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AANPCB ANNUAL REPORT



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By providing excellence in testing and certification for nurse practitioners, AANPCB operates as an ethical and professional organization, embodying the organizational values and principles of:

QUALITY

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

RESPONSIVENESS

AANPCB Vision: Nurse practitioners meet the highest standards of excellence and competence to support quality care and optimal health outcomes.

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LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER CHAIR & CEO

Dear Nurse Practitioner colleagues,

This annual report highlights our 2022 activities and outcomes. You will see much was accomplished!

We began the year with launching a **Strategic Plan** initiative and completed the discovery phase by April, which involved surveying all AANPCB Certificants. Thank you to the over 16,000 NPs who responded. We also obtained input from our staff and external stakeholder groups that included representatives from state boards of nursing, NP faculty, advanced practice certifiers, accreditors, and other certification industry partners. The data collected provide a sound base for assessment and evaluation of our current programs and processes, as well as evidence for setting direction for future growth.

The message received from all groups was overwhelmingly positive and consistent. AANPCB is known for its high-quality clinical focused competency-based exams, efficient processing of applications, and professional, caring staff. These qualities are embodied in our updated **Core Values of Quality, Integrity, Respect, and Responsiveness**. The Board of Commissioners also incorporated input into a renewed **AANPCB Vision** statement: **Nurse practitioners meet the highest standards of excellence and competence to support quality care and optimal health outcomes.**

Survey responses indicated 95% of AANPCB certificants were satisfied with our existing certification and recertification processes. However, many reported concerns about being able to maintain certification in the future. A task force was established and charged with reviewing current standards for maintaining and demonstrating ongoing competence for practice. The outcome of this work resulted in revisions to the Recertification criteria that reflect the scope of clinically focused roles available to NPs today, such as educator, administrator, and researcher in addition to the traditional clinician role. The changes also include new mechanisms to reactivate an expired certification. Updates to the **AANPCB Recertification Criteria in 2023** are summarized in this report.

Another key highlight of 2022 was the Board approval of the **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification program**. The launch of the first PMHNP examinations are targeted for release in 2024.

Lastly, we also looked forward to recognizing our 30-year anniversary of certifying NPs. We hope to see you in 2023 and share our 'Thank You NP-Cs' celebration events.

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2022 AANPCB CONFERENCE EXHIBITS

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Doctoral Education Conference
 International Society of Psychiatric Nurses
 National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) Spring Conference
 American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) National Conference
 National Nurse Practitioner (NNP) Conference
 American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Fall Conference
 Texas Nurse Practitioners (TNP) Conference
 American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) Conference

NEW FOR 2023 | UPDATED PROGRAM REPORTS

AANPCB provides annual aggregate score reports to universities and colleges that have candidates sitting for the Family NP, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP, or Emergency (Specialty) NP certification examinations.

In 2022, the total number of 1st time exam attempts by your program graduates was added to the report, which clarifies how many of the total attempts were 1st time attempts, along with the number that passed on the 1st attempt.

NEW in 2023, candidates can now opt-in to share their individual pass/no pass results with their NP program. Exam results for candidates who opt-in during 2023 will be available 2024 in the [Faculty Portal](#).

The AANPCB Faculty Portal allows your program's Primary Contact to access current and prior program reports and enter updates, such as NP curricula changes and faculty contact information. If you have questions about your university's online portal account, email certification@aanpcert.org.



AANPCB EXPANDS RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT OPTIONS

To better fit the scope of clinically focused roles available to nurse practitioners today, AANPCB updated recertification requirements by practice and CE effective April 1, 2023. To qualify for recertification by practice and CE, a certificant must complete a minimum of 1,000 practice hours as a nurse practitioner in the population-focus of their certification, within their 5-year certification period. Eligible practice hours now include not only the role of direct patient care, but also administrative, educational, and research roles. Guidelines for each role include:

DIRECT PATIENT CARE duties can include direct patient care and faculty clinical supervision of NP students. Telehealth and volunteer practice are included.

ADMINISTRATIVE duties involve overseeing and interacting with advanced practice providers and/or faculty.

EDUCATION includes clinical supervision and/or didactic teaching in an NP program or providing education to advanced practice providers in other settings.

RESEARCH must be outcomes related and patient driven. Activities include QI, evidence-based science, and practice innovation.

