

## NPI MEMBER BULLETIN

### NPI ELECTIONS

Professional Members Only!

Voting is now open!

**OCTOBER 28th—NOVEMBER 23rd**

Review nominee bios online in the member area

Submit your vote online, via email or mailed ballot

**NOTICE! THIS IS YOUR ONLY MAILED REMINDER! ALL OTHER VOTING REMINDERS WILL BE ISSUED VIA EMAIL!**

## OFFICIAL NPI BALLOT

*Please select only one candidate for each elected executive board position. For Region Representatives, submit your vote only for one candidate in your local region. For online voting or regional breakdown, refer to pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.*

### 2012 Candidates

<b>President-Elect:</b>	Heather Healy	Kate Martin	Write In: _____
<b>Vice President:</b>	Beverlee Furner	Steve Ziemantz	Write In: _____
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Brian Vandendries		Write In: _____
<b>Executive Secretary:</b>	Martha Shelver		Write In: _____

### Region Representatives: *(Remember to only vote for your local region)*

<b>Region 1:</b>	Roye Ely		Write In: _____	
<b>Region 2:</b>	Cheryl Loetscher/Joan Richardson		Write In: _____	
<b>Region 3:</b>	Anne Koster	Susan Ault/Kara Delacy	Jared Rye	Write In: _____
<b>Region 4:</b>	Roanne Mancari		Write In: _____	
<b>Region 5:</b>	Bridget Marshall		Write In: _____	

### SUBMIT YOUR VOTE:

**Online voting:** [www.npidaho.org/member-area](http://www.npidaho.org/member-area)

**Email voting:** [npi.idaho@gmail.com](mailto:npi.idaho@gmail.com)

**Postal Mail voting:** NPI, Inc.—5120 W. Overland Rd. # 218, Boise, ID 83705



*building bridges to  
healthcare excellence*

## *A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...*

**“Building Bridges to Healthcare Excellence “**



October 2011

Hello to all,

As fall has started to be present in Idaho we are seeing the leaves change colors and change our surroundings. This is also true in our ever changing health care arena. We aren't sure what tomorrow brings for patients, health insurances, jobs, Medicaid or Medicare. But tomorrow will bring us changes. People by nature don't like change - we like to be creatures of our habits, but I want to challenge each and every one of you to work on the process of change. As health care change is coming and we as NP's need to be in the front rows of the planning and leadership of these changes. I do agree, it is easier to sit on the side lines and not write letters and not contact legislators but those "side line" days are over! We need to be proactive and stay on top of the issues or the issues may hurt our businesses and our practice.

***“...we as NP's need  
to be in the front  
rows of the planning  
and leadership...!”***

*- Beverlee Furner  
NPI 2011 President*

We had a wonderful annual conference and again I want to thank the conference committee for their efforts to make it so successful. The dates and location have been set for 2012 - so plan ahead now. It will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at the Doubletree Riverside in Boise. The conference committee is continuing to evaluate the feedback from this conference and we will get you some of the comments and future plans soon. It

was exciting to see other regions in our state present and active at the conference. Thank you for those that traveled to attend and for those local folks for attending too.

As the end of the year is near and I turn over this Presidency to Cory Huffine for 2012, I just want to say thank you to so many people. Our Board is made up of wonderful creative NP's who support each other and continue to help NPI grow and be a productive organization. Thank you Traci!!! Thank you members of NPI (all 202 professional members and 86 student members); please continue to let us know how NPI can meet your needs and help create the vision for the NP's of Idaho.

Fondly,

Beverlee



## Nurse Practitioner Week November 13-19, 2011

### Heather Healey Receives AANP State Award for Excellence 2011

By Cheresé Severson, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC/AANP Idaho State Representative

Heather Healey MSN, APRN, FNP was presented the prestigious American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Nurse Practitioner of the year award for Idaho at the 2011 AANP conference in Las Vegas, NV. AANP recognizes outstanding nurse practitioners (NPs) from every state once a year during their annual conference. The **NP State Award for Excellence** is given annually to a NP who has demonstrated excellence in NP clinical practice. Dr. Cheresé Severson the current AANP state representative for Idaho states, "Recognizing outstanding NPs in our state is one of the best parts of my role as the state representative! We have so many talented NPs in Idaho."

