

**Nurse Practitioner Alliance of Alabama
Bylaws;
Adopted: December 11, 2006**

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Nurse Practitioner Alliance of Alabama, hereafter known as “NPAA”.

Article II -- Purpose and Objectives

The primary purpose of this organization is to provide a mechanism for the variety of Nurse Practitioner (NP) groups in Alabama to speak with one voice concerning:

- Best use of NPs for the citizens of Alabama
- Advocating for professional privileges consistent with our educational preparation
- Advocating for issues of significant importance for the general welfare of NPs

Serve as a clearing house for all communication, issues, educational opportunities, and other announcements pertinent to NP practices. It is NOT the purpose of NPAA to replace any NP professional organization in Alabama, but serve as a united voice for the collective of professional NP organizations.

Article III – Membership

1. Any member in good standing of NP groups in Alabama may belong. Group bylaws differ, but any member of the allied organizations is eligible for membership in NPAA. **Membership may include NPs in collaborative practice, student NPs, NPs who are not currently in a collaborative practice, and retired NPs.**
2. Current recognized groups Alabama include: Wiregrass, North Alabama NP Association (NANPA), West Alabama NP Group, Central Alabama NP Association (CANPA), Children’s Hospital Advanced Practice Council, Bay Area NP Association (BANPA), River Region Advanced Practitioners, East Alabama NP Association, Alabama Chapter of National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) and Alabama State Nurses Association Advanced Practice Council.
3. Each recognized NP group will elect two of its members to serve as members of the NPAA.

4. By majority vote, the NPAA Executive Committee may admit other NP groups to NPAA.

Article IV – Officers

1. General
 - a. Officers will be elected to serve a one year term except for the office of the first President who will serve for two terms.
 - b. Officers may serve more than one term
 - c. Officers will be elected at the second meeting of the calendar year of NPAA (see Article III, Sect 3, supra).
2. President: Serves as spokesperson, presides over meetings, and appoints Ad Hoc Committee members. Is Ex-officio member of all committees, and supervises general business. The president shall stay informed of all issues, statutes, and concerns facing NPs in Alabama. He/she shall serve as spokesperson for NPs. He/she shall call meetings, set the calendar and agenda for the group, and chair meetings. Shall be a cosigner of all bank accounts.
3. President Elect: Learns about the Presidency and assumes the Presidency at the end of that year.
4. Vice President (VP): Assumes the Presidency if President is absent or unable to assume duties, assists President, Parliamentarian, confers with Committees, and chairs Bylaws Committee. The VP shall remain current in NP issues and serve in the absence of the president. May take on special tasks as designated by the president.
5. Secretary: Keeps minutes and records, including attendance, committee and officer reports, roll of members, and conducts official correspondence. The secretary shall serve as the coordinator of calendars, publish notice of meetings, and perform required correspondence for NPAA.
6. Treasurer: Keeps records of accounts, deposits and disbursements as directed by the Executive Committee, recommend investments, is the cosigner with the president of all

NPAA monies. He/She shall keep current records of all NPAA financial matters and report same upon request and shall serve as the chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Article V – Committees

1. General – Members shall serve a one year term for all committees.
2. Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of NPAA: President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Nomination Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members.
4. Bylaws Committee has at least three (3) members, one of which is the Vice President. Interpret Bylaws, reviews and prepare amendments to Bylaws.
5. Communication Committee has at least three (3) members, one of which is the Secretary.
6. Finance Committee has at least three (3) members.

Article VI – Meetings:

The president of NPAA shall call meetings quarterly or more frequently as needed. A third of the NPAA Executive Committee may call special meetings if necessary.

Article VI -- Parliamentary Authority and Amendments to Bylaws:

The Executive Committee has the authority to adopt and amend these bylaws by a two-thirds majority of the NPAA membership present and voting, provided that all members were notified as to the proposed amendment at least two weeks prior to the vote. Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed in the conduct of NPAA meetings.



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Cindy Cooke, President _____

Richard Brown, Treasurer _____