

Schnese Williams, CPNP-AC



Texas Houston Chapter

Candidate for Member-at-large

PERSONAL STATEMENT

As NAPNAP continues to evolve and expand its reach, I am inspired by the opportunity to help shape its next chapter. I believe in the strength of our members, the importance of innovation and the impact of collective leadership. My professional and personal experiences have uniquely prepared me to contribute to the organization's ongoing growth and success.

I previously served on the national board as a member-at-large during the COVID-19 pandemic—a challenging time when traditional networking and conference opportunities were limited. Even under those circumstances, I remained committed to supporting chapters and members through creative engagement and encouragement. Combined with my service on other organizational boards, I bring experience in governance, strategic planning and member engagement that I believe will continue to benefit NAPNAP.

My vision in previous roles has been focused on the theme of REACH—Reconnect, Engage, Advance, Collaborate and Honor. I aim to reconnect with members by strengthening communication and engagement and by continuing the efforts of offering educational opportunities for those interested in national and chapter leadership. Supporting mentorship initiatives is also a priority. I will work to advance collaboration within NAPNAP and the broader community through innovative outreach opportunities, including a national day of service for chapters to establish meaningful partnerships that strengthen our profession. Lastly, I want to encourage chapters to honor the contributions of advanced practice providers and envision an annual event that promotes networking, recognition and visibility beyond the organization.

My leadership philosophy is rooted in transformational, democratic and servant leadership. I believe effective leadership begins with genuine connection—listening, valuing diverse perspectives and fostering collaboration. I focus on building relationships and maintaining morale because teams perform best when they feel supported and included in decision-making.

I bring strategic thinking to leadership by aligning initiatives with organizational goals and reviewing frameworks such as NAPNAP's Strategic Plan to ensure actions support the organization's mission and long-term objectives. My ability to synthesize information, identify trends and anticipate future needs allows me to contribute meaningfully to Executive Board discussions, policy development, chapter support and member engagement.

If elected, I will dedicate my experience, energy and vision to advancing NAPNAP's mission, supporting our members and strengthening our collective impact. I am committed to promoting education, fostering collaboration and serving our communities, and I am eager to contribute to NAPNAP's continued success.

NAPNAP INVOLVEMENT

2022-Present: Committee Member, Membership Committee
2023-2025: President, Houston Area Chapter
2022-2023: Legislative chair, Houston Area Chapter
2019-2021: Member-at-large, Executive Board
2018-2019: Program Co-Chair, Houston Area Chapter
2013-2015: Vice President/CE Co-Chair, Georgia Chapter

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019-Present: Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Texas Children's Hospital – Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (Level II)
2015-2019: Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Texas Children's Hospital – Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
2013-2014: Ascend Pediatric Neurology

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2024-Present: Doctor of Nursing Practice (Accelerated DNP Program), University of Texas at Arlington
2008: Master of Science in Nursing – Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, University of Alabama at Birmingham
2003: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Columbus State University