Recipients of this award are nominated by their peers within the state where they reside. A committee of practicing NPs is then formed and the blinded nominations are reviewed. Once the committee agrees on what candidate should receive the award it is presented to the AANP State Representative who submits the nomination to AANP. The rest becomes history! You do not have to be a member of AANP to nominate or be nominated for this award.

Heather was nominated for her outstanding clinical practice as well as her leadership and advocacy of the NP profession. Those who nominated her specifically mentioned her contributions to her clinical students, mentoring of clinical staff and fellow NP colleagues at Saint Alphonsus, advocating the advanced practice role by removing barriers to practice for NPs at Saint Alphonsus, for practice excellence and for her service as the past president of NPI.

As a recipient of the AANP State Award for Excellence, Heather was given free conference attendance to the 2011 National AANP conference as well as a one year paid membership to AANP. This includes a subscription to the monthly Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (JAANP) and full access to all AANP member benefits. Congratulations Heather!



*Pictured Above: T.K. Knettler, CEO of AANP, Heather Healy, NP of the Year, and Dr. Penny Kaye Jensen, AANP President*

### September 8 -9, 2011 Annual Fall Conference in Review *By Nancy Miller,*

We had an excellent conference this year and it was well-attended. There were 124 attendees including 106 nurse practitioners and 19 students. We had 5 excellent nurse practitioner speakers this year from our own group, excellent physician speakers and an excellent Pharmacology speaker Robert Hefflinger for pharmacology updates.

The Boise Hotel and Conference Center was received positively with feedback on the seating arrangements. The facility and staff were very accommodating and we had plenty of bathrooms. Many comments were made regarding the speaker notes and preferences to print in outline form or to have them available at the conference. In our efforts to go green, we will attempt to make next year's notes available in outline form on the website as soon as possible before the conference. If a majority would like to have printed handouts available at the conference for an extra charge, we will consider for next year. Please let Tracy know if you are interested in printed handouts.

Regarding future conference in McCall the vote was 40 yes, 32 no and the majority still wanted to keep it at 2 days. If you are interested in helping to plan the conference in McCall for 2013, please let the conference planning committee know.

Our next year's conference will be Sept 20-21, 2012 at the Doubletree Riverside. We have confirmed Dr. Kuritsky to come to next year's conference. He has spoken in the past and was well received so we are excited that he has agreed to come back to Boise. Remember the Things I Wish I Knew Last Year, we have asked him to use this as one of his topics.

Thanks to everyone's comments positive and constructive, our hope is to improve our conference every year. We appreciate the attendance to this year's conference. A special thanks to our conference committee (Nancy Miller (co-chair) Donna Lowther (co-chair), Tammy Hadfield, Dawn Best, Beverlee Furner, Marlene Olsen) for countless hours and many months of planning to make this conference happen. Tammy Hadfield volunteered to be the conference chair for this next year. Also a special thanks to Traci for her help in many countless ways to coordinate efforts to make this conference a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Miller

## Jennifer Cook—Scholarship Essay

“The willingness of others to help guide me in my journey has been of paramount importance...”

~  
Jennifer Cook

## Life After Graduation: Future Goals as a Nurse Practitioner

When I graduate and begin working as a family nurse practitioner, I plan to look outside myself to help others with their needs. My goal is to provide evidence-based health care to Idaho families and to encourage primary prevention as the first goal. I will provide care that is safe, effective, and patient-centered. I will use the current guidelines to maintain a safe and up to date practice.

I plan to meet these goals while working in either a family practice or pediatric office. I hope to create lasting relationships with my patients and their families. I plan to spend time educating my patients about how they can best care for themselves. I feel strongly about health care through prevention and will encourage my patients to increase wellness.

