Candidate Information Booklet

July 2020

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The following are candidate statements and leadership profiles, as submitted by the nominee, for the 2020 American Academy of Nursing Elections. **Vote online at www.AANnet.org/2020elections.** If you prefer to vote by mail, contact Claire Holland, Member Engagement Coordinator, at CHolland@AANnet.org or 202-777-1176.

**Voting Closes on September 11, 2020.**
If selected, candidates will begin their terms following the policy conference held October 29-31, 2020.

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Leadership Profile

Dr. Beal has been a leader in academia since 1978, most recently as Professor and Dean of the College of Natural, Behavioral, and Health Sciences and the Chief Academic Nursing Officer in the School of Nursing at Simmons University. Dr. Beal had responsibility for seven academic programs until her retirement in 2019. She is currently consulting and writing.

Dr. Beal’s service to the Academy includes election to the Fellow Selection Committee in 2015 where she held the positions of co-chair, chair, and adviser through 2019. She was also appointed to the AAN Development Committee in 2019 and is a member of the Building Healthcare System Excellence Panel.

Since 2004, Dr. Beal has held numerous leadership roles at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) including: chair of the Nominating Committee, two terms on the Board, two terms as Secretary, and Chair -Elect.

As an RWJ Executive Nurse Fellow (2008-2011) Dr. Beal created a national forum on academic-practice partnerships which led to the recognition that these partnerships positioned nursing to lead change and advance health. She has written extensively on this issue and has led three AACN-AONE/AONL task forces. She currently co-chairs the AACN/ AONL Advisory Committee.

In Massachusetts, Dr. Beal served as Vice President and Secretary of the Massachusetts Association of Colleges of Nursing (MACN), co-chair of the RWJ Action Coalition, and member of the board and secretary of the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA). For the MNA she chaired the Research Committee, the Task Force on Diversity, and the Foundation.

Candidate Statement

As an active member of the Academy, I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors as Secretary to further advance the goals and mission of the Academy. It has been a privilege to work on the Fellow Selection Committee where as a member, co-chair, chair, and adviser I was committed to a selection process that reflected the responsibility to consider applicants through the lens of our diversity, equity, and inclusion policy. As an academic leader, I have demonstrated a strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusivity, receiving more than $10M to support diversity and inclusion initiatives at Simmons as well as in Israel.

Throughout my many years in a deanship and in multiple board positions I have held leadership roles that were instrumental in developing and operationalizing strategic plans and budgets. My work on the AACN Board was primarily focused on the development and implementation of nursing academic policy initiatives. This included authoring position papers on academic progression and academic practice partnerships. As co-chair of the Massachusetts Action Coalition I led initiatives in the state to increase the diversity and educational preparation of the nursing workforce. As an experienced board member and leader I understand the intricacies of board governance and appreciate the responsibility one assumes as a leader. If elected, I commit to you that I will work collaboratively, strategically, and enthusiastically with the board and fellows to advance the mission and goals of the Academy. Thank you for your consideration.
Candidates for Secretary
Two-year term. Vote for one candidate.

Karen Drenkard
PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
Associate Dean, Clinical Practice & Community Engagement
George Washington University School of Nursing

Leadership Profile
Dr. Drenkard is Associate Dean, Clinical Practice & Community Engagement at George Washington University School of Nursing in Washington DC. She leads multiple centers, including Community Partnerships, the Center for Aging and Humanities, the Center for Health Policy and Media Engagement, and the Global Initiatives efforts.

Her most immediate role was SVP/Chief Nurse and Chief Clinical Officer at GetWellNetwork, a healthcare technology company addressing patient and family engagement strategies. Dr. Drenkard led the creation of the O’Neil Research Center, advancing the science of patient/family engagement. Drenkard is past Executive Director at the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the Magnet Recognition Program®. Prior to her service at ANCC, Drenkard served for 10 years as the chief nurse executive of Inova Health System in Fairfax, Virginia.

She is immediate Past-President of the Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research (FNINR); current board member of the American Academy of Nursing and served as the co-chair of the Academy’s Institute for Nursing Leadership. Drenkard serves as an editorial advisor to Journal of Nursing Administration (JONA) and Nursing Administration Quarterly (NAQ). She is a member of the Board of Visitors for University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing; Indiana University School of Nursing; serves as a Board of Trustee member and chair of the Quality and Safety Committee for Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Maryland; and board member of the Quality Committee at Inova Alexandria Hospital. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and the National Academies of Practice.

Candidate Statement
The unfolding events of the last months are like none of us as nurse leaders have ever witnessed in our careers. We have an opportunity to use our trusted, influential voice as nursing leaders. This includes leading policy changes addressing systemic injustices that have been clearly articulated by the raising of often unheard voices in our country, unveiling what we know. There are systemic structures in our systems, including the provision of healthcare, that result in health disparities. This is a call to action for the Academy and we need to address the norms that exist – in nursing practice, academia and health policy – and lead the way in identifying and making changes. If elected to Secretary of the Academy board, I will be proud to serve on the executive committee during this critical time for our nation’s health and for nursing as a profession. We have the responsibility to create policy strategies that result in impact to address the critical changes that need to happen to create a healthcare system that is based on social justice and results in health equity. I have been on the Academy board for 2 years, and am the liaison to the Institute for Nursing Leadership (INL) after having served on the INL as co-chair; service as the chair of the INL Program Committee; liaison to several expert panels; and past co-chair of the Annual Policy Conference planning committee. I will contribute my experience and energy to the work ahead.
Candidates for Board of Directors
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Angela F. Amar
PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN
Dean & Professor
University of Las Vegas School of Nursing

Leadership Profile
The changing landscape of education and healthcare requires leaders to not only have the traditional qualifications of excellent clinical, academic, and administrative skills but also the ability to lead diverse teams, quickly analyze data and situations in complex systems, and be willing to make difficult decisions in these resource-scarce times. My professional leadership is evident in my movement through progressively more challenging roles across multiple settings including Program Director at Boston College, Associate Dean at Emory University, and Dean at University of Nevada Las Vegas. These roles provided opportunities to lead through influence, vision a picture of a future state, transform groups of individuals into high functioning teams with aligned goals, develop and execute plans in a changing landscape and encourage and empower faculty and staff to reach their full potential. My leadership training includes participation in the Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Faculty Scholar (RWJF NFS) program and the AACN/Wharton Executive Leadership program. Further, as co-chair of the Expert Panel on Violence from 2013-2016, I was involved in planning policy dialogues and the completion of policy briefs. In the broader nursing community, I served on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN), Chair of the Forensic Council of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA). I currently serve on the Finance committee of the National League for Nursing, Governance Committee for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, and on the editorial board of the Journal of the National Black Nurses Association.

