



**North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association  
2019 Election of Officers**

**Only active NDNPA members may vote**

**Secretary (vote for 1)**

Jenn Vandal

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**Jenn Vandal, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC**

As a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, Jenn Vandal provides comprehensive care to patients of all age groups with acute and chronic conditions. Her areas of interest include pediatrics, women's health, community and public health, and preventative care.

**Education and Training:** Jenn obtained her Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) from the Minot State University in Minot, ND. She obtained her Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) as a Family Nurse Practitioner from University of Mary in Bismarck, ND.

**Certification:** Jenn is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center certification program. She passed the examination that accredits her as a Board-Certified Family Nurse Practitioner. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American Nurses Credentialing Center, and North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association.

**Interests and Activities:** Jenn is married with one young son and one Weimaraner dog. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, going to the lake, reading, and having new adventures.

**Candidate for President Elect  
(vote for 1)**

- Leah Neugebauer
- Nicolee Roesler



**Leah Neugebauer, FNP-C, WHNP-BC**

Leah is serving her second term with the NDNPA as Secretary and would enjoy moving into the President-Elect position. She attended the MedCenter One College of Nursing in Bismarck, ND where she earned her BSN in 2005. In 2010, she completed an MSN with a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner specialization from the University of Cincinnati. Leah decided to further broaden her scope of practice shortly thereafter, earning a Family Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate from Saint Joseph's College of Maine in 2013. Upon passing boards, she began to work full time with Indian Health Services in Fort Yates where she took pride in helping the underserved population for 5 years. Currently, Leah is working at Mid Dakota Clinic in Bismarck, as a part of the Internal Medicine Department.

She is a member of the NDNPA, AANP, NPWH, and the National Health Service Corps. Leah is married to her high school sweetheart, Brice, and lives in Mandan, ND on the beautiful Missouri with their daughter and two sons. She enjoys spending time with her family & friends on the river, crafting, cooking, and doing yoga.



**Nicholee Roesler, DNP, FNP-C**

Nicholee Roesler is a DNP at Sanford in Fargo, ND. She graduated with honors in 2012 from NDSU with her BSN, and again from NDSU in 2016 with her DNP. While in graduate school, Nicholee was an honor student with Sigma Theta Tau and Phi Kappa Phi, and was the elected graduate student at the NDSU FORWARD (Focus on Resources for Women's Advancement, Recruitment/Retention, and Development) program. Prior to her NP experience, she worked at Sanford Health in Fargo at urgent care and as an inpatient nurse in the clinical decision unit. Throughout Nicholee's career, she has been an advocate for nurse practitioners, constantly striving to improve the profession, a clinical preceptor to several nurse practitioner students, and involved in NP advancement committees. At NDSU, she was the co-founder and vice president of the Graduate Nursing Association. She was also the nursing representative at the NDSU Graduate Student Council. At Sanford, she is a member of the Advance Practice Provider Committee, among several other committees. Her involvement includes practice improvement, social networking, and APP advancement. Nicholee also lectured at the first annual Sanford CME Conference for APPs last winter. She has been a member of AANP and NDNPA for the last 6 years. Nicholee is married to her husband, Neil, and together they have one daughter. In her free time she enjoys sports, running, reading, and long walks with her Great Dane, Kora

**The following are Candidates for Members at Large:**

**Member at Large (vote for 2)**

- Cori Randal**
- Amanda Schmidt**
- Sara Wiedrich**
- Dean Gross**



**Cori Randal, FNP-C**

Undergraduate: Associates in Nursing- LPN, NDSCS, Wahpeton ND 1999; Bachelor of Science in Nursing- RN University of Mary, Bismarck ND 2002

Graduate: University of Mary, Bismarck ND Masters of Science in Nursing Education 2015; Maryville University, St. Louis, MO Certificate Family Nurse Practitioner 2018

Certifications: Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Basic Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitative Practices, Advanced Burn Life Support, Certified Emergency Room Nurse; Advance Trauma Life Support; Trauma Nurse Core Certification; Aesthetic Medical Educators Training in Botox and Juvaderm injectables; Dermatology for the Non-Dermatologist continuing education by USF Health University of South Florida; Training in Restylane and Dysport fillers and injectables.

Current employment: Ashley Medical Center, Ashley ND and St. Luke's Medical Center, Crosby, ND

My Idea of Care: I believe in individualizing care to every patient. Listening to their story and what they value for their health is very important to me as a provider. My goal is to provide the best care possible to each and every patient.

Interests: Family, pets, travel.

Why I want to serve on the NDNPA board:

I firmly believe in a lifetime of service. I also believe that it is important for nurse practitioners to continually advance the profession and educate themselves to provide the highest standards of care of our patients. The NDNPA is vital as a voice for the Nurse Practitioners in our state and helping to provide professional advice and education. I would to be a part of serving our state as a member on the NDNPA board.