I plan to be an active member of Nurse Practitioners of Idaho and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. I would like to become involved in the political process to advocate for nurse practitioners, and thereby advocate for patients and decrease healthcare spending. I will continue my education by attending conferences and educational opportunities to stay abreast of current evidence and practices. I will also continue to stay up to date on current happenings by reading professional journals and publications. I plan to obtain my doctorate de-

gree after working as a nurse practitioner for two years.

After gaining experience, I plan to precept and mentor nurse practitioner students. I may eventually pursue the path of an educator. I enjoy teaching and know that Idaho needs quality educators in its nursing programs. The willingness of others to help guide me in my journey has been of paramount importance as I've pursued my professional goals and interests.

I also have a goal to spend time in foreign countries giving care on humanitarian aid missions. I feel very blessed to live in a country that has access to health care and would like to share this gift with others who don't. I would also like to find a way to periodically give charitable services locally within Idaho. I find great value in volunteering now, and I feel that when I am a nurse practitioner, I will have greater capac-

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## Denise Bahadar—Scholarship Essay

“...it is my goal to become a long lasting health care provider...”

~  
Denise Bahadar

I choose to pursue a master's degree in nursing to reach my personal and professional goal of providing primary care to the underserved of north central Idaho. My plan after graduation is to relocate to north central Idaho and secure a position with the Nez Perce tribal clinic to provide health care services to the members of the tribe. Within five years I envision myself beginning to establish a level of comfort in the role of FNP. Following my own level of comfort attainment, I expect it will take several additional years for me to gain the trust and respect of the community. Many of the people I hope to provide care for are homeless people and American Indian children living on the reservation.

Both personal and professional experiences influenced my decision to seek the FNP role. When I lived in the north central Idaho, I witnessed medical providers remain in the area just long enough to obtain educational loan repayment and then move away from the community. I saw the impact these revolving providers had on the community and the underserved. There is no continuity in care; there are gaps in care; subsequent providers are seen as suspect; and no lasting trust or relationship is formed. Therefore it is my goal to become a long lasting health care provider to this community.

Completing a Master's Degree in nursing with the Family Nurse Practitioner emphasis will contribute to my professional goals and afford me the skills necessary to provide primary care to the underserved of north central Idaho. Achieving my goal

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## Jenna Rovig—Scholarship Essay

“The time...to be team members and leaders in this era of health care reform is now”.

~  
Jenna Rovig

I have referred to the following verse quite often in my life: “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose”. The time for nurse practitioners to be team members and leaders in this era of health care reform is now. I am currently entering my final “season” as a full-time nurse practitioner student through Idaho State University and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await. I continue to develop my professional philosophy and purpose with each clinical experience and educational opportunity.

My future plans as a family nurse practitioner include both short and long-term goals – recognizing the importance of embracing change and opportunities as they arise. Upon graduation in May of 2012, I will secure employment in my current geographical location that blends with my personal goals of providing comprehensive, personal, quality care to individuals that have unique and challenging health care needs. I currently work in, or have experienced, two health care venues that offer these opportunities of personal interest.

The first area of employment interest is within a family health clinic that provides a medical home to the underserved, under-insured populations within the Boise area - such as The Family Medicine Residency of Idaho. I have been privileged to participate in a similar setting during my adult clinical rotation in Southern

Idaho. I respect the challenges these settings offer regarding high patient volumes, complex medical needs, and the socioeconomic barriers that exist in this fragile population. I believe that with the clinical education I am receiving, combined with the generous preceptors I continue to encounter and my strong nursing foundation, I will be well prepared to serve these unique patients and their families. I was naively propelled to seek nursing as career 22 years ago because of my personal desire to “care for those who are ill” (age 16). Today, I continue to harvest that same passion; yet I now do so with more social and clinical experience. As a family nurse practitioner with now a sincere and mature desire to extend my compassion and skills to those in need, I would welcome the opportunity to care for this popula-