Candidate Statement
My career demonstrates my commitment to the mission of the American Academy of Nursing to “serve the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice and science through organizational excellence and effective nursing leadership”. I have worked through the academy to advance health policy, practice and science. My contributions to population health and health equity are exemplified in my participation on the Advisory Group on Social Mission of Nursing Education and the Essentials Task Force for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. My role as dean of nursing at a minority-serving institution in an underserved and under-resourced area of the country provides numerous opportunities to direct practice change and community engagement that influences the health of populations. My writings and service demonstrate my commitment to equity and inclusion. My ability to lead change and to collaborate is evident in my service as the only nurse on the IOM/NAM committee and my work on other violence-related working and advisory groups. Finally, my commitment to organizational excellence, communication, and accountability is evident in my service. In addition to actively participating in the Expert Panels on Violence and Psychiatric, Mental Health and Substance Abuse, I have served as co-chair of the Violence Panel. For the last several years, I have volunteered at the annual conference as a ticket taker and gift shop worker. I have also sponsored new members who have added value. Finally, I am committed to serve the AAN and am seeking to advance my service.
Leadership Profile
Dr. Evans is Dean and Professor of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing. As a hospital chief nursing officer for 25 years and then dean for 14 years, he is one of the relatively few nurses whose career has bridged from hospital nursing administration to academic nursing administration. After serving as Treasurer and President of the Texas Nurses Association, he was elected to the position of Chair of the American Nurses Association Constituent Assembly and then to the offices of ANA Secretary and then ANA Treasurer. Dr. Evans completed two terms as President of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Under his leadership, all of the programs in ANCC grew and prospered. He played a key role in launching the global reach of ANCC through the creation ANCC World. As an active member of the Academy, Dr. Evans was elected to a three-year term on the Fellow Selection Committee. He is also a member of the Academy’s President’s Circle and a supporter of the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund. He is a member of the Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel. Dr. Evans is board certified as an advanced nurse executive by ANCC and is also board certified in healthcare management and a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Candidate Statement
I am proud and honored to be considered for the Board of Directors the American Academy of Nursing. Having been in the role of hospital chief nursing officer for 25 years and as a school of nursing dean for the past 14 years in two different schools, one private and the other public, I have been responsible for strategic planning, financial operations, fundraising from a variety of sources, policy creation and execution. I served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Nurses Association in the offices of Treasurer and President as well as board member. I also served 8 years on the Board of Directors of the American Nurses Association, including serving in the office of ANA Secretary and Treasurer. I also served as President of the American Nurses Credentialing Center for two terms, including serving as chairperson of the Board of Directors. After having served in these roles, I am very comfortable and competent as a board member. If elected, I will commit to working with other officers and directors in advancing the goals and mission of the Academy. Thank you for considering my experience, my qualifications and my absolute commitment to serve the Academy well in this important role.
Leadership Profile

My leadership journey has been shaped by my commitment to highly effective primary care and advancing health equity. I joined my organization, CHCI, in 1980 as a new nurse practitioner/NHSC Scholar and have co-led its growth and expansion from a single clinic to one of the country’s largest health centers while simultaneously creating many of the core signature programs that give depth and breadth to primary care services, research, and workforce training. As Senior VP/Clinical Director, I have mentored generations of clinical and organizational leaders and led our transition to a value based, population health focused care model. The pursuit of excellence and high impact led me to the Academy (2013), where I have had the honor of serving as the founding co-Chair of the Primary Care Expert Panel under Dr. Joyce Pulcini, and subsequently as Chair and now member of that panel. The Academy’s emphasis on working together across expert panels has been an opportunity to collaborate on authoring policy briefs and speaking on panels at the annual conference. As a sponsor, I actively seek out and mentor other esteemed colleagues who I think offer real value to the Academy, to the nursing profession, and ultimately to the public.

Candidate Statement

As a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing since 2013, I have witnessed and respected the many officers and members of the Board of Directors as they demonstrated strong leadership, grace under pressure, and the ability to establish and pursue strategic goals and policy development. I hope to contribute my expertise as both an organizational senior executive supporting a Board of Directors, and as a Board member and officer myself. I have previously served as a member (and President) of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Nurses Association and as a member of the Connecticut Nurses Foundation. With colleagues, I established (2016) and serve as the Founding Chairperson and Board member of the National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Consortium. Outside of health care, I have served on the Board of an investment firm (Trillium Asset Management) and a non-profit organization devoted to the arts (Dance New England). In my long experience as a corporate officer of my organization, I have staffed the consumer-majority Board of Directors and ensured the full compliance of the Board with the stringent and complex governance requirements of a federally qualified health center relative to clinical, fiscal, quality, and consumer representation issues. In the process, I have had the opportunity to develop a deep understanding of what makes an exemplary, effective Board member and would seek to bring my enthusiasm and expertise to a position as Board member of the American Academy of Nursing.
Mary M. Gullatte
PhD, RN, ANP-BC, AOCN, FAAN
Corporate Director of Nursing innovation & Research
Emory Healthcare

Leadership Profile
Dr. Gullatte is the Corporate Director of Nursing EBP & Research at Emory Healthcare, Atlanta, Georgia. Mary believes in continuous learning as evidenced by her certifications: acute care NP, advanced oncology certified nurse & Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt (LSSYB). Demonstrated history of professional & community service served as the President of the Oncology Nursing Society 2012-2014, Active in her church & community acquired a 2 year grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation to conduct mammography screening for the underserved African American & Latina women in the local community; Connecting them with providers to treat any cancers detected with the screenings. She is an active nurse researcher with a portfolio of collaborative & interprofessional federal grant support for two studies addressing cancer & HPV. Mary serves on the Georgia Nurses Association & Foundation. She is a member of the legislative committee. She also serves as a member of the professional practice committee of the Georgia Board of Nurses. Dr. Gullatte has a commanding international footprint in nursing-supporting nurses in practice & research. Mary’s publications have contributed to both the clinical & management literature. Three of her edited books: Chemotherapy Handbook, Nursing Management, & 21st Century Nursing Leadership books received acclaim as book of the year, AJN 2005 & 2019, APEX, 2008, Association Trends 2018. Through these books she mentored over 60 new authors & several have continued to publish in other professional books & journals.

Candidate Statement
I have had the honor of serving the American Academy of Nursing Fellows as a member of the Board of Directors for the past two years. I have served as the board liaison to two Expert Panels: Environmental & Public Health and Emerging Infectious Diseases for the past 2 years. These transformative EPs have never been more important as they are now given the response to the current novel COVID-19 Pandemic. My service has been both an opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to the transformative work of the Academy in such a time as this. I am committed to the growth and viability of the profession of nursing and passionate about developing future nurse leaders in all domains of practice and advocacy. This vision is achieved through mentoring, coaching, & knowledge dissemination. I have inspired, provided guidance & support, & encouraged the heart of countless nurses and other healthcare professionals throughout my career. I have >2 decades of expertise & contributions related to health policy & advocacy which have included working with the Georgia legislature & Georgia Nurses Association (GNA) for a period of 10 years in the early 90’s to pass prescriptive privileges for APRNs in the state; facilitated the development of the Emory Nurse Legislative council of clinical nurses, educators & nurse leaders to educate & engage nurses in health policy & advocacy. Worked with GNA & Georgia Board of Nurses to pass Compact Licensure.
Leadership Profile

Dr. Jeffries, Professor and Dean of George Washington University School of Nursing, is internationally known for her research and work in nursing and health care education and is well regarded among her peers for her scholarly contributions to the development of innovative teaching strategies, experiential learning techniques, new pedagogies and the delivery of content using technology. Throughout her career, she has shared her expertise in clinical education, simulations and other emerging technologies as a consultant to health care organizations, corporations and publishers. Her numerous publications cover a wide-range of topics pertinent to nursing education, clinical simulations and health care policy. She is editor of three books, “Simulations in Nursing Education: From Conceptualization to Evaluation (2nd edition), “Developing Simulation Centers Using the Consortium Model” and “Clinical Simulations in Nursing Education: Advanced Concepts, Trends, and Opportunities.” With the National League for Nursing (NLN), Dr. Jeffries developed the major contribution to simulation scholarship, the framework and monograph now known as the NLN Jeffries Simulation Theory. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, an inductee of the Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Research Hall of Fame, an inaugural fellow of the Society for Simulation in Health Care Academy and the 2016 recipient of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Excellence Award. Her accomplishments in nursing education have been recognized through prestigious teaching and research awards and honors from the NLN, STTI and the International Nursing Association of Clinical Simulations and Learning (INASCL).