**Amanda Schmidt MSN, FNP**

My name is Amanda Schmidt. I am currently working at the Washburn Family Clinic along with the Turtle Lake Community Memorial Hospital. I also work part-time at Dermacare clinic in Bismarck. I obtained my MSN family nurse practitioner degree from the University of Mary in 2015. I am certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners as a family nurse practitioner. My professional nurse practitioner experiences include psychiatry, family practice, emergency care, rural health care, and most recently aesthetics. I am a board member of the North Dakota Board of Integrative Health Care. I am interested in the at large position for the North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association because it is important to me to remain involved in developing nursing policy and best practices while advancing the profession of nurse practitioner



**Sara Wiedrich, FNP-C, CDE**

Sara Wiedrich is a family nurse practitioner who specializes in the management of diabetes at the CHI St Alexius Heart and Lung Clinic. She has special interest in insulin pump therapy and continuous glucose monitoring as well as the overall management of both type 1, type 2 diabetes, and diabetes in pregnancy.

Sara obtained her Masters of Science in Nursing from the University of Mary in 2012. She is certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association and the American Diabetes Association.

Sara lives in Bismarck ND with her husband Jesse and 2 boys, Cole and Mason.



**Dean Gross, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC**

I am a lifelong resident of North Dakota. I have been the NDSU DNP/FNP Program Director since 2001. Education: University of Mary, BSN 1982; University of Kentucky MSN/FNP, 1987; Rush University, PhD 1998. After graduation I returned to Fargo and took a position at NDSU as an Assistant Professor. I have been with NDSU since 1987 except for a three-year period at UND where I coordinated the NP program. In 2001 I was hired to develop the NDSU FNP curriculum and direct the NP program. I practiced as a RN 1982 in the ICU/ ED until 1987. In the fall of 1987 I was hired as a nursing faculty member at NDSU and started as a FNP one day a week in Ulen, MN. I have continued my rural NP practice in Ulen for over 30 years; the clinical practice has allowed me to keep current of what is expected on the NP in a rural site. In addition, my practice has allowed me to precept NP students one day per week. I have been an active member on the NDNPA pharmacy planning committee since 2012, served one term as member at large 2013-2016, 2 years as publicity chair (2016-2018) and now serving a one-year term (2018-2019) as a member at large to replace a member who stepped down.

Thank you for considering me for the position of member-at-large. The NP role has been a passion of mine for nearly 35 years. I hope I am given the opportunity to continue my contribution to the state organization.

Member of NDNPA, AANP, and National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties

I am married (Carla), have three children, and have coached soccer for 20 years.

**The following are Candidates for Treasurer**

**Candidates for Treasurer (vote for 1)**



**Stacie Olson (incumbent)**

Stacie Olson DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC is an adult psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner who graduated from the University of North Dakota's Psych Nurse Practitioner program, Grand Forks, in 2010. She is working currently at UND's Student Health Service Clinic, Grand Forks, ND. She works in a primary care clinic with an integrated care model with several primary care providers. She focuses on mental health evaluation, psychotropic medication management, case consultation, and mental health wellness for students on a college campus. She teaches fulltime at Frontier University in an online graduate Psychiatric Mental Health NP program. She graduated in 2014 from Duquesne University with her doctorate degree. Her DNP project focused on teaching licensed addiction counselors about suicide assessment. Before becoming a nurse practitioner, Stacie graduated from UND with her BSN in 1995 and worked in various nursing capacities including: hospital medical & psychiatric inpatient, public health, jail health, school health, chemical dependency, and outpatient mental health services.

Stacie has interests in chemical dependency, suicide, and working with graduate psychiatric NPs to advance the number of psychiatric NPs in rural areas through providing more preceptor relationships with various agencies. She works for the NLN CNEA as an on-site accreditation evaluator. She is an AACN LANP (Leadership for Academic Nursing Program) 2018 Fellow. She has served as treasurer for Sigma Theta Tau local chapter in Grand Forks, ND.

Stacie and her family have lived in North Dakota almost their entire lives, and in Grand Forks for 30 years. Stacie is interested in continuing to work with the ND NPA board and has served as the treasurer for the past 2 years. She would like to renew her position as treasurer for ND NPA with encouragement from colleagues and continued collaboration with other professionals on the board. She would like to represent the Psych Mental Health NP field in this state organization.



**Mykell Barnacle DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC**

Mykell Barnacle received her bachelor's degree from Concordia College in Moorhead and DNP/FNP from NDSU in 2008. She has worked as an ED RN for five years, and since graduating as an NP has had a variety of roles, including working as an NP in internal medicine and urgent care (current practice). She also worked as Director of Operations at a pharmaceutical research company, gaining interesting and important experience in management. She has been teaching in NDSU's BSN and DNP programs since 2012, and has a strong interest in NP education and advocacy. Research interests include health promotion, rural practice, and NP education/precepting. Mykell is married to Jesse, and they have four children.

Member of NDNPA, AANP, and National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties

I am interested in serving on the board to enhance the important role that high-quality nurse practitioners have in healthcare.