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## Mary Price—Scholarship Essay

“One’s mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions” (Oliver Wendell Holmes). I believe this statement to be true and seek to further my professional development in the medical field by obtaining my FNP Masters Degree. I have worked as a RN at St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center on a medical-surgical floor and currently work at St. Alphonsus in the Breast Care Center. This experience in the field has greatly helped build my self-confidence and further my clinical knowledge. During this same period, I have increased my education and personal growth by obtaining my CMSRN and CBN (Certified Medical Surgical Registered Nurse and Certified Bariatric Nurse respectively).

Over the next few years, I see myself as a Family Nurse Practitioner working in an urgent care setting in Idaho providing care to patients of varying ages and cultures. Additionally, using evidenced based research, I plan to work with organizations such as the local YMCA and school districts to help educate children and adults on the importance of regular exercise and healthy food choices. The YMCA has started a program, “Trim Kids,” which requires the parents to participate. This I believe is a crucial aspect of addressing society’s current obesity problem. As educators, we can teach kids what they should be doing to develop healthy lifelong habits. However, if their parents continue to provide junk foods and don’t purchase fruits, vegetables, and other healthy items, kids cannot implement what they are learning. The parents must become advocates for their children’s health.

Being an urgent care Family Nurse Practitioner will be an exciting and fulfilling challenge, as I seek to apply theory into practice while caring for each individual in their unique situation. Performing as a Family Nurse Practitioner will allow me to provide care for the patient in a more holistic manner with more time for personal interaction than my previous positions. Additionally, I am going to explore opportunities for a part-time APN in the Breast Care Center where there are many evolving needs. In the future I plan to obtain my DNP degree and eventually teach at the university level.

Supporting and participating in organizations is a vital role of a Nurse Practitioner. I believe being a member of NPI and AANP are important for political and personal reasons. Politically these organizations work toward protecting and expanding our scope of practice on the state and federal level. They are the profession’s voice when it comes to legislation in healthcare reform, reimbursement, and autonomy. Therefore, NP’s should be active members and participate in both groups as much as possible. Personal benefits include networking, organizing local events, and supporting local community services. I have been a student member of both organizations for about a year and plan to transition into an active member once I am a licensed FNP.

I feel with my solid nursing foundation, my specialized medical-surgical and bariatric experience, I will make a positive

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*Mary Price*

## Lynne Trauntvein—Scholarship Essay

I am pursuing an advanced nursing degree with the goal of becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner. When my husband and I first moved to Idaho in 1987, I temporarily put my educational goals on hold to help support our growing family. When I returned to school in 1998, my primary goal included graduating from Idaho State University with a bachelor’s degree in nursing. After a lot of hard work and support from my husband and four young children, I finally achieved that goal in 2005. Since then, I have worked as a registered nurse at Eastern Idaho Public Health District (EIPHD) and I have grown to appreciate the importance of primary care and prevention in maintaining good health within our families and communities.

In my employment with EIPHD as the Immunization Program Coordinator, I have had the opportunity to participate in many community events including three years with the annual Homeless Standdown in Idaho Falls, immunization information booths at the Eastern Idaho State Fair, and countless immunization and reproductive health presentations in schools and communities throughout eastern Idaho. I am co-chair of the Eastern Idaho Immunization Task Force, working with providers of public and private health care to increase childhood immunization rates in Idaho.

The clinical experiences for my FNP courses have shown me how exciting it is to move from the role of RN into the role of the healthcare provider learning to make decisions on lab work, testing, and treatment of various illnesses and injuries seen in a primary care practice. I respect the nurse practitioners who have been my preceptors and appreciate their many years of training and experience, and their willingness to share their knowledge with me and with other FNP students. As the U.S. economy has struggled for the past few years, it has become more apparent that the health care system in America leaves many citizens without adequate primary care. Nurse practitioners can help fill the gap for those who need the services of a primary care provider. I look forward to the day when I can be included among the many well-educated, intelligent nurse practitioners providing quality health care in Idaho. I enjoy working with people of all ages so I plan to pursue a position as a nurse practitioner with a family practice or in a public health department in eastern Idaho. I am most interested in working with other nurse practitioners and hope I can work in a clinic operated exclusively by nurse practitioners.

