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**The Institute For Natural Medicine Continues To Strengthen Its
Mission And Keep Its Promises**

*Naturopathic State Associations Receive Funding
For The Advancement Of The Profession*

(Washington, DC) Nov. 16, 2016 – The Institute for Natural Medicine (INM) received generous donations from attendees during the AANP 2016 Annual Convention and Exhibition in Salt Lake City. As a result, this month the INM presented 13 checks for \$1,400 to state associations. The donations were in response to a pledge the INM made to forward a percentage of the donations to State associations indicated on respective pledge cards. The opportunity to support state associations was made possible by the AANP at their annual Gala dinner.

The associations receiving the checks include: Ala., Ill., Ind., Mass., Md., Minn., N.J., N.C., Penn., Tenn., Utah, Va., and Wash.

“The INM Board and its donors appreciate the tireless efforts of state associations who are working to ensure regulators enforce federal laws that require inclusion of all licensed health care professions, including naturopathic medicine, in health insurance coverage,” said Michelle Simon, ND, PhD, INM president. “State policymakers need to learn about the full range of diagnostic and treatment services that naturopathic physicians are trained to deliver. The INM will continue to support this program by providing funding.”

The INM also continues to seek major donor support from individuals, organizations or foundations to fund a pilot projects that provides executive leadership to assist state volunteer associations. Currently the INM funds an associate working to support five state associations. Dr. Simon hopes this position will fast-track efforts to bring about formal state licensing laws in states that are not currently licensed. Just this month, lawmakers passed a licensing law in Pennsylvania, making it the 21 state in the U.S. to permit licensed Naturopathic Doctors to practice medicine.

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About the INM:

The INM was established in 1992 as a philanthropic foundation serving the profession of naturopathic medicine. The INM envisions optimal health and wellbeing through the transformation of the health care system by education about and promotion of the principles and practices of naturopathic medicine.