President’s Message: Reflections

In three days we will come together in Washington, DC at our 2017 Transforming Health Driving Policy Conference. I am looking forward to our time together; to celebrate with our new class of fellows, to learn from one another during the panel presentations, expert panel meetings, policy dialogues, and the Institute for Nursing Leadership Workshop. We will celebrate our Living Legends and Honorary Fellows and enjoy many opportunities for informal conversation and, of course, the festive Soiree.

As your president, I am busy preparing for the many meetings and reviewing my scripts for “stage time.” It is joyous preparation! But, I must admit, I am also feeling a bit sad. Over the past two years as your president I have often shared with you, in this column and in Nursing Outlook, many of my aspirations for our future as a profession and, at times, my concerns for the future of our country and our ability to create a just society. You have allowed me that platform; many of you have written me notes of support, some of you have disagreed with me, but always in a supportive and civil manner.

You have shared with me the best of what being an American Academy of Nursing Fellow is all about: a passion for policy that shapes a healthier future for all of us throughout the world. I can think of no greater honor than the one you have given me the last two years as your president. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
President

Policy Update

The Academy on September 20, 2017, was pleased to co-sign a letter with the National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse to Senate Majority Leader McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Schumer in opposition to the Graham-Cassidy amendment that was being considered in the Senate and to lay out principles for any health reform proposals. Click here to read the letter.

Also, the Academy joined with the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the National Health Law Program, the National Partnership for Women & Families, and 233 other organizations urging the Senate to oppose the Graham-Cassidy proposal. This proposal would have eliminated affordable quality health care for millions of Americans by gutting the Affordable Care Act (ACA); slashed federal funding and destroyed Medicaid by turning its funding into per capita caps; eliminated the Medicaid expansion; and defunded Planned Parenthood health centers. Click here to read the letter.

The position statement on Reducing fatigue associated with sleep deficiency and work hours in nurses prepared by the Health Behavior Expert Panel has been approved for publication in the November/December issue of Nursing Outlook.
If you have not yet registered for the Academy's 2017 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference, October 5-7, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC, you may still do so onsite. When you arrive at the hotel, report immediately to the registration area so we may assist you.

The conference app is now ready for you to download to your phone! If you have iOS or Android, click this link to download the app. Or, search "American Academy of Nursing 2017" in the App Store or Google Play. After you download the app, create a username and password to access personalized features and add your name to the attendee list.

Conference attendees should tweet about the policy conference using the official hashtag #AAAN17. Use the hashtag to connect your thoughts and conference photos to the broader conversation.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

The Council's 2017 Advanced Methods: Pragmatic Trials Conference will be held October 4-5 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. You may still register onsite! Already registered? Enhance your conference experience with the Council conference app. If you have an Apple iOS device, search "CANS 2017" in the App Store. Those with Android devices can search "CANS 2017" on Google Play. Be sure to use hashtag #CANS2017 in all of your tweets about the Council conference.

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Fellow Achievements

Ruth M. Kleinpell, PhD, RN, FCCM, FAAN, a certified acute care nurse practitioner, has joined Vanderbilt University School of Nursing as assistant dean for clinical scholarship and professor of nursing. Dr. Kleinpell, whose research interests include telemedicine, ICU nursing care, and elder care, had been a visiting professor at Vanderbilt since 2012. Prior to that position she was a professor of nursing and director of the Center for Clinical Research and Scholarship at Rush University Medical Center. She was inducted into the Academy in 2004.

Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, FAAN, a former official with the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), joined Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies as a visiting Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Health Care. She is a former acting deputy secretary of HHS and former administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration. Dr. Wakefield was inducted into the Academy in 1990 and received the Academy's prestigious Health Care Leader Award in 2016.

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