When I began to pursue my advanced nursing degree, I entered the part-time program because my growing family still needed the income from both my work at EIPHD and my husband’s work with Bonneville School District. I continued to work 40 hours per week and completed my studies in the evenings and on weekends. As I enter the third and final year of the program, I will be taking 10-11 graduate credits each semester so I will not be able to continue working full-time. This will place an enormous strain on my family’s budget, so I appreciate any scholarship assistance available. My oldest daughter recently graduated from high school and will attend Idaho State Univer-

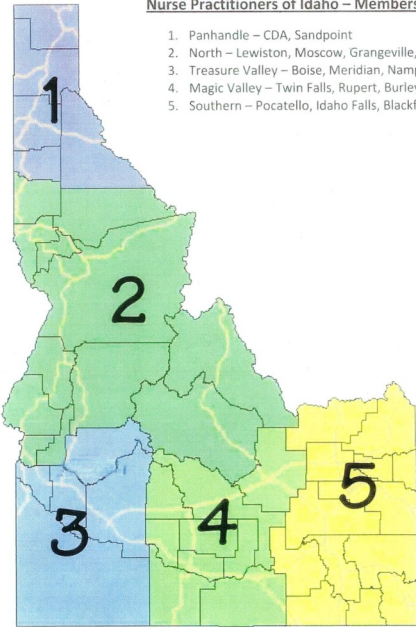
“Nurse Practitioners can help fill the gap for those who need the services of a primary care provider”.

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*Lynn Trauntvein*

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#### Nurse Practitioners of Idaho – Membership Regions

1. Panhandle – CDA, Sandpoint
2. North – Lewiston, Moscow, Grangeville, Riggs,
3. Treasure Valley – Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell
4. Magic Valley – Twin Falls, Rupert, Burley
5. Southern – Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Blackfoot



## What's New on the NPI Website?

- Peer Review Guidelines and Forms are available; individuals interested in reviewing may contact Kate Martin at: [martink@slhs.org](mailto:martink@slhs.org).
- Professional Members serving as preceptors may indicate during which year of a student's program they are willing to precept. To specify preceptor preferences, visit the "Change Member Details" under Settings in the member area.
- NPI Store link is activated for anyone to order NPI logo products. Polo shirts, fleece vests and totes are available. These make great gifts!
- Updated NPI bylaws; revisions were approved by the Executive Board and approved by the General Membership during the 2011 Annual Fall Conference business meeting.
- Access to Executive Board and General Membership meeting minutes are available for review under the member area.
- **Coming Soon:**
- Career Center will be replaced with a bulletin board style employment opportunities. This type of posting will be available at no charge to employers wishing to post their available positions.
- Members will be able to create a brief bio and indicate if the bio is available for viewing on the NP Locator.
- Dedicated fax line will be published.

**NPI NEEDS YOU! CALLING ALL NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND NP STUDENTS...  
PARTICIPATE IN A VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE**



#### Volunteer Positions – let us know how you would like to be involved!

*Nurse Practitioners of Idaho encourages each member to participate and support the organization by volunteering as little or as much time and effort as possible to one of our various elected positions or volunteer committees. If you have any questions regarding a particular committee, please email your inquiry to [npi.idaho@gmail.com](mailto:npi.idaho@gmail.com) or contact a member of the current committee.*

**Finance Committee:** This committee works with input from other committees and their chairs to develop the budget for the organization. This committee also develops policies regarding the finances of the Chapter. Financial or business experience is a plus, but is not required.