Candidate Statement

I welcome the opportunity to serve a second term on the Academy’s Board of Directors and continue working on the many initiatives we have in progress. In 2019, the Board set the Academy’s current policy priorities. This year we embarked on developing a new strategic plan, reevaluating our organizational structure and processes to introduce greater efficiencies into operations, and advocating for the nursing profession during the novel COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to my role on the Board, I serve as a board liaison on the Academy’s Expert Panel for Bioethics, for the Expert Panel on Informatics and Technology, and, in the past, on the INL National Advisory Council. I am also co-chairing the Academy’s Annual Conference Planning Committee for this fall’s virtual event, the 2020 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference. Many of my past and present experiences have also contributed to my preparation for this position. As a RWJF Executive Nurse Fellow, I recognize the importance of relationship building when partnering to advance a shared vision. As President of the Virginia Association of Colleges of Nursing, I work with the VNA and Virginia Organization of Nurse Executives and Leaders to set priorities to address statewide nursing workforce challenges. As Dean of GWSON, I established a Center for Health Policy and Media Engagement to increase the pipeline of nurses seeking a voice in healthcare policymaking. I am committed to all work which moves the Academy’s agenda and mission forward and I am honored to be considered for the Board.
Candidates for Board of Directors
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Paul Kuehnert
DNP, RN, FAAN
President & CEO
Public Health Accreditation Board

Leadership Profile
I have served in the elected leadership of the Environment & Public Health Expert Panel since 2017 and am currently the Chair. In the Chair role I am currently leading a consensus paper process on the social and environmental determinants of health that involves working with co-authors from 5 AAN EPs. I was selected to be part of the Policy Mentor Council of the Academy in 2019 and serve as a mentor to two current Jonas Policy Scholars. In 2020, I was invited to join the National Advisory Committee of the Institute for Nursing Leadership and just began my first two-year term.

As CEO and President of the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), I have primary responsibility for leading and managing all aspects of daily accreditation operations, budget development, business development and execution. As a voting member of the Board of Directors, I work closely with the Executive Committee and the entire Board to develop organization strategy and assure sound fiscal operations. As part of my recent transition into the executive leadership of PHAB, we have just launched our strategic planning process that will be completed by December 2020. I have also served as a Board member in several local, regional, and national non-profits, including serving as Treasurer and on the Executive Committee. My current and past Board membership and leadership roles have provided me with a breadth and depth of understanding and practice of Board member roles and responsibilities, particularly in developing strategy and providing fiscal oversight.

Candidate Statement
As a member of your Board of Directors, I will bring 30 years’ experience as an executive leader in public and community health, philanthropy, and health care to AAN. I will also bring my passion for prevention, health equity and community well-being—all of which have shaped my career—to the Board. I am very supportive of the clear goals and more focused approach that AAN has taken over the last couple of years, especially our emphasis on the social and environmental determinants of health and health equity. As a new Board member, I would like to see us continue to refine and sharpen our focus in the next two years, a period that will likely be quite turbulent and demand much from all of us as nurses and members of the global community.

My experience working to create and implement policy at the local, state, and federal levels through coalition efforts will inform my work as a Board member. An example from my work in Maine where I served as Deputy State Health Director illustrates my values and approach. In 2000, I collaborated with the health directors of all 5 federally recognized Tribes/Bands in Maine to conduct a health status and needs assessment in their Tribal communities. As a result, funds from the state’s tobacco settlement agreement as well as federal emergency preparedness funds were allocated to each Tribe and Band for a decade, leading to the establishment of the Wabanaki Public Health District by statute in 2011.
Candidates for Ethics Committee
Three-year term. Vote for two candidates.

Judith Berg
PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
Clinical Professor Emerita
University of Arizona College of Nursing

Leadership Profile
My primary contributions to the Academy have been via the Women’s Health Expert Panel (WHEP). I served as Co-Chair of WHEP from 2009-2016, and during my tenure, I led the group in writing action papers, policy statements, and review manuscripts. I participated in writing letters to the Institute of Medicine, AMICUS briefs (protesting policy proposals that limited women’s health services), and position statements citing need for an expanded women’s health research agenda. As well, I led several successful policy dialogues in conjunction with other academy expert panels. During my leadership, WHEP was one of the most productive expert panels as evidenced by the high number of Jonas Policy Scholars appointed to us plus our myriad publication and policy products. I served on the AAN program planning committee for the 2011 conference and served on the CANS steering and planning committees for the special topics conference in 2013 and state of the science conference in 2014.

Throughout my 15 years as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, I have supported academy initiatives via development fund support. For many of those years, I’ve been part of the President’s Circle and will continue to contribute at that funding level for as long as I am financially able.

Candidate Statement
My name is Judith Berg, and I have been a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing since 2005. I became a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner in 1975 and have worked with underserved and under-researched groups throughout my career. When I served as Chair of Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP), I discovered a very real need for the group to have an ethics policy in place to guide both selection and ongoing membership of Fellows. Since Fellows groups are considered leaders within their professions, it seemed appropriate they should be held to high ethical standards that embrace professional standards at the highest level. To write such ethical standards, it seemed prudent to consult and meet with leaders of other Fellows organization. For that purpose, I led a Think Tank held in Washington DC and invited representation from every health care organization that had a Fellows Group. Included in that Think Tank was representation from the American Academy of Nursing. The all-day meeting resulted in guidelines and an amalgam of ideas related to expectations, processes for dealing with failure to meet ethical standards, and consequences of such failures. Subsequently, I led a small team that wrote the ethics policy for FAANP and served on the task force that wrote a similar policy for FAAN. I believe I am ideally situated to assist FAAN in dealing with member ethical issues, and I have experience adjudicating such matters in another organization. I am well aware of inherent confidentiality needs and will always abide by those needs.
Candidates for Ethics Committee
Three-year term. Vote for two candidates.

Lauren Clark
PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor, Shapiro Family Endowed Chair in Developmental & Disability Studies, UCLA School of Nursing

Leadership Profile
To enrich the Academy, I contribute in several ways. First, I proudly sponsor nominations of emerging leaders to enrich the vitality of our organization. Second, I collaborate with other members of the Academy on policy initiatives through service on the Child, Adolescent and Family Expert Panel. Third, I add where I can to our shared goals. This includes serving on the CANS 2018 Precision Health conference planning committee and taking part in initiatives nationally related to cultural competence. Running through these examples is the thread of commitment to building moral agency and resilience and applying our ethical code for nurses.