PATH TO REACTIVATE AN EXPIRED CERTIFICATION

Certification is limited to 5 years. If you miss submitting your recertification application before your certification expiration, AANPCB has developed a process to reactivate your expired certification. Email certification@aanpcert.org for an Expired Certification Application by CE & Practice or an Expired Certification Application by Exam*. If your recertification expiration date is greater than 60 days, additional practice hours & CE will be required. Applications may also be subject to a late fee.

*Certifications with expirations greater than 5 years are not eligible for reactivation.

Additional information can be found at aanpcert.org and in our [Recertification Handbook](#). For questions regarding these changes, please email certification@aanpcert.org.

PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NP (PMHNP-C) EXAMINATION

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) is developing a certification examination for the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, with an estimated launch date of 2024.

There are many steps in developing a competency-based examination and AANPCB will need the support of PMHNPs. If you are a PMHNP and are willing to serve as a subject matter expert for future item writing or exam activities, please visit our [Subject Matter Expert webpage](#) to submit your interest.

TO OUR SME VOLUNTEERS:

Subject matter expert volunteers are crucial to the certification development process. AANPCB certification exams are reviewed annually and rely on input from experienced clinicians in the profession to maintain valid, up-to-date source material. The success of subject matter contributions depends on the active participation of NPs from a wide range of practice settings, at different career stages, and from across the country.

We would like to thank all the nurse practitioners who joined us in 2022 to review our exams and who helped begin the development of our new psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner certification program.

THANK YOU!

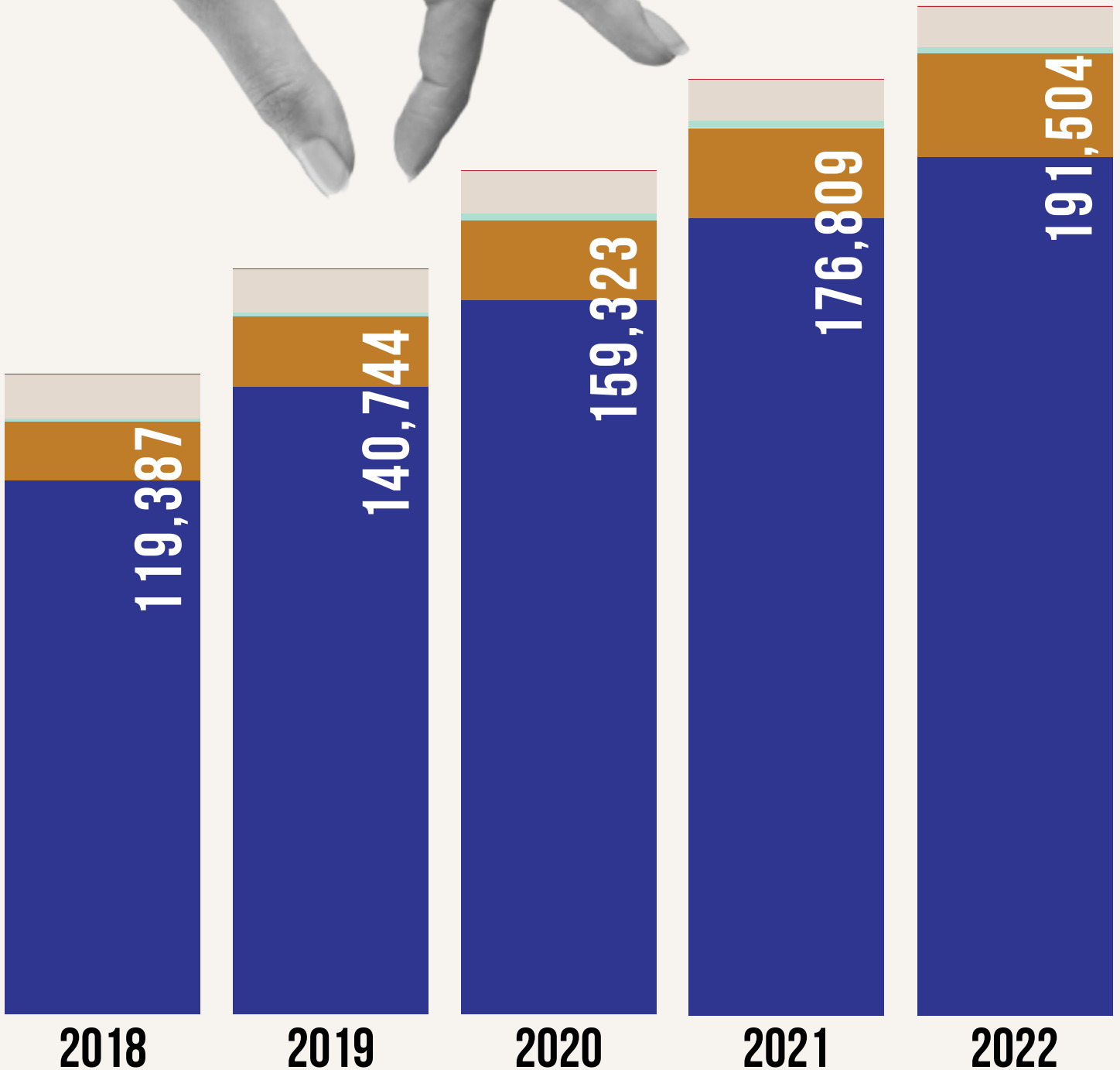
*If you are interested in expanding your experience as a subject matter expert and would like to participate in certification exam development, **follow the QR code to submit your interest!***



