Research Committee – Reviewed abstracts for poster or podium presentations at the conference. Planned the research booth and Cash Cab for the conference as well as submitted articles for the newsletters. Did the poster award judging at the fall conference. Continued to support research studies of GAPNA members.

GAPNA SIGS at Work:

Acute and Emergent care SIG – Provided space for members to discuss challenges in practice related to COVID 10. Published the 2nd edition of the Acute and Emergent Care Toolkit. Worked on sessions for the fall conference with Acute/Emergency topics. Committee members shared their expertise on current practice in a 20-30 minute presentation during SIG monthly meetings

Geropsychiatric Nursing SIG – Published the *GAPNA Geropsychiatric Nursing Position Statement: Supporting Evidence for Geropsychiatric Nursing as a Subspecialty of Gerontological Advanced Practice Nursing* on the GAPNA website. Working on a manuscript on multiple issues. Submitted four posters and did a podium presentation for the fall conference. Collaborated with the VA SIG about mutual topics relevant to both groups. Continued to work on *Neuropsychiatric Syndromes in Dementia* modules Submitted clinical pearls for most GAPNA newsletters

Hospice and Palliative Care SIG – Had difficulty engaging members. Attempted article reviews for the meetings with limited success

House Calls SIG- Shared successes and barriers to providing home based care. Had subject matter experts do teaching about specialized issues for the home setting

Post-Acute/Long Term Care SIG – Assisted the Board with a position paper on *Safety in NH during the COVID Pandemic*. Provided educational resources on the changing landscape of practice in this setting. Continued to collaborate with other organizations and developed ways to work together to improve care. Served as a place for members to gather to discuss care during COVID. Worked on inpatient NH vaccination program

Veterans Care SIG – Updated mission statement. Collaborated with the Geropsychiatric Nursing SIG regarding ideas of presenting mental health and other topics impacting both groups in the future. Submitted articles to the GAPNA newsletter. Submitted a poster to the fall conference. Discussed topics for improving clinical practice during the COVID-19 pandemic and new VHA policies

Gerontological Nursing Certification Commission:

Continue to finalize the infrastructure required to support the work of the GNCC. There were 45 candidates for the GS-C with 42 passing (93%). From March 2018 to May 2021, there have been a total number of GS-C (including grandmothers or grandfathers) are 105. Board of Trustees approved the policies and procedures, as well as formalized the GNCC Commissioners roles: electing President, Treasurer and Secretary. Published an article in *Caring for the Ages* on building APRN gerontology workforce capacity with the GS-C.

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GAPNA Leadership Institute (GLI):

The GAPNA Leadership Institute (LI) celebrated its first cohort of leadership fellows in 2020: Michelle Bolz, Ron Ordon, Brette Svensson, and Amy Rose Taylor. The goal of the GLI is to prepare Leadership Fellows with comprehensive understanding of GAPNA's mission, organizational infrastructure, and strategic plan, enabling them to become leaders within the organization and the larger healthcare community. The 9-month leadership program includes both online synchronous and face-to-face components. An experienced and nationally recognized nurse leader facilitates the curriculum. All Fellows will work one-on-one with mentors, all of whom have held leadership positions within GAPNA. Individual benefits of the LI include developing meaningful peer relationships among other Fellows, receipt of individualized mentorship for all Fellows to establish personal leadership development plan, increasing the capacity for leadership at GAPNA and in the workplace, and exploration of professional organizational operations. The Second Leadership Institute Cohort (2021) began January 9, 2021. Chair, Katherine Evans. Mentors: Valarie Sabol, Deborah Dunn, Jennifer Kim, Nickki Davis. Past Chair: Carolyn Clevenger. Fellows: Nina Ganesh Nandish, Juliana Watts, Megan Pratt and Brittany Mlazovsky. The fellows submitted four posters for the fall conference.

Health and APRN Influences:

- Nurses remain the undisputed leader in professional honesty and ethics, according to the latest Gallup poll (December 2020). Nurses earned a record 89% very high/high score for their honesty and ethics in 2020, four percentage points greater than their prior high, last recorded in 2019
- In view of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the World Health Organization has once again designated 2021 as "*the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife*"
- The International Council of Nurses Guidelines on Advanced Practice Nursing was published 2020
- As of May 2021, there are more than 325,000 practicing nurse practitioners in the United States. Of those 325,000, 70.2% practice in primary care
- COVID-19 Continues to Drive Increases in APRN Full Practice Authority (FPA), with relaxation of existing regulations in supervision, collaboration, license renewal, and portability. States with FPA are associated with improved access to care in underserved and rural communities without compromising quality of care. Many states adopted temporary, emergency regulations to expand the role of APRNs. These changes increased practice authority for all types of APRNs, including not only nurse practitioners and certified nurse practitioners, but also certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and certified registered nurse anesthetists.

Chapters:

22 but three were inactive: Sonoran (AZ), Seattle, Central Virginia; Maryland was at risk, but the National Office intervened.