Conflict is part of our nursing practice and professional life, including the resolution of ethical conflicts. I became a certified mediator and University Ombudsman in order to lead nurses, academic faculty and staff, and entire organizations through a process of conflict resolution. I have mediated a range of issues, from ethical and policy breaches to interpersonal conflict. I would like to add my expertise to the Academy through serving on the Ethics Committee.

Every nurse benefits from an ethical framework for practice. Nurses practice at the bedside, in administrative capacities, academia, and research roles, with responsibilities for ethical behavior in all of those realms. My own career has spanned hospital nursing, home health, public health, teaching, research, and administration in nursing.

Candidate Statement
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Leadership Profile
The Reverend Rudy Valenzuela is currently the President/CEO of FSP Health Ministries, a non-profit organization in the United States that supports Clinica Santa Maria de Guadalupe in San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico and Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish. He is a Catholic priest in good standing.

Dr. Valenzuela is also a Family Nurse Practitioner at Yuma Regional Medical Center. He is well known for his work among underserved populations at the U.S.-Mexico border. He is past-president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. He has served in numerous boards at the local and national levels. He is a Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Candidate Statement
I would be delighted to serve the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) in the ethics committee. I have been a member of the AAN since my induction as a fellow in 2018. Upon review of the multiple committees in the AAN, I became interested in the ethics committee since I believe that my studies in moral theology and ethics during my seminary formation would give me a solid foundation when dealing with ethical issues in the AAN.

As past president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, I have related experience in dealing with association members and conducting myself in an impartial, informed way when dealing with behavior issues that affect the integrity of the nursing profession and membership in a professional organization. I believe that my past experience can contribute to the overall mission of the Academy as a member of the ethics committee.
Leadership Profile

Dr. Wocial is the nurse ethicist at the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics at Indiana University Health, and adjunct assistant professor at the Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is one of the first in the nation to be certified as a Healthcare Ethics Consultant and serves as the co-chair of the ethics consultation service for the academic health center for IU Health. She currently serves on the commission for Healthcare Ethics Consultation Certification, the body responsible for developing the essential elements of a certification program, including selecting a testing company, selecting item writers for an entry-level exam based on the role delineation study, determining eligibility criteria, and developing policies and procedures to guide the commission’s work. She is the past chair of the Bioethics Expert Panel for the Academy and continues to serve as past chair. In 2017 Dr. Wocial received the Circle of Excellence Award from the American Association for Critical Care Nurses acknowledging her work in nursing ethics. She served as chair of the Clinical Ethics Consultation Affairs sub-committee of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities from 2013-2015 and received the ASBH Presidential citation for service excellence for that work.

Candidate Statement

Since my induction into the Academy I have been inspired by the amazing work of fellows and of the Academy as a whole. I served as the chair of the bioethics expert panel and want to continue to give back to the Academy. I appreciate that the Academy has a mechanism in place for dealing with reports of ethical infractions by fellows, which speaks to the importance and significance the Academy places on honorable conduct of fellows. I believe ethics is the foundation of nursing practice and would welcome the opportunity to serve the Academy as a member of the ethics committee. As the Academy continues to grow and refine roles and expectations for fellows, I hope the ethics committee can provide input into clarifying what it means to be a fellow in the Academy and what it means to serve on an expert panel. I feel honored to have my name put forward on the ballot by the nominating committee. I am hopeful that the membership will select me to serve on the ethics committee to support the high standards and integrity of the Academy and its fellows.
Candidates for Fellow Selection Committee
Three-year term. Vote for four candidates.

Sally Wai-Chi Chan
PhD, RN, FAAN
Pro Vice-Chancellor
University of Newcastle, Singapore

Leadership Profile
Dr. Chan has been a member of AAN since being inducted as a Fellow in 2013. Dr. Chan is currently the Pro Vice-Chancellor of University of Newcastle, Australia. As an experienced global healthcare educator and researcher, she has made significant contributions to realizing the tripartite mission of research, education and practice for advancing the nursing profession. She has led transformation of nursing in Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia in her role as academic, researcher, Dean of Nursing & Midwifery School, and Pro Vice-Chancellor of University. She had extensive leadership experience in professional organisations. Her former appointments included President of the STTI Upsilon Eta Chapter, Chair of the East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars, Chairperson of Hong Kong Society of Nursing Education, and President of the Hong Kong College of Mental Health Nursing. She was also a prominent member of the Executive Committee of Singapore Nursing Association, and Nursing Council of Hong Kong. She was inducted to STTI ‘International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame’ in 2013 for her significant and sustained contribution to nursing research. Her contributions to healthcare policies were made through her former appointment as to the Expert Group on Mental Health Services by the Hong Kong Government; and the National Nursing Task Force by the Singapore Government. She is known as a visionary leader who is always at the forefront of innovation. She has a solid international profile, active and well-connected nationally and internationally with industry and the profession.

Candidate Statement
There’s always a first time for everything. I am a first timer standing for election of American Academy of Nursing Leadership Position. It demonstrates my commitment to global nursing professional development. Academy fellows is the most prestigious global recognition of the world’s most accomplished nurse leaders. The Academy is an international association. Thus, we need international fellows on the Fellow Selection Committee as well as in other committees. The inclusion of international fellows in all Academy’s committees reflects the Academy as a truly global and inclusive organisation. In relation to the Fellow Selection Committee, I have held a range of roles and responsibilities that are relevant to this position, such as president of professional associations, Dean of schools, and Pro Vice-Chancellor of the university. I am an established global nurse academic and research leader. My international network especially in the Asia-Pacific Region will help to promote the Academy. The Fellow Selection Committee position will allow me to use my skills and knowledge while making a significant contribution to the Academy, which is a unique organisation, in the present dynamic environment. I have the competencies in setting up and implementing a fair and objective review and selection system. I will observe strict confidentiality, declare conflict of interest, ensure applications are assessed objectively and fairly; and work with fellow members to further enhance the fellowship selection policy and practice. I commit to initiatives that drive growth, diversity, and sustainability of the Academy.
Leadership Profile

Dr. Dunbar is the Senior Associate Dean of Academic Advancement and the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Cardiovascular Nursing at the Emory University’s Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing in Atlanta, GA. Through her focused program of research on improving outcomes for complex cardiovascular patients and their families, she has successfully led interdisciplinary teams in clinical trials funded by NIH, American Heart Association (AHA) and other groups to improve self-care, reduce cardiovascular risk and psychosocial distress, and improve quality of life. In the role of Training Director, she has led a T32 Training Grant on Improving outcomes in Chronic Conditions, and the Training Program for the AHA-funded Emory-Morehouse Center on Cardiovascular Health Disparities (MECA). Her leadership abilities and commitment to advancing professional nursing have led to the unique position of having been the only nurse to serve as the leader for four of the largest cardiovascular and critical care nursing organizations - President of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Chair of the Council of Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing, Chair of the Nursing Council of the Heart Failure Society of America, and currently President-elect of the Preventative Cardiovascular Nurses Association. In addition to fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing, she has been recognized for her contributions with fellowships in the AHA and PCNA.