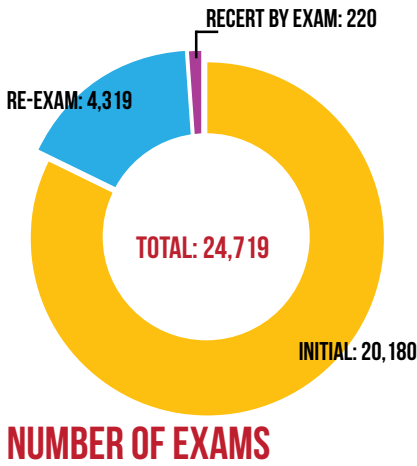
CERTIFICATION GROWTH

Total active AANPCB certifications by year.

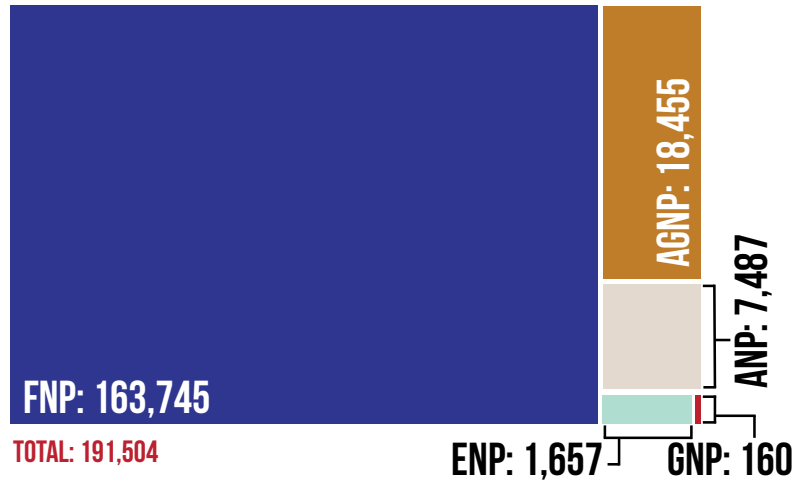
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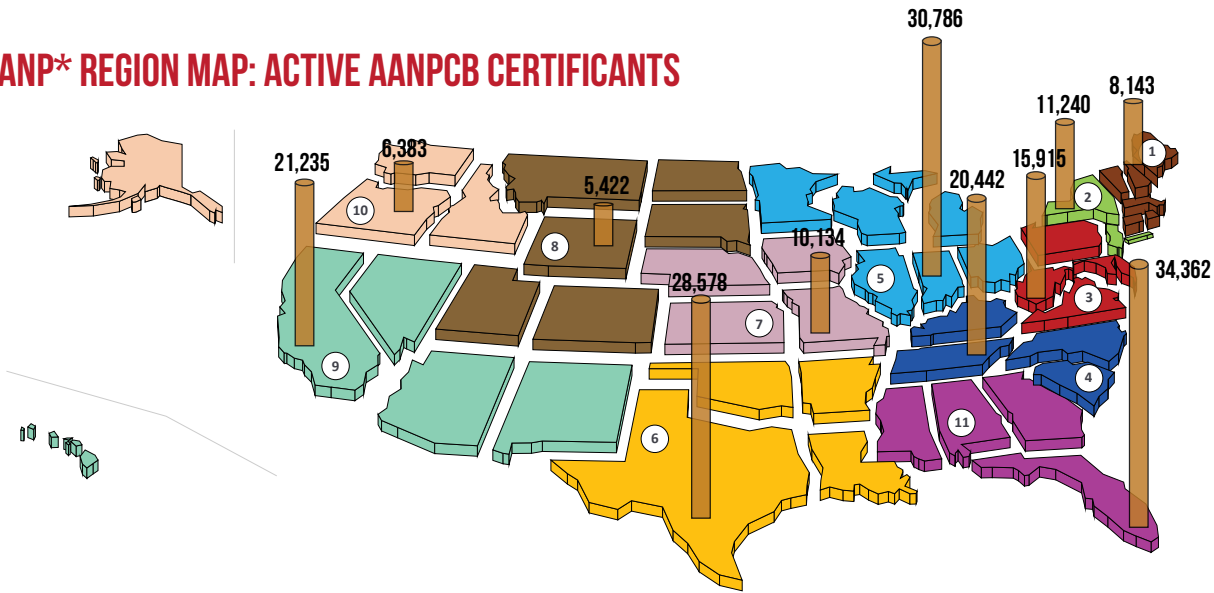
AANPCB AT A GLANCE