**Legislation Committee:** Educates our membership and the public about legislative issues relating to health care and nurse practitioner practice. We need support in all 5 regions. Lobbies primarily at the State level and participates in various legislative initiatives. Also addresses issues affecting nurse practitioner practice such as third party reimbursement, regulations, etc.

**Membership Committee:** Promotes membership growth. Develop membership goals and implements activities to improve membership. Communicate with Regional Representatives.

**Conference Committee:** Develops and implements continuing education curriculum for the annual fall conference ensuring approval of CE credits.

**Scholarship Committee:** Develops, reviews and updates scholarship material. Accept and review applications and determine recipient(s).

**Communications Committee:** Chaired by the Vice-President, maintains the website, publishes the newsletter, and disseminates information to the membership. Computer literacy is a plus, but is not required. Help is needed with 1) getting the newsletter out (applying labels and stamps – 4 times/year for approximately 2 hours each time), and 2) maintaining list of member email addresses, website postings, etc.

Please contact [npi.idaho@gmail.com](mailto:npi.idaho@gmail.com) for more information

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

### How to VOTE ONLINE for Board and Region Representatives

#### Quick Steps:

- Go to [www.npidaho.org](http://www.npidaho.org) 2) Login and activate your account 3) Review and edit your "Member Details" 4) Click on Board Elections link 5) Click on the candidate of your choice 6) Submit your vote.

#### For step-by-step instructions, follow this process:

- 1) Go to our website at [www.npidaho.org](http://www.npidaho.org)
- 2) At the top, right hand side, click on "**Member Area**"
- 3) Enter your primary **email** address (the one you have provided to NPI and receive your NPI emails) – If you attempt several times and are not getting logged in, try a different email address you may have used for NPI membership updates. If you still have difficulty logging in, please call me and we can attempt together. I may have an error in your email address.
- 4) If you have already activated your account, you may use your **password**. *If you have not yet activated your account*, please click on the link to activate located just below the password field. Once you activate, you will receive a return email with a password. This email should come almost immediately after you click to activate. Please check your junk mail filter if it does not come to your inbox. Once you login with the password, you will be given an opportunity to "**Change your Member Details**" and may create a new DESIRED password.
- 5) You will arrive on the **Member Area page** and should have a "Welcome" greeting.
- 6) Please take this chance to review/update your "**Change your Member Details**". *(Your detailed completion of this section is helpful and most appreciated)*. The current password will be the one emailed to you upon activation. You must enter this password in the top field until you enter a desired password below. Be sure you go to the bottom of the page and click the update button to save your updated information and your desired password. When you have done this, the screen should give you a message of success. Then when you login again, you will only need your email and your desired password. You may edit your Member Details at any time using your desired password as your current password.
- 7) Below your "Welcome" greeting, you will see a link for voting. Click on this link and a ballot will come up. In each category, the nominees are listed in random order. If the text of the nominee's name appears in green, then a bio is available. All members should be able to view the bios. Click on the green text of each individual to open a new window and view the bio. Return to the ballot window to place your vote.
- 8) To place your vote, simply click on your selected nominee. Professional members only may vote. *(Student members are considered associate status and therefore may not participate in the voting process per NPI bylaws.)* Each professional member may vote for the Executive Board positions and vote for the Regional Representative in your own region. Please do not vote for each region. Please refer to the region map provided (or return to the home page and click "membership regions" link on the left hand side of the page).
- 9) You may submit a partial vote or return to the voting link and change your vote at any time during the open election. Once the voting has closed, your vote will be permanent.

**Thank You for taking time to VOTE ONLINE!**

**Cook, cont.** (from page 1)

ity to do good.

I am excited to begin my journey as a nurse practitioner in Idaho and serve the people who live here. I hope to become a compassionate provider who takes time to listen to and educate patients. I will strive to achieve my goals, and I believe I can. Becoming a recipient of the Dixi Noh Scholarship would be a great honor and would be greatly appreciated.