Candidate Statement

As a member of the Academy, I initially joined the Acute and Critical Care Expert Panel and over time, became an active participant of the Behavior Change Expert Panel. Collaborating with other members at onsite meetings and during the calls between meetings has provided meaningful opportunities to contribute and develop initiatives yielding important outcomes for the Academy’s programming and publications. This experience has been highly rewarding and a wonderful opportunity to work with leading experts in the field. As a sponsor of Fellows, I have witnessed not only the importance of this recognition of their achievements, but also the significant professional growth that accompanies a new fellow’s active engagement in Academy activities. I am truly honored to be a candidate for the Fellows Selection Committee, and if elected, I commit to building the Academy’s membership by upholding a fair and equitable process to illuminate the extraordinary work and accomplishments of our many diverse nurse scholars and leaders so deserving of recognition. I will lead with an eye towards future members and their involvement to build the Academy’s leadership, policy and advocacy outcomes.
Candidates for Fellow Selection Committee
Three-year term. Vote for four candidates.

Sheldon Fields
PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
Founder & CEO
The S.D.F Group, LLC

Leadership Profile
Dr. Fields is founder and CEO of “The S.D.F Group, LLC”, which is a health innovation consultant company (www.thesdfgrp.com). He has 29 years of experience in the health sector as an educator, researcher, clinician, administrator, consultant, health policy specialist, and entrepreneur / business owner. He was the first male nurse to serve as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow during the time of the debate and passage of the affordable care act. He has held academic Deanships at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, and New York Institute of Technology in New York City. Dr. Fields is a well-known and respected HIV/AIDS prevention research scientist and is a former director of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care. He currently serves on the board of directors of the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) and is chair of the NBNA health policy committee. He is also NBNA’s newly elected national First Vice President (2020 – 2022). He serves on the academy’s Cultural Competence & Health Equity expert panel, and is Vice-chair of the LGBTQ Health expert panel. He is serving his second term on the academy’s diversity & inclusivity committee. In 2018 he received the Cultural Pluralism award from the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions recognizing his leadership of their diversity sub-committee. He is the recipient of the 2020 Towers Pinnacle Award from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners for his outstanding contributions as a NP working in HIV/AIDS.

Candidate Statement
In these trying times my candidacy to become a member of the Fellows Selection Committee is part of my call to action and personal commitment to do whatever I can to help our academy fulfill its critically important purpose. This purpose to serve the public and nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge is even more necessary as we battle the pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic racism. COVID-19 has laid bare just how inadequate our healthcare systems are including how it uses its largest workforce of nurses. The multiple issues related to systemic racism affects us all. In order to accomplish the academy’s purpose, we must ensure that we have a diverse, and inclusive academy membership with an array of skills and expertise. There is no profession in a more perfect position to put forth creative and innovative health policy and practice solutions to address the inadequacies in our health care system and the injustices created by systemic racism. As the brain trust of the nursing profession, we have an obligation to ensure that our membership is reflective of the many communities in which we live, work, and play as this will only make us better. Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy to serve our Academy.
Candidates for Fellow Selection Committee
Three-year term. Vote for four candidates.

Kimberly S. Glassman
PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAONL, FAAN
Clinical Professor & Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing

Leadership Profile
Kimberly S. Glassman, is a clinical professor and the senior associate dean of academic affairs at the NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing. Most recently, Dr. Glassman served as the senior vice president and chief nursing officer of NYU Langone Health, where she held many leadership and clinical positions during her 42-year tenure, including the endowed position as the Lerner Director of Health Promotion. Dr. Glassman is a graduate of the Johnson & Johnson Wharton Fellows Program in Management for Nurse Executives at the University of Pennsylvania, a Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellow Alum, a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, a Fellow in the New York Academy of Medicine and was inducted as an inaugural Fellow of the American Organization for Nursing Leadership. She served for several years on the board of the state-wide New York Organization of Nurse Executives and Leaders and currently serves as chair of the New York Nursing Alliance.

Candidate Statement
I welcome the opportunity to serve the Academy as a member of the Fellows Selection Committee. Since my induction to the Academy in 2015, I have been an active participant of the Academy’s Expert Panel on Building Healthcare Systems Excellence. I have been privileged to work with a team of our Expert Panel’s co-authors to publish the policy brief on Requiring a Nurse Residency Program for Newly Licensed Registered Nurses. In 2020, I am serving as the Expert Panel chair, helping to lead the Academy’s efforts in ensuring strong and agile healthcare delivery systems as we navigate through a global pandemic. As a member of the Fellows Selection Committee, I will work with the membership and the committee to nominate and select a class of high-quality fellows from diverse nursing roles and perspectives. I would be honored to serve the Academy in this capacity to enhance our work in strengthening nursing’s voice in health policy and advocacy.
Candidates for Fellow Selection Committee
Three-year term. Vote for four candidates.

Peggy O’Neill Hewlett
PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN
Dean Emerita and Distinguished Professor Emerita
University of South Carolina College of Nursing

Leadership Profile
Dr. Hewlett is noted for her contributions to nursing workforce development and creation of effective academic/practice/business partnerships impacting healthcare policy. In 2014, she retired as Dean at the University of SC College of Nursing and was awarded Dean Emerita and Distinguished Professor of Nursing Emerita status. Previously she served as Associate Dean for Research and Director of the PhD Program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing – and was selected as a 2000 RWJ Executive Nurse Fellow. From 2010-2017, Dr. Hewlett was an editorial board member for Nursing Outlook and an early champion for inclusion of policy implications within accepted journal publications. She was a former AACN Board member and awarded Emerita member status in 2016. In 2017, she was chosen as a Fellow in the National Academy of Practice for her achievements promoting interprofessional partnerships and now serves on the JIPE editorial board. Retirement has not slowed down her professional work as Dr. Hewlett takes an active role in mentoring promising healthcare leaders. She just completed her second year leading the ANA Mentorship Program – an innovative national virtual mentoring model with approximately 2,500 total mentor/mentee participants – including many Academy members who stepped up to fulfill mentor roles. This unique program affords Fellows an unprecedented opportunity to use their years of experience and wisdom to assist in the guidance of emerging “professionally younger” nurse leaders. Dr. Hewlett encourages Academy members to consider sharing their leadership skills as mentors for the next cohort, slated to begin this September.