CERTIFICATIONS BY SPECIALTY



AANP* REGION MAP: ACTIVE AANPCB CERTIFICANTS



NATIONAL PASS RATE REPORT

This Pass Rate Report indicates the standardized score performance for all 2022 Family NP, Adult-Gerontology NP, and Emergency NP national certification examinations. Standard scores permit comparison of the performance among individuals taking the same certification examination. This report reflects exams taken 01/01/2022-12/31/2022.

EMERGENCY NP EXAM

Total Test Standard Score

% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower

700 and above	99
680	93
660	89
640	76
620	68
600	59
580	47
560	33
540	26
520	21
500	13
480	10

Total ENP Pass Rate 87%

1ST TIME EXAMS: PASS RATE 89%

FAMILY NP EXAM

Total Test Standard Score

% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower

700 and above	97
680	94
660	90
640	85
620	77
600	69
580	62
560	53
540	47
520	38
500	30
480	26

Total FNP Pass Rate 70%

1ST TIME EXAMS: PASS RATE 75%

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY NP EXAM

Total Test Standard Score

% of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower

700 and above	92
680	87
660	81
640	73
620	66
600	59
580	52
560	45
540	38
520	30
500	23
480	19

Total AGNP Pass Rate 77%

1ST TIME EXAMS: PASS RATE 83%

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AGNP-C Adult-Gerontology NP

ENP-C Emergency NP

FNP-C Family NP

GNP-C Gerontologic NP

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Only individuals who have met the standards, qualifications, testing requirements, and maintenance of certification requirements established by AANPCB may use this mark. NPs who allow their AANPCB certification to expire may not use the NP-C credential and may not represent themselves as being certified by AANPCB.

IN 2023 AANPCB CELEBRATES OUR 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!



At the time AANPCB was established in 1993, there were an estimated 27,000 nurse practitioners in the United States, a number that has grown to 355,000; AANPCB celebrates not only our 30-year anniversary of certifying nurse practitioners, but also reaching a total of 200,000 active AANPCB certifications.

Accredited by ABSNC and NCCA, we are known for our excellence in competency-based clinical NP examinations. AANPCB maintains a 94% recertification rate and has a 95% in certificants' overall satisfaction. Look for us at conferences throughout 2023 as we celebrate these milestones.

Check out the inaugural issue of the CONNECTION, AANPCB's digital newsletter. Read the latest changes to certification and recertification, lend your expertise to our affiliated organizations by completing short informational surveys, and check out the conferences and events we will be attending in 2023!

Join us at the 2023 AANP National Conference this June in New Orleans. We will be marking our Big 30 in the Big Easy on Wednesday, June 21. Please see the advertisement below for more details. Everyone is welcome!

