

Newsletter



Who we are!

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.

Monthly Membership Meeting

The NABIP Oklahoma City Chapter holds its monthly membership meetings on the second Thursday of each month. These gatherings typically include opportunities for continuing education (CE) credits and provide a valuable forum for networking and professional development within the health insurance and benefits industry.

NABIP Annual Convention

The NABIP Annual Convention is the premier national event for health insurance professionals, taking place June 28–July 1, 2025, at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach. It features keynote speakers, breakout sessions, networking events, and the prestigious Harold R. Gordon Awards Gala. Attendees can earn continuing education credits, engage with industry leaders, and participate in governance through the House of Delegates.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 2025



The month of May is truly the gateway to summer. The school year has ended, many have completed educational milestones, and Annual Conference is just around the corner.

With the first two quarters coming to a close, we are rapidly approaching the end of our board year. We will be installing our new board at our June 12th meeting and reviewing the excellent slate we are in for another great year. Please save the date and consider attending if possible. We will have the privilege of hosting Emily Crouch from the State Chamber, who will present an hour of legislative CE credit. We will also install the 2025–2026 board of directors AND present the Person of the Year award. It's a meeting not to miss. I hope to see you there.

Right around the corner is NABIP's Annual Convention. It will be held June 28th through July 1st in sunny Miami. Three delegates will represent our chapter. Look forward to highlights from the convention in our next newsletter.

The year has flown by, and as I near the end of my term as your chapter President, I would like to express what an honor and privilege it has been to serve the association and our chapter members. It was both a fulfilling and enlightening experience for me. I look forward to seeing all we can do together next year.

"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." – Fennel Hudson

Be well!

Jodi Cooper
President, NABIP Oklahoma City

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Meetings: **VENUE CHANGE**

Please join us in the Large Banquet room at the Annex. The Annex is located in the shopping center across 68th street from the actual Ted's restaurant. The Annex is behind Four Star Fitness. Venue change due to ongoing flood cleanup at The Greens.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS FOR EMPLOYERS, HEALTH PLANS, AND HEALTH BENEFITS

Emily Crouch will share insights into the legislative process of 2025. We'll hear about the bills that were introduced, which ones failed or were dormant, and gain knowledge on the bills that passed and how they will impact employers and health plans.



SNEAK PEEK

June 12th - Monthly Membership Meeting!

June 28th - [Annual Convention in Miami, Florida](#)



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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MEET OUR CE PRESENTER

Emily Crouch serves as the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for The State Chamber of Oklahoma, where she leads the government and political affairs operations on behalf of the business community. Prior to joining The State Chamber in 2017, she was the Director of Government Relations for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.



She also served as the Public Policy Coordinator for the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office and worked for U.S. Senator Tom Coburn. Crouch graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. She is married to her husband Nick and they have two amazing children, Parker and Annie.

UPCOMING NEWS

OKC PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

At our next Monthly Member Meeting we will be announcing our award for OKC Person of the Year!

We will also take a moment during our meeting to recognize and formally induct the incoming board members who will serve for the July 2025 – June 2026 term. This group of outstanding professionals represents the heart and engine of our Association. Each of them has stepped forward to serve in a volunteer capacity—bringing with them not only their time and talent, but a deep commitment to advancing our mission, supporting our members, and fostering growth within our industry.

Board service requires dedication, collaboration, and vision. These individuals have agreed to take on the important responsibilities of planning events, advocating for our industry, engaging with our members, and ensuring that our chapter remains strong, connected, and forward-thinking. Their leadership is vital to the continued success of our organization, and we cannot thank them enough for answering the call to serve.

Please join us in celebrating these Members as they begin their term. Whether it's through a kind word, a note of encouragement, or simply your presence and support at upcoming events, let's show them how much we value the work they do behind the scenes to keep our Association running smoothly and making an impact. We are incredibly grateful for their willingness to lead, and we look forward to the great things this board will accomplish in the year ahead.



NABIP PAC

The NABIP PAC (National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals Political Action Committee) is a bipartisan fundraising and advocacy organization that supports congressional candidates who align with NABIP's mission to advance sound health policy. Funded by voluntary contributions from NABIP members, the PAC works to influence legislation that impacts health insurance professionals, brokers, and consumers. By engaging with policymakers, NABIP PAC ensures that the voices of industry professionals are heard in shaping healthcare regulations and policies that promote market stability and consumer choice.

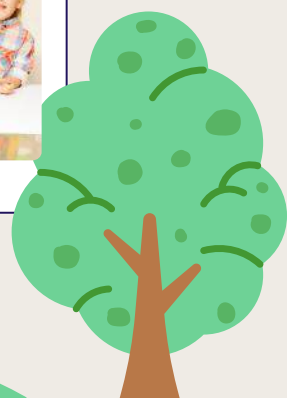
Donating to both the NABIP PAC and the local PAC is essential for protecting and advancing the interests of health insurance professionals at all levels of government. The NABIP PAC supports congressional candidates who advocate for fair and effective healthcare policies, ensuring that lawmakers in Washington, D.C., understand the challenges faced by brokers, agents, and consumers. Meanwhile, the local PAC focuses on state and local legislation, where critical decisions on licensing, state-based exchanges, Medicaid expansion, and insurance regulations are made. By contributing to both, donors help strengthen the industry's voice, influence policies that promote market stability and affordable healthcare options, and safeguard their profession from harmful legislation. Without financial support, key decisions affecting the industry could be made without input from those who know it best.

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.



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PLATINUM PARTNER



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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