

FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS  
OPERATING GUIDELINES  
2023

I. Name

The name of this program shall be Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP), it shall be referred to as the AANP Fellows Program, or Fellows Program, in these operating guidelines and other official documents.

II. Authority

The AANP Fellows Program is a program within the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and reports directly to the AANP Board of Directors who is the authoritative governing body of the AANP Fellows Program. The Fellows Operating Guidelines will be in accordance with all AANP policies.

III. Purpose

The purpose of the AANP Fellows Program is to advance the mission and strategic goals of the AANP by engaging Fellows who have expertise in clinical practice, research, education, leadership, or policy.

IV. Membership

Section 1. Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP):

1. Are nurse practitioners who have been inducted as members of the FAANP.
2. Are members in good standing with the AANP and FAANP.
3. Meet ethical expectations set by AANP, in accordance with AANP Ethics Policy.

Section 2. Individuals who are not in good standing with either FAANP or AANP forfeit all rights under the Fellows Program, including status as a Fellow, and are precluded from:

1. Using the “FAANP” designation.
2. Holding office, serving on committees, voting, or sponsoring applicants in the FAANP.

Section 3. A reinstatement fee will be imposed in addition to their annual membership dues for individuals who fail to maintain their current membership.

Section 4. Retired Fellows: Fellows who have retired will retain FAANP membership rights if they maintain AANP and FAANP membership dues at a retired reduced rate.

Section 5. Honorary Fellow: The designation of Honorary Fellow will honor an extraordinary non-nurse practitioner for exceptional and sustained contributions in one or more of the following areas: practice, education, policy, leadership, and research. The Honorary Fellow is

entitled: non-voting honorary associate membership in AANP; non-voting honorary membership in FAANP; ability to use the designation “FAANP (H)”; no obligation to pay dues.

## V. Dues

Section 1. Membership in the AANP must be maintained.

Section 2. The EC shall set the amount of FAANP annual membership and induction fees.

Section 3. Fellows for whom the dues present a financial hardship may apply to the EC for consideration for a dues waiver on an annual basis.

## VI. Annual Meeting

Section 1. There shall be a minimum of one annual business meeting of the FAANP.

## VII. Executive Committee

Section 1. The EC will consist of the Chair, Chair–Elect or Immediate Past Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, two Members-at-Large, Chair of Selection Committee, Chair of Nomination Committee. The AANP Board Liaison and AANP Staff Liaison serve as non-voting members of the Executive Committee. The Chair-Elect shall accede to the office of Chair.

a. A simple majority of the EC constitutes a quorum.

Section 2. No individual will hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms; no individual shall serve on the EC in any elected position for more than eight years.

Section 3. Members of the EC will uphold the highest professional, ethical and legal standards and shall fulfill the functions of their office. The FAANP EC is dually accountable to the AANP Board of Directors and FAANP members.

Section 4. Fellows are not eligible to hold an EC position if they are currently a member of the AANP Board of Directors or serve on the AANP Nominating Council. Fellows may not run for both EC and AANP BOD/Nomination Council positions for the same term.

### Section 5. Chair (2-year term)

The Chair presides over meetings of the AANP Fellows and the EC, appoints individual Fellows to do special projects to further the work of the FAANP, appoint ad hoc committees, be an ex-officio member of all committees and represent the FAANP as needed. The chair shall cast a vote only in situations where there is a tie.

### Section 6. Chair-Elect (1-year term)

The Chair-Elect assumes the duties of the Chair should the Chair be absent or unable to serve and assume other duties as assigned by the Chair.

### Section 7. Past Chair (1-year term)

The Immediate Past Chair serves for one year and assumes the duties of the Chair should the Chair be absent or unable to serve.

#### Section 8. Secretary (2-year term)

The Secretary keeps a record of proceedings from all meetings of the EC.

#### Section 9. Treasurer (2-year term)

The treasurer oversees the preparation of the annual budget, presents the budget annually to the Fellows membership and oversee the implementation of the budget.

#### Section 10. Members-at-large (2-year term)

There are two at-large members of the EC who represent the AANP Fellows as a whole.

### VIII. Elections

Elections will occur on an annual basis. The Nomination Committee will be elected by the members.

### IX. Fulfillment of Elected Position

Section 1. If there is not a nominee for an open position, the EC will appoint a replacement by majority vote subject to the qualification requirements for such position as set forth by these operating guidelines to fill the position for the term.

Section 2. Any individual elected to office who cannot fulfill the duties of that office can be replaced with approval by the EC.

### X. Committees

Section 1. There are two standing committees elected by the FAANP membership, Selection Committee and Nomination Committee.

#### Section 2. Ad hoc Committees

Ad hoc committees are appointed by the FAANP Chair for a specific purpose or task.