

MONTHLY UPDATE

NABIP OKLAHOMA CITY

PROMOTING ETHICAL PRACTICES AND INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE



NABIP OKC is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the public by promoting the activities and ethical conduct of insurance professionals through communication, continuing education and increasing industry knowledge and influencing legislation.

REMINDERS:

CAPCON is just around the corner, Don't forget to register. Register Here - Click [Here](#)

CE PRESENTATION:

Don't forget to sign up for the February Monthly member meeting to receive an hour of CE credit! Register Today - Click [Here](#)

NEW MEMBERS

We are always wanting our membership to grow. Bring someone with you to the next meeting!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

————— J O D I C O O P E R —————

Happy New Year!

Welcome to a new year, and applause for surviving another Q4. I hope you were able to carve out some time for self-care and family. If not, please work some in soon. I look forward to resuming our monthly meetings. Thanks to everyone for being flexible this month with the inclement weather that arrived the day of our membership CE meeting. As a board, we realized we should improve our infrastructure with a Policy/Procedure for inclement weather. We are in Oklahoma after all, so I feel lucky we haven't needed one before now. For those who pre-paid for the January lunch and CE, we will apply the credit to your next enrollment.

As we divulge into 2025, our association has some great activities on the near horizon.

- February 3, 2025 – Oklahoma Legislative Session begins
 - o Dig your heels in for a crazy ride that comes with all the new bills being introduced
- February 11, 2025 - State Chamber's Legislative Reception & Dinner
- February 13, 2025 – NABIP Oklahoma City luncheon and CE
 - o CE: Estate Planning, Trust and Wills
- February 23-26 – Capitol Conference, DC
 - o 2025 CapCon will have the most OKC delegates in attendance ever
- March 11, 2025 – Monthly Meeting/Day at the Capitol
- April 10, 2025 – Annual Symposium
- April 14, 2025 – DEIB Event

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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I am looking forward to the second half of our board year and know you will be an integral part of making all events a success!

Take care of yourself and get outside for a few minutes every day. If the sun isn't shining on your face, close your eyes and take a few deep breaths of fresh air.

"According to scientific research, spending time outdoors daily can significantly improve mental and physical health by reducing stress, boosting mood, improving cognitive function, lowering blood pressure, and providing access to vitamin D from sunlight; essentially acting as a natural stress reliever with various benefits for overall well-being". Be well!

Jodi Cooper
President, NABIP Oklahoma City



FEBRUARY CE

FEBRUARY MEETING

We will talking about: Estate Planning, Trusts, and Wills.

Join us for a very interesting and informative presentation about estate planning, trusts, and wills.



Jandra Cox, Attorney, will discuss common mistakes, considerations, and thought-provoking stories. These fascinating examples are sure to enlighten and entertain!

Jandra Cox received her bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and her law degree from the University of Oklahoma. At OU, she received the American Jurisprudence Award in Legal Research & Writing, was named Champion in the College of Law's Freshman Moot Court Competition and served as a research and writing instructor for first-year law students. While in law school, she worked for the law firm of Norman & Edem in Oklahoma City and the District Attorney for Payne and Logan Counties. She also studied law at Oxford University in England.

Jandra began practicing law in Tulsa, originally concentrating in the area of insurance defense. In 1999, she founded Premier Legal, PLC, a law firm dedicated to legal research and writing and estate planning, with two offices in Tulsa and a satellite office in Sand Springs. In 2011, she became a partner in one of the premier plaintiffs' law firms in Oklahoma and moved to Oklahoma City to represent mineral owners in litigation, helping obtain several of the largest class action settlements and jury verdicts in Oklahoma history. She was recently published in the Oklahoma Bar Journal, discussing how generative artificial intelligence is impacting the practice of law. She is an adjunct instructor for Southeastern OSU college students, teaching both undergraduate and graduate-level law classes.