Candidate Statement
Since my 2004 induction as a Fellow, I have continued to seek opportunities to promote the work of the Academy. My current role as director of the national virtual ANA Mentorship Program has afforded me the opportunity to communicate with nurses participating as mentors and mentees nationally and internationally; thus allowing me a broad view of potential Academy candidates. Having been the fortunate recipient of skilled mentoring myself – both formal and informal – I am laser-focused on developing methods to identify and make available a network of qualified mentors supporting the professional development of nurse colleagues throughout their careers. Most programs/resources for formal mentoring have largely focused on mid- and advanced-career RNs, but there is an imperative for developing programs to skillfully mentor RNs across all settings/roles to align with and enhance the 2019 ANCC Magnet Recognition Program criteria (for “mentoring across all levels”); the IOM Future of Nursing Report 2020-2030 (establishing the need for vibrant leaders “across all levels of nursing”); and most importantly, the Academy’s strategic goal to “position the Academy and the nursing profession to lead change and drive policy and practice to improve health and healthcare.” If elected as a member of the Fellow Selection Committee, I am prepared to provide a thorough reading, synthesis, understanding and evaluation of Fellow applications from a comprehensive perspective and will be able to measure their accomplishments and future aspirations against the Academy’s mission, values and strategic goals. It would be an honor to serve the Academy in this capacity.
Leadership Profile

Dr. Lee is known for her innovative work in the establishment and refinement of advanced nursing programs, i.e., nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, and nurse anesthesia, including the advocacy for statutory and regulatory laws for such. Her work included pioneer addressments in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners as well as serving on Education Standards and Curriculum Task forces with the National Organizational of NP Faculties (NONPF). She also was consultant for Northeastern University’s Primary Care of the Underserved Conferences across the nation. She is Executive Director of La Familia Community Center, a free-standing service for elderly, minorities, and underserved populations in Kansas. She is a clinical nurse specialist and certified family nurse practitioner in active practice, also lecturing for Newman University. She currently serves on the Workgroup for the Revision of ANA’s Scope and Standards of Practice, 4th ed. She is President of Wichita-Sedgwick Co. Nurses Society, a chapter in Kansas State Nurses Association. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, 1976 induction, and the International Biographical Association. She was elected to ANA Congress on Nursing Practice & Economics and Nominations and Election Committees.

Appointments include Steering Committee for the Revision of the Code of Ethics (2015) and committees on Bylaws and Standards of Nursing Practice. She is current member of the Academy’s Council of the Advancement of Nursing Science, past contributions including Bylaws, Eligibility, Tellers, and Roundtables.

Candidate Statement

I do welcome the opportunity to serve on the Fellow Selection Committee of the American Academy of Nursing. I have been a member of the AAN since being inducted in 1976, serving on Bylaws, Tellers, Eligibility Committees and Roundtables. I have been elected to serve on many nomination and elections committees, local, state, and national, most recently the ANA, so addressing factors in selection and vetting to particular positions is critical work. I have also served on many Tenure and Promotion Committees, several universities, so the process of review, although tedious, must be completed in equitable manner. As a Fellow of the Academy, I am currently a member of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science and involved in research studies on environmental health with the University of Kansas Medical Center and serving as principal investigator for review of the association of pneumonia development related to oral hygiene. I welcome the opportunity to serve on the Fellow Selection Committee to grow the numbers of high achieving nurses dedicated to advocacy and policy initiatives of the Academy as well as its strategic agenda activities.
Candidates for Fellow Selection Committee
Three-year term. Vote for four candidates.

Teri A. Murray
PhD, PHNA-BC, RN, FAAN
Professor & Dean Emerita
Saint Louis University School of Nursing

Leadership Profile
I have 22 years of experience in academic administration. I have led many initiatives that transformed nursing education, practice, and research while serving as the dean of Saint Louis University School of Nursing, in executive leadership capacities in top tier national nursing organizations, and in directorships on hospital and community boards.

I have served on major governing and regulatory boards that set professional standards, informed regulatory and legislative policy decisions, and developed innovative recommendations or solutions that would transform educational policy, practice, and research at regional and national levels to improve clinical care (National Advisory Council for Nurse Education and Practice, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and the Missouri State Board of Nursing). Additionally, I have served as a Board of Director for Mercy Health East Communities (a network of five hospitals within the state of Missouri) and currently serve as a Board of Director for Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Community Hospital and Nurses for Newborns, a home visitation safety net community outreach program.

Clinically, I am an advanced public health nurse-board certified. My research and policy interests are focused on the social determinants of health and the interplay between the social environment, the political environment, and health outcomes.

Candidate Statement
Last year, I was invited to serve on the Fellow Selection Committee to fill a member vacancy. Serving on the Committee for one year allowed me to become familiar with the Committee’s bylaws, procedures, and processes related to the selection of new fellows. I found it both inspiring and fascinating to see the broad scope of contributions that applicants made to the profession and healthcare, individually and collectively, that could advance the Academy’s mission. I would like the opportunity to take part in the process for the selection of outstanding new fellows that would make strong and continuous contributions to nursing, healthcare, and the Academy.

I currently serve on the Cultural Competence and Health Equity Panel (CCHE) and actively participated in the CCHE 2019 Policy Dialogue Planning Group. Service on the Fellow Selection Committee, if elected, would provide me another avenue to make a meaningful contribution to the Academy.
Candidates for Fellow Selection Committee
Three-year term. Vote for four candidates.

Mario R. Ortiz
PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC, FNP-C, FNAP, FAAN
Dean & Professor
Binghamton University

Leadership Profile

Mario R. Ortiz is dean and professor at Binghamton University’s Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences. He is a certified FNP and community health CNS. He is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International and a Fellow in the National Academies of Practice. Within the American Academy of Nursing, he serves on the Primary Care Expert Panel and Nursing Theory-Guided Practice Expert Panel.

Mario has a record of success in developing healthcare programs and being at the forefront of establishing patient-centered health homes, and has garnered millions in endowments and grants to support primary care clinics and education.

He serves on the Government Affairs Committee for the AACN, and the policy committees for the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council. He is President of the NYS Council of Nursing Deans. Mario serves as the only nurse on New York State’s Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC), which has a broad array of decision-making and policy responsibilities with respect to the State’s public health and healthcare delivery system that serves over 19 million people. On PHHPC, he leads policy initiatives focused on the State’s Committee on Public Health and Committee on Health Planning.

Mario is the “Health Policy” and “Leadership” contributing editor for Nursing Science Quarterly, and serves on the referee panels for the Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care and the Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care.

Candidate Statement

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate to serve on the Fellow Selection Committee. As an underrepresented minority, I understand the challenges persons from diverse backgrounds may experience as they carve-out unique paths that have sustainable impact on policy development and implementation locally, state-wide, and nationally. With utmost importance to me, I will focus on ensuring a diverse membership, as the Academy continues to live-out its diversity statement and initiatives in an ever-changing environment. Specifically, I can enhance the work of the Fellow Selection Committee by selecting nurses whose continued work has shown influence in and outside of nursing through policy development, diversity initiatives, research that impacts care, and collaborative strategies that improve health.

My leadership and policy contributions will assist me in selecting candidates for Fellowship in the Academy that align with its vision, mission, values, and strategic goals. Furthermore, my policy experiences will help me enhance the Fellowship Committee’s policies and criteria for the selection of candidates, while being attuned to the policy contributions of those seeking Fellowship in the Academy. Also, my familiarity with guiding strategic agenda’s will support me and the Fellowship Selection Committee in refining the agenda of the Committee and revising it as the Academy’s priorities change overtime.