The Connection! →



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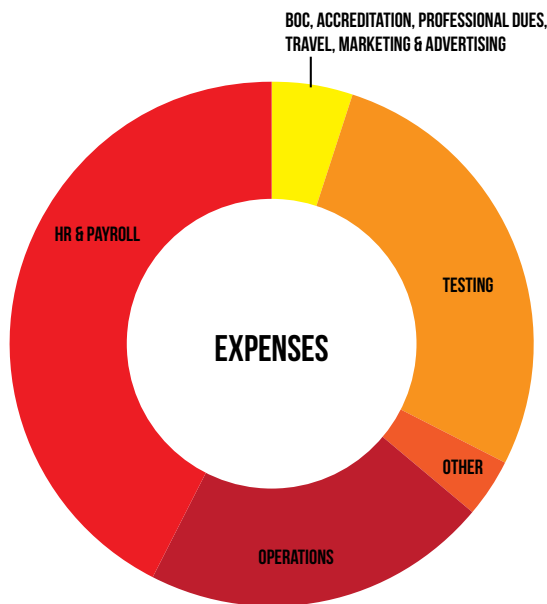
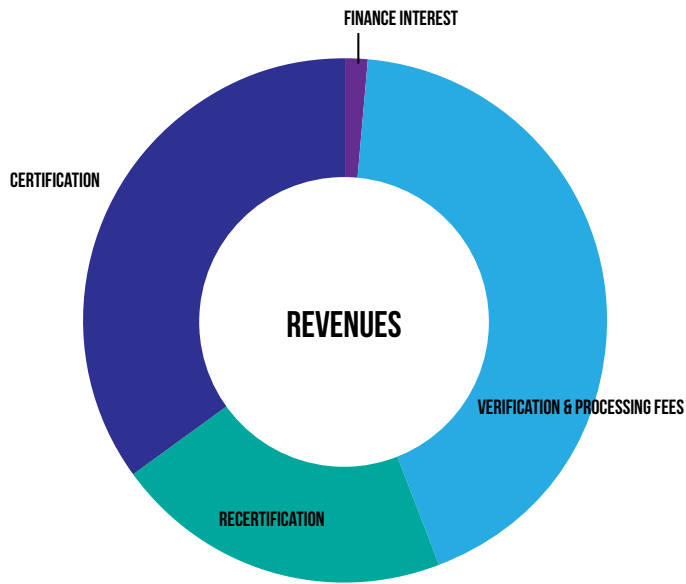
2023 AANP National Conference



Morial Convention Center • Rm 260-262 • Wednesday • June 21, 2023 • 5:00-6:30 PM

Drinks & Hors d'oeuvres • Music & Entertainment

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



OUTLOOK FOR 2023

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) budgeted projections for 2023 remain conservative. Revenue sources are primarily from certification examinations, employer verification, and recertification fees. Cost associated with exam development and administration (testing service fees) remains one of our greatest expenses. 2022 experienced a growth in HR & Payroll as AANPCB brought on additional staff to meet certification demand.

This statement represents an unaudited income statement report for the fiscal year ending 12/31/22.

ACCREDITATION



[ABSNC](#) provides a peer-review mechanism that allows nursing certification organizations to obtain accreditation of their certification programs by demonstrating compliance with the highest quality standards available in the industry.



[NCCA](#), the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) accrediting body, serves to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public through the accreditation of certification programs and organizations that assess professional competence. Accreditation by NCCA indicates AANPCB's compliance with the NCCA Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs.

AFFILIATIONS



[American Association of Nurse Practitioners \(AANP\)](#) is the largest full-service national professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties.



[American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners \(AAENP\)](#) promotes high quality, evidence-based practice for NPs providing emergency care for patients of all ages and acuities in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team.



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2023 COMMISSIONERS

The 2022 Commissioner election was held October 15-29, 2022. AANPCB is pleased to announce Josie A. Weiss, PhD, FNP-BC, PPCNP-BC, ANP-BC, FAANP (FL), who has been reelected to the board, and Lorraine M. Reiser, PhD, CRNP, FNP-C, FAANP (ME) will serve as commissioners beginning January 1, 2023. They will represent Family Nurse Practitioners for a 3-year term.

AANPCB would like to express gratitude to Dixie L. Harms, DNP, ARNP, FNP-C, BC-ADM, FAANP, whose term ended on December 31, 2022, for her years of service to our nurse practitioners and certifying board.



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