[Click Here to Register!!](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Meetings:

February , 13th 2025

March , 11th 2025 (Day at the Capitol)

April , 10th 2025 (Symposium)

WHATS GOING ON NEXT YEAR?



SNEAK PEEK

March - 11th Member Meeting AND Day at the Capital

April - 10th Annual Symposium

April - 14th DEIB Event - Jessica Brooks-Woods, NABIP CEO will be presenting!

IN PERSON CE CREDITS

Stay tuned for updates on which organizations will be offering CE credits at our member meetings starting after the first of the year!



MEMBERSHIP



For more information on how to become a member or an Annual Partner you can visit our website for details!

Click here for: [Membership](#)

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THE MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

OKLAHOMA UPDATE

Updates on Insure Oklahoma are still pending. The state's legislative session is set to begin on February 3, 2025. The Dental MLR Bill will be reintroduced, and more PBM-related bills are anticipated. A complete list of bills that met the fiscal filing deadline is yet to be provided by the lobbyist.

TIPS CORNER.

Prepare for NABIP's Capitol Conference with a webinar on Wednesday, January 22, at 3:00 p.m. CST. Additionally, explore "The Future of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit" on Thursday, January 23, at 11:00 a.m. CST.

NATIONWIDE UPDATE

On January 2, 2025, Kelley Harmon and James Ashford participated in the Region 6 Legislative Call. A significant portion of the discussion focused on the ongoing funding conflict between Speaker Johnson and the Senate. Since the call, Speaker Johnson has been reconfirmed as Speaker of the House. The American Relief Act of 2025 did not include any of the requested provisions, such as Telehealth and PBM legislation. Additionally, the Telehealth extension expired on December 31, 2024, marking a governmental failure. It is anticipated that the new Congress will address this issue, though likely not until after President Trump's inauguration and his administration's initial priorities—such as immigration, the oil and gas industry, and conflicts involving Iran and the Russia-Ukraine war—are tackled. While no specific timeline has been provided, action on Telehealth is expected in 2025, potentially as part of a stand-alone health bill. The Paperwork Burden Reduction Act was another topic of discussion. This legislation aims to simplify employer reporting through measures such as streamlined 1095-C forms, alternative reporting methods (e.g., posting notices), and reduced administrative burdens. Similarly, the Employer Reporting Improvement Act seeks to codify existing IRS regulations and establish a six-year statute of limitations for penalty assessments related to ACA coverage failures. It also introduces flexibility in reporting, the use of alternative identifiers for Social Security Numbers, and extended response times for IRS notices.

IMPORTANT LINKS



LINKS

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- [NABIP Member Value Advocate](#)

NABIP APPS TESTIMONIAL

One of our board members used the "Your Voice Matters" link to give feedback on an article in the NABIP Newswire. She received a quick, personal response from Kelly Loussedes, Senior VP of Public Relations at NABIP. They're listening, so make sure to use these new tools!



OK KIDS KORRAL

Real stories of joy and growth
from our community



OK Kids Korral is a facility in Oklahoma City that provides free lodging and support services for children battling cancer and their families. Operated by the Toby Keith Foundation, it offers a home-like environment for families traveling to Oklahoma City for pediatric cancer treatments, helping to reduce the financial and emotional burdens during their care. The facility includes private suites, playrooms, kitchens, and other amenities to make families' stays more comfortable.



THE BEAUTY OF SHARING WITH OTHERS



Every year we participate in a toy drive for the OK Kids Korral. Our chapter crushed it as always. Thank you to all who participated!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!



We are looking for volunteers to join our Oklahoma City Chapter team. Find a board member at the next monthly meeting and figure out how you can get involved!

COME JOIN US!

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Vision Care Direct: Vision Care Direct of Oklahoma is a provider-owned vision insurance company offering affordable plans for individuals, families, and businesses. It partners with local optometrists to provide comprehensive eye care, including exams, glasses, contact lenses, and discounts on procedures like LASIK.

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