I look forward to the possibilities as a member of the Fellow Selection Committee. I am dedicated to being an active member of the Academy, as it shapes policy and serves as a strong example of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

**Harleah G. Buck**
PhD, RN, FPCN, FAHA, FAAN
Associate Professor
University of South Florida

**Leadership Profile**
Significant contributions to the Academy include my time as chair (2018-2020) of the Palliative and End of Life Care (PEOLC) Expert Panel, support of the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund, and regular volunteering at the Policy Conferences. As PEOLC chair I focused on leadership development. This involved engaging EP members using the Community Forum and regular calls, identifying potential future leaders and mentoring them into the role. All of these activities resulted in a succession plan for the PEOLC after my term is ended which accounts for geographic and stakeholder diversity. Secondly, I spearheaded working with the Quality Health Care Expert Panel in a large review of existing palliative frameworks with a quality focus. This will result in recommendations to inform quality metrics in palliative care. A new contribution involves partnering with Global Nursing and Health, Aging, and Bioethics EPs in developing a consensus paper recommending equal access to palliative care in high- and low-income countries. Another relevant contribution I made to advance the strategic agenda of the Academy includes my EP leadership during the Academy’s realignment of policy priorities and procedures supporting this new direction. Under my leadership the PEOLC EP met in a series of Delphi-like process meetings to identify the priorities related to palliative care and shape communication to the Academy Board related to this. This iterative consensus building process resulted in the inclusion of Advanced Care Planning in the Care Across the Lifespan topic area as part of the Advance Health Equity and Champion Wellness priority.

**Candidate Statement**
The Nominating Committee is a critical resource of the American Academy of Nursing. As a member of the Nominating Committee of the Academy I will use my extensive professional networks and leadership experience to identify and recruit members for the board of directors, fellow selection committee, nominating committee and work cultivating officers for the board. These networks include both academic and health care system nursing leaders from the east to west coast acquired as a result of my 40+ years in nursing and national level service in multiple organizations (i.e. Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, American Heart Association, Gerontological Society of America, Eastern Nurses Research Society, Southern Nurses Research Society, Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, and American Nurses Association) This service has resulted in a rich and diverse potential applicant pool to consider for service to the Academy. My commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusivity has been and continues to be demonstrable. Two additional strengths are my previous experience on the Nominating Committee of the Eastern Nursing Research Society which honed my skills in using networking to develop a strong slate of candidates and leading the ANA Professional Issues Panel where I worked with representatives from 16 other nursing specialty organizations, many of whom became colleagues and collaborators. Taken together my networks and experience make me a strong candidate for a position on the Nominating Committee.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Rowena Elliott
PhD, RN, CNN, AGNP-C, FAAN
Associate Professor of Nursing, Clinical Track
Emory University

Leadership Profile
Dr. Rowena W. Elliott is an Associate Professor at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University. She is a board-certified adult-gerontological nurse practitioner, certified nephrology nurse (CNN), and certified nurse educator (CNE). She has a wide range of leadership experience as a nurse academician. She was the Director of the first LPN-ADN fast-track nursing program at Alcorn State University. That leadership position served as the foundation for future leadership positions, which included Director of Student Affairs (University of Mississippi), Director of the Adult-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Program (University of Southern Mississippi), Department Chairperson of Advanced Practice Nursing (University of Southern Mississippi), and Associate Dean of Program Development and Evaluation (Alcorn State University).

Dr. Elliott served on the Board of Directors for the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) as National Secretary and became ANNA’s first African-American and doctoral-prepared National President in 2011.

She served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Black Nursing Faculty/ABNF (2018-2020). Dr. Elliott was the Assistant Editor of the ABNF Journal and currently serves as the Associate Editor. Dr. Elliott was President of the Georgia Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association from 2018-2020.

Dr. Elliott has extensive experience serving on nominations committees. She served on the NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation Nominations Committee (2018-2020) and was recently elected to the Nominations Committee for the Association of Black Nursing Faculty.

Dr. Elliott is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and was recently selected as a Fellow in the NLN Academy of Nursing Education.

Candidate Statement
As a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, I am an active member of the Expert Panel on Aging. This panel works diligently to influence policy, healthcare, and healthcare delivery for older adults. I am also actively involved with an Expert Panel on Aging workgroup, whose focus is assisting caregivers in keeping their loved ones in the home setting.

My involvement with the Expert Panel piqued my interest in becoming more involved in the Academy. Since I have experience serving on the NLN CNEA Nominations Committee, I realized the AAN Nominations Committee would be a perfect fit. Being equipped with this knowledge and expertise, I know how to collaborate with committee members and the Board of Directors to recruit, identify, and select qualified candidates to be leaders within the Academy. While I realize the responsibilities of the Nomination Committee from the member perspective, I understand the importance of this role from the perspective of serving on several Boards of Directors. My experience as President of the American Nephrology Nurses Association and President of the Georgia Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association helped me to learn what is required for professionals to lead a nursing organization.

It is an honor to be a candidate, and I welcome the opportunity to serve on the Nominations Committee. As a member, I will be committed to the mission & vision, communicate effectively with the Board of Directors, and work collaboratively with the committee as we seek exemplary leaders for the American Academy of Nursing.
Leadership Profile
During three years as a member of the Expert Panel on Violence – including service as Co-Chair and Chair – I have spearheaded advancement of policies related to gun violence and sexual assault, including development of two Policy Briefs: *American Academy of Nursing on Policy: Recommendations in Response to Mass Shootings* (2018); and *American Academy of Nursing Policy Brief: Military Sexual Trauma* (2019), developed in conjunction with the Expert Panel on Military and Veterans Health. In addition to my Academy role, for more than 15 years I have served in multiple roles with the International Association of Forensic Nursing (IAFN), including President, Director-at-Large, and Educator Commissioner. There, I was a strong advocate for leadership, mentorship and grassroots approaches to ensure a robust and diverse slate of candidates for IAFN leadership positions. I successfully positioned IAFN to become a member organization of the Consortium of Forensic Sciences Organizations and served as the sole representative for nearly 4,000 forensic nurses worldwide. My sustained and deep investment in these areas, including previous academy service and leadership experience in national and international organizations provide a solid foundation for service on the Nominating Committee. Through my leadership of academic, clinical, policy and advocacy work at the national and international levels, I have developed an extensive and diverse network of professionals in all those spheres. I will continue to expand those connections and leverage them to help bring an ever more diverse array of knowledge and interests into the Academy and its work.

Candidate Statement
My leadership experience in national and international organizations, as well as my professional role as an academic leader, provide a solid foundation for contributing in significant ways to the Nominating Committee. Through my academic, clinical, policy and advocacy work, I have developed an extensive network that I have successfully leveraged in the past while serving in similar roles in other organizations and institutions. I maintain a strong presence in both conventional and social media – including submission to key publications of op-eds and letters to the editor on major healthcare issues. I will continue to utilize these multiple spheres of influence, as well as my knowledge, leadership, expertise and mentorship, to accomplish the requirements of this position, if selected.

