

Resolution Title: **Nurse Practitioner Classification Representation in NANB Executive Leadership**

WHEREAS NANB's legislative mandate is regulation to promote and maintain the provision of safe, competent and ethical nursing care in the interest of the public;

WHEREAS regulatory responsibilities prioritize public protection by setting standards for education, registration and practice supporting nurse practitioners in meeting the standards and intervening when the standards are not met;

WHEREAS the role of NANB is to determine if NP education aligns with the professional standards, responsibilities and scope of NP practice;

WHEREAS NP education includes advanced knowledge and expertise beyond the education and scope of practice of a registered nurse (RN) and other advance practice nurses (APNs) to practice safely;

WHEREAS the NP foundation is rooted in nursing theory and education, yet is a separate profession with its own roles, responsibilities and scope of practice;

WHEREAS the advanced education required can only be fully understood by a member with the same educational demands, designation and scope of practice;

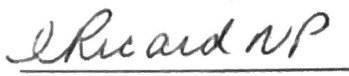
WHEREAS NP critical thought, professional judgment and practice expertise evolves over time as the NP actively engages in the clinical environment;

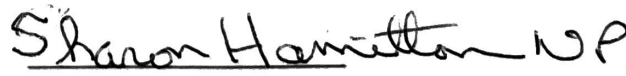
WHEREAS NP expertise and professional maturity is crucial for effective leadership;

WHEREAS NANB's understanding of the NP professional role and educational requirements/standards in order to practice safely is dependent upon competent, mature leadership and collaboration;

WHEREAS an experienced nurse practitioner in this position will lead members of any committee or educational endeavor to provide insight and clarity into the educational standards, role and responsibilities of the NP profession.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT membership is supportive of NANB taking steps to ensure that the NP classification is represented in executive leadership by adding a Director of NP practice position to be filled by an NP with at least 5 years of clinical practice to provide effective leadership and expertise.


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