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The second area of employment interest is within a wellness-based, primary care clinic that provides evidence-based care that is tailored to the needs of our local community service personnel including firefighters, police officers, and their families. I currently work in this setting as a nurse manager and have witnessed the benefit of wellness programs designed to better prepare these individuals for the rigorous physical and psychological stress they encounter on a daily basis through health promotion, disease prevention, cardiovascular conditioning, dietary instruction, and patient education. As a family nurse practitioner within this setting, I would be involved in providing annual comprehensive examinations, worker's compensation exams and follow up, acute care services, educational programming within the fire and police departments, and family practice services to families and dependents. This area of employment provides an outstanding opportunity to expand my role as a family nurse practitioner in a clinic that has been built on the mission of preventing injury or illness through health promotion and fitness for the people who protect our communities.

I am graciously submitting this scholarship application to the Dixi Noh Scholarship Committee to further support my graduate education as I enter this new season in my professional life.

**Price, cont.** (from page 1)

and meaningful contribution to the Family Nurse Practitioner profession and to those who will need quality and caring medical care in the future.

**Bahadar cont.** (from page 1)

of a Master's Degree in Nursing will enable me to contribute to the profession by improving the health status of the public and ensuring safe, effective quality care while utilizing the skills and specialized knowledge acquired with graduate education.



**2011 NPI Executive Board**

- Beverlee Furner, President*
- Cory Huffine, President-Elect*
- Kate Martin, Vice President*
- Brian Vandendries, Treasurer*
- Valerie Dawidczik, Executive Secretary*
- Roye Ely, Region 1 Representative*
- Cheryl Loetscher, Region 2 Co-Representative*
- Joan Richardson, Region 2 Co-Representative*
- Kristina Unterseher, Region 3 Representative*
- Corinne Slagel, Region 4 Representative*
- Virginia Murphy, Region 5 Representative*

**And**

**2011 Committee Volunteers**

- Conference Committee—Nancy Miller, Co-Chair; Donna Lowther, Co-Chair; Marlene Olson, Tammy Hadfield, Dawn Best*
- Finance Committee—Brian Vandendries, Chair; Maryanne Sims, Janice Neilson*
- Legislative Committee—Kristy Theis, Chair;*
- Marketing/Media Committee—Tammy Hadfield, Chair*
- Membership Committee—Valerie Lee, Chair; Marie Hawkins*
- Scholarship Committee—Sandra Hellman, Chair; Becky Elder, Kelly Pesnell, Verlene Kaiser*

**And**

**NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS**

**And EDUCATIONAL DINNER SPONSORS & SPEAKERS**



**ALL NPI MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31ST.**

NPI membership dues are aligned with the fiscal year according to the bylaws. In previous years, NPI has explored a variety of options for membership dues including expirations in conjunction with the annual fall conference and year-to-date. After a review of the previous processes, it was concluded the most efficient and manageable option for our organization is to return to the fiscal year process. The website will be modified to reflect this change and should take effect before December 31st. Members who have pre-paid for 2012 NPI Membership may experience a slight delay in updating their expiration status to December 31st, 2012. If you have further questions regarding this matter, please send your inquiry to [npi.idaho@gmail.com](mailto:npi.idaho@gmail.com).

Members may renew membership at any time online through the member area of our website ([www.npidaho.org/member-area](http://www.npidaho.org/member-area)). Paypal provides the option to renew for one year or more than one year. Using paypal, members may also choose to use a personal paypal account or a credit card. Payment may also be submitted through postal mail with a check payable to NPI, Inc. and mailed to: NPI, Inc.—5120 W. Overland Rd. # 218, Boise, ID 83705. Another option is to contact the Administrative Secretary with credit card payment information. Currently, this method of payment is an option with Mastercard, Visa and Discover. American Express is pending.

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sity in 2011-12, putting further strain on an already tight budget. Thank you for considering my application. I plan to use my education to benefit the people of Idaho for many years to come.