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NPAC Advocacy Update: Engagement with the ICN NP/APN Network

In December, 2025, NPAC formally wrote to the ICN NP/APN Network and Organizing Committee to express our continued support for global collaboration and international knowledge exchange, while also raising important concerns related to member safety, accessibility, and inclusion in light of the ongoing and evolving situation in the United States.

Our advocacy reflects feedback from Canadian nurse practitioners who are experiencing barriers to travel and participation, including concerns related to personal safety, funding and visa restrictions, recognition of professional qualifications, and the ability to maintain psychological and cultural safety while attending international conferences.

Grounded in our values of dignity, inclusion, person-centredness, and safety, NPAC has asked for leadership and partnership in ensuring global conferences remain accessible and professionally affirming for all nurse practitioners. Specifically, we have encouraged the expansion of robust virtual participation options, consideration of future conference locations that better reflect global equity commitments, and clear assurances regarding how safety and inclusion will be upheld for all attendees.

Our intent is to ensure that nurse practitioners can participate meaningfully and safely. NPAC remains committed to advancing nurse practitioner practice globally and to working collaboratively with international partners to ensure our professional gatherings reflect the values we uphold in practice every day.