Diversity, equity, and inclusivity are critical to the Academy’s success. When assumptions are challenged, perspectives are broadened and socialization across wider contexts occurs. As Dean at Jefferson College of Nursing, and in my earlier academic roles, I have developed a pipeline of nursing faculty from diverse backgrounds and underrepresented groups – all through a grassroots approach and by mentoring new doctoral and post-doctoral graduates. Through my leadership of academic, clinical, policy and advocacy work at the national and international levels, I have developed an extensive and diverse network of professionals in all those spheres. On the Nominating Committee, I will continue to expand those connections and leverage them to help bring an ever more diverse array of knowledge and interests into the Academy and its work.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Sheila Melander
PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN
Professor, Tenured
University of Kentucky

Leadership Profile
Dr. Sheila Melander has held distinguished executive leadership positions for clinical practice, academic settings and national organizations for over 25 years. Currently she serves as Professor and Associate Dean of the MSN and DNP Program and Faculty Practice at the University of Kentucky, College of Nursing. She is board certified as an adult acute care nurse practitioner and maintains an active practice in telemedicine. She has been active nationally for over 15 years with the development of DNP educational standards and competencies. She recently completed a seven year academic practice partnership with Norton Healthcare where 100+ DNP graduates and 33+ post-graduate certificate students completed their degrees and are actively practicing within the Norton Healthcare system. Dr. Melander has been an active member of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner (NONPF) since 2001 and served as President 2014-2016. Her engagement and service continues, including currently serving as a mentor in the Faculty Leadership Mentoring Program. Dr. Melander is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Nurse Practitioner Journal where she serves as the editor of the Acute Care Column. She is active in several professional organizations including the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Society of Critical Care Medicine and Kentucky Nurses Association where she serves on the Governmental Council. She is also a member of many community boards in Kentucky.

Candidate Statement
As a strong advocate for evidence-based practice, my standard for optimizing care delivery to patients, families and communities stems from my roots in rural Kentucky. My background as the first acute care nurse practitioner in western Kentucky launched my drive that more can and must be done to build a culture of health and strengthen the nursing workforce. I would welcome the opportunity to serve in the capacity of a nominating committee member to help the American Academy of Nursing continue its bold path for nurses to drive health policy, practice and science. Since becoming a member of the Academy, I have been actively engaged with the Expert Panel on Acute and Critical Care. It is my belief, especially during the COVID-19 global pandemic and state of affairs with civil unrest, that we are in an extremely valuable position to provide guidance during a time that will allow for maximum impact. The profession of nursing is at a pivotal time and is poised to be heard now, so that impact may be felt across our healthcare systems. The Academy leadership serves a crucial role to uphold our mission and values in working to transform healthcare policy and practice for health equity and racial justice. I am honored to be a candidate for the Nominating Committee and, if elected, I pledge to work diligently on behalf of the Academy in seeking future leaders in nursing who will be instrumental in continuing to have a positive impact on health and healthcare.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Lorna Schumann
PhD, FNP-C, ACNP-BC, ACNS-BC, ENP-C, FAAN, FAANP
Associate Professor
Washington State University

Leadership Profile
Dr. Lorna Schumann, AAN fellow since 2014, is a recognized educator and clinical expert in family practice and acute care. She is a certified family practice, acute care, and emergency nurse practitioner and an adult/geriatric clinical nurse specialist. Her diverse expertise involves medical-legal consultation and management of lifespan inpatient and outpatient conditions in the U.S and eight other countries. Her primary research areas are gender inequality and HIV in developing countries. She chairs the Research Subcommittee for the International Council of Nurses Advanced Practice Network, has held faculty positions, is involved with continuing education of nurses and NPs, and leads multiple medical missions annually. As champion for the United Nations foundation Shot@life program that provides vaccines to millions of children in developing countries, Dr. Schumann meets with members of Congress to garner support for vaccine development and distribution globally.

Dr. Schumann is a fellow in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, served as treasurer, and is on the Journal of the AANP editorial board. She is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner Certification Board and was chair from 2008-2011, 2013-2017 and treasurer from 2006-2008. In her leadership role, she represented AANPCB as a stakeholder in the original APRN Consensus Model Work Group and currently with the LACE Network among other organizations, such as the Citizens Advocacy Coalition, American Board of Nursing Specialties, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, and Institute of Credentialing Excellence. She is actively involved with accreditation of certification programs and examination development.

Candidate Statement
As a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, I have used my expertise in primary care, homeless populations, alcohol and drug abuse, medical malpractice, mental illness, infectious disease, and global health to advance AAN initiatives through development of white papers and multiple expert panel activities. Service on AAN expert panels includes contributions to the Emerging Infectious Diseases panel development of COVID-19 policy initiatives and a 2018 white paper, the Global Nursing and Health panel 2017 white paper, and the Psychiatric Mental Health and Substance Use panel 2015 AAN conference presentation.

While serving as American Academy of Nurse Practitioner Certification Board chair, I led the Recertification Task Force, resulting in pharmacology education requirements and recognition of clinical preceptor hours for certification renewal; the agency also launched the Emergency NP specialty certification program. I remain active with the Licensure, Accreditation, Certification, & Education (LACE) APRN Network through membership on 2018-2019 sub-committees to review the Criteria for Evaluation of NP Educational Programs and served on the 2013 National Organization of Nurse Practitioners Faculties core competencies review committee. I chair the International Council of Nurses Advanced Practice Network Research Subcommittee, lead several medical missions annually, and champion the United Nations’ foundation vaccine program.

As an AAN Nominating Committee member, I will serve to nominate strong leaders committed to advancing the AAN mission. Though experience with national and international organizations, I have established close relationships with leaders who would make excellent contributions to AAN committees and the Board of Directors.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Luann Whittenburg
PhD, RN, FNP-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, FAAN
Consultant
Health Informatics

Leadership Profile
As member and Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing for over five years, I have served the Expert Panel on Informatics and Technology (ITEP). I joined the Panel to support the development of new knowledge and shape national policy. I have supported several consensus statements on informatics and technology (IT) related to national health IT legislation and regulation. In 2020, I supported a high-priority ITEP issue focused on “technology as a cause of moral distress”. This included the implementation of electronic health records that generated a growing body of data impacting the nursing workflow. My work with the Panel also recognized the informatics work of the Nursing Knowledge Big Data Science committees at the University of Minnesota, School of Nursing where I am also a member. My knowledge of information standards, data models and nursing terminologies enhanced the mission and aims of the Nursing Knowledge Big Data Science committee and ITEP. My expertise with data operations aided in the establishment of flowchart information models for exchanging nursing data; supported the Academy Expert Panel on issues that arose impacting the system software lifecycle including design, development, and implementation. My contributions to ITEP have supported informatics and technology policy, information models, and research.

Candidate Statement
As a candidate for the Academy’s Nominating Committee, my significant contribution as, a national and international recognized nurse informatics (NI) expert, is to interpret this specialty in reviewing Fellowship applications. A nursing informatician specialist is needed on the Nominating Committee since many applicants are nursing professionals who are increasing engaged in applied informatics and technology careers. Their applications need to be evaluated during the nominating process. I have first-hand knowledge of a broad range of informatics and technology areas that the applicants may describe. I am also able to bring my NI expertise and leadership qualities from my work on national and international health information committees to evaluating applications. These experiences demonstrate my ability to assist in selecting Fellows to serve in Academy leadership roles and strengthen the knowledge of informatics within the Expert Panel. My policy expertise and collaboration will support the Nominating Committee in the selection of effective informatics leaders to lead change in informatics. I look forward to serving as a member of the Nominating Committee.