



# Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners

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## From the Desk of NEONP President Anita Groeschke

Happy New Year to all Nurse Practitioners!

2009 will be exciting because for several reasons. First, we are looking forward to our Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners annual conference. This year, NEONP's conference will be held on Friday, April 24th. Please take a minute now to "save the date" on your calendars.

Also, there are many new Nurse Practitioner graduates for us to welcome and mentor.

In addition, many large providers have just increased their pay rates for NPs; Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Kaiser Permanente, to mention two. Personally, I interviewed with Kaiser as a favor to one of our members. I will be starting in February, and the Nurse Practitioners are going to get the increase they deserve.

All NPs need to back Ohio's House Bill 253 when it is placed before the House again, this year. I have a very brief update below.

Last and not least, I hope you can attend our next NEONP membership meeting on Saturday, January 10th. For details, [click here](#).

## Legislative Update: HB 253 should reach a vote this year

*By Anita Groeschke, NEONP Legislative Representative*

Ohio House Bill 253 was not placed on the House of Representatives floor for a vote before the 2008 session closed in Columbus. The Schedule 2 Advisory Committee and all Nurse Practitioners were encouraging Statehouse Speaker Jon Husted (R-Kettering) to put the bill up for a vote.

Rep. Armond Budish (D-Beachwood) was sworn in this month as the new House Speaker, replacing Rep. Husted who was elected to the Ohio Senate in November. HB 253 will be placed before the House again.

*Please watch for the alerts from OAAPN and then do your part to help with passing this important legislation in 2009.*

## Latest Tip for APNs

*Courtesy of OAAPN*

This latest tip comes by way of the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses and Margaret Clark Graham, PhD, who is on the faculty of Ohio State University's College of Nursing and is a 32-year practicing FNP. She is also certified as a PNP. Dr. Graham is a long-standing OAAPN Legislative Team member.

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**Question:** “I am in the process of changing my practice site. Since I’m already recognized by the Ohio Board of Nursing and hold a Certificate to Prescribe, are there any additional forms I need to complete?”

**Dr. Graham’s Answer:** “Yes, you must inform the Board of Nursing and update them if you change your collaborating physician. The following information is from the OBN website.”

Updating Collaborating Physicians:

Each CNM, CNS or CNP must notify the Board in writing of any changes in collaborating physician(s) within 30 days of the change (Rule 4723-8-04 F, G, Ohio Administrative Code). You may notify the Board of a change in collaborating physician by:

Email: [apn@nursing.ohio.gov](mailto:apn@nursing.ohio.gov)

Fax: 614-466-0388, Attn: APN

U.S. Mail: Ohio Board of Nursing, 17 South High Street, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43220

Include your name, COA number, physician name(s), and the date the change takes effect.

To visit the State of Ohio Board of Nursing’s website to learn more, [click here](#).

## Website Features New Job Opportunities

NEONP.org - Remember that website address! Especially if you or someone you know is “in the market” for a new opportunity in this new year. Why? Because NEONP’s website features the latest part-time and full-time career offerings for Nurse Practitioners in several specialties and healthcare settings.

As this issue goes to press, on NEONP’s website you will find positions located in Greater Cleveland, Lorain, Wooster and the Youngstown area. To review these featured NP positions now, [click here](#).

*If your organization or practice would like to place an online recruitment ad for an advanced practice nurse, email Steve FitzGerald at [steve@neonp.org](mailto:steve@neonp.org) to learn more about advertising with NEONP. Recruitment ads published on our website help us maintain and improve our member services for you, both online and offline.*



## Cheers and Happy New Year from All of Us to You!

Once again, NEONP's annual "Holiday Party" in December was an enjoyable time of good wishes and good cheer for our members and their guests who attended.

Were you one of the paparazzi present at NEONP's Holiday Party? If you have photos you'd like to share, email them to [info@neonp.org](mailto:info@neonp.org). We'll pick the best and publish them on NEONP's website ([neonp.org](http://neonp.org))!



### NEONP's Website:

## It's a Convenient, Secure Way to Pay '09 Membership Dues

Nancy Lyberger of Take Care Health Services and Diane Solderitsch of the William S. Mirando, MD practice know about convenience, security and NEONP.org - they were the first to pay their 2009 membership dues on NEONP's website! Will you be next to renew or join online in this new year? If you are, then you too will appreciate the benefits of saving time, postage and trees.

To pay your 2009 dues now in two secure steps, [click here](#) and follow the easy instructions on NEONP's website. If you are a student or retired NP, there are instructions for you also at the same link above.

## NEONP's 2009 Consumer Directory of NPs

Recent studies of healthcare consumers' behaviors confirm that more and more individuals are going online to find local, qualified primary and specialty healthcare suitable for all ages and health conditions.

That's why NEONP is publishing its online "Consumer Healthcare Directory of Nurse Practitioners" on its website at [neonp.org](http://neonp.org).

The 2009 directory helps consumers locate listings of NPs who are NEONP members in good standing.

To review the Directory now, [click here](#).

Are you listed in the Consumer Healthcare Director of NPs yet? Would you like to be? A Directory listing is another free benefit of being a member of the Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners in 2009!

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## How to Contact NEONP's 2009 Leadership

There are three ways to contact officers, board members and committee chairs of the Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners. One, (and the fastest way), you can send an email to [info@neonp.org](mailto:info@neonp.org) and it will be routed quickly.

Two, you may leave a message (and check for recorded membership meeting updates) by calling 216-556-5892.

Third, you may write to our USPS mailing address: Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners, Post Office Box 688, Twinsburg, OH 44087.

**President Anita Groeschke**  
**President-Elect Kathleen Scott**  
**Treasurer and Membership Chair Christine Suchan**  
**Secretary Robert Cook**  
**Past President Barbara Kurent**  
**Annual Conference Co-Chairs Karen Brenner and Christine Suchan**  
**Legislative & OAAPN Representative Anita Groeschke**  
**Marketing Committee Co-Chairs Sandra Jorgensen and Diane Solderitsch**  
**Program Committee Co-Chairs Nancy Lyberger and Lucy Thomas**  
**Scholarship and NP of the Year Committee Chair Patricia Summers**

For information about NEONP's website ([neonp.org](http://neonp.org)), our newsletter or to learn more about online recruitment advertising with NEONP, please email **Steve FitzGerald** by [clicking here](#).

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