

**Report from APN Special Practice Group of the NNA  
Southern District  
Fall, 2009**

The Southern Chapter has had a busy year in 2009.

New elections were held for the executive board on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2009. There was strong interest in getting all of the positions filled and the board was elected.

Tomas C. Walker APN was elected for the position of Co-Chair/

Blanca J. Reyes APN was elected as Treasurer.

Marie Mitchell APN was elected as the Secretary.

Paula Hutchison APN was elected as our Education Coordinator.

Meetings have been held on a monthly basis. Attendance has been averaging 25-30 per meeting this year. Topics covered by the Special Practice Group have included Osteoporosis, Hypertension and Lipid Management, Neuropathic Pain, new thoughts in Oral contraceptive use, HPV Vaccinations and Hepatitis C related liver disease.

There have been a few political issues that we have had to deal with this year. Including the interpretation by the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association to disallow physical/Sports/School exams to be performed by Nurse Practitioners and PA-C. Additionally there were legislative issues to evaluate and we were given support and notification by the Nevada Nurse Association on topics of interest to us that were in front of the legislature. Overall it was a fairly quiet legislative session with only a few items of interest for APN community as a whole. The medical community was able to defeat a motion by the trial lawyers to overturn caps on malpractice awards in an effort to continue to control malpractice insurance costs.