



American Academy of Nursing Announces 2022 Election Results

Secretary, Board of Directors, and Committee Members will Assume Leadership Positions

Washington, DC (October 12, 2022) – The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) announces its election results for Secretary, Board of Directors, Fellow Selection Committee, and Nominating Committee.

“The Academy is pleased to announce the Fellows, elected by Academy peers, who will be assuming leadership positions within the organization following the conclusion of this year’s annual business meeting,” said Academy President Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP, ACHPN, FACHE, FAAN. “Halfway into my term as President, I continue to be inspired by the work of our Fellows making an impact on health policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science. I thank the Academy’s Nominating Committee for their exceptional work and I am confident our newly elected leaders will use their expertise to advance the organization’s mission and vision so that we can collectively work towards achieving health equity.”

Karen N. Drenkard, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Senior Fellow, AARP Public Policy Institute, has been re-elected for a second term as Secretary. She has leveraged her expertise in clinical practice, community partnerships and policy to support the Academy’s work. Since her induction in 2008, Dr. Drenkard has served in many capacities, including as the former Co-Chair of the Institute for Nursing Leadership (INL) and as a previous Chair of the Policy Conference Planning Advisory Committee. In her role on the Board, she has served as the liaison to INL and several Expert Panels.

“I am honored to serve a second term as Secretary while we continue to adhere to the highest standards of integrity and recordkeeping within our organization,” said Dr. Drenkard. “I look forward to working with the Board to strategically advance policy efforts that further protect the public’s health and well-being.”

Angela F. Amar, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, Dean, University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Nursing, has been elected to serve a second term on the **Board of Directors**. Throughout her career, Dr. Amar has championed enhancing diversity within nursing leadership and improved care, as well as support, for survivors of violence and trauma as they enter the health care system. Dr. Amar was inducted into the Academy in 2011 and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2020, serving as a Board liaison to several Academy Expert Panels, as well as the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science.

“My passion for creating the preferred future of nursing and promoting quality care inspires my service on behalf of Academy Fellows,” said Dr. Amar. “I will continue to use my position on the Board of Directors to advance policies that will improve the health of the patients we serve and the nurses we mentor.”

Ching-Min Chen, DNS, RN, FAAN, President, Taiwan Nurses Association, and Scholar at the Department of Nursing, National Cheng Kung University has been elected to serve on the **Board of Directors**. With her policy experience as a legislator in Taiwan, Dr. Chen is an advocate for healthier communities and advancing gerontological care. She plans to utilize her experiences to impact health policy through her lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Inducted into the Academy in 2019, she will be the first Fellow who resides in Asia to serve on the Academy’s Board of Directors.

“I am proud to leverage my background in implementing successful national health and nursing policies related to community health and long-term care in my home country and to bring this experience to the Academy,” said Dr. Chen. “Having additional global perspective on the Board of Directors will further enhance the organization’s impact on health and health equity.”

Rebecca M. Patton, DNP, RN, CNOR, FAAN, Lucy Jo Atkinson Professor in Perioperative Nursing Endowed Chair, Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, has been elected to serve on the **Board of Directors**. Dr. Patton is a perioperative nurse who utilizes her many leadership experiences to strengthen organizations, promote quality, safety, and professional standards, and mentor emerging nurse leaders. She was inducted into the organization in 2010.

“My past leadership and health policy advocacy experiences, particularly related to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, have demonstrated my ability to serve in this important organizational role,” said Dr. Patton. “I am committed to advancing the Academy’s mission and vision to promote health and healthy lives for all.”



Karen N. Drenkard



Angela F. Amar



Ching-Min Chen



Rebecca M. Patton

Continuing Board Members Include:

- **President Kenneth R. White**, PhD, AGACNP, ACHPN, FACHE, FAAN, Dean, MGH Institute of Health Professions School of Nursing
- **President-Elect Linda D. Scott**, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAAN, Dean and Professor, University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Nursing
- **Treasurer Kathleen Chavanu Gorman**, Executive Vice President, Patient Care Services, Chief Operating Officer, Children’s National Health System, DC
- **Versie Johnson-Mallard**, PhD, RN, APRN, FNAP, FAANP, Dean, Professor and Henderson Endowed Chair, Kent State University College of Nursing
- **Margaret P. Moss**, PhD, JD, RN, FAAN, Director, First Nations House of Learning and Associate Professor, University of British Columbia School of Nursing
- **Nancy S. Redeker**, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, Professor, Interim Associate Dean for Research and Scholarship, University of Connecticut School of Nursing

This year’s election ballot also included positions for the Fellow Selection Committee and the Nominating Committee. The following individuals will join these committees at the conclusion of the [policy conference](#).

Newly Elected Members of the Fellow Selection Committee:



Mary Joy Garcia-Dia



Ernest Grant



Patricia Kinser



Joachim Voss

- **Mary Joy Garcia-Dia**, DNP, RN, FAAN, Program Director, Nursing Informatics, NewYork-Presbyterian
- **Ernest Grant**, PhD, DSc(h.c.), RN, FAAN, Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Nursing and Outgoing President, American Nurses Association
- **Patricia Kinser**, PhD, WHNP-BC, RN, FAAN, Endowed Professor; Assistant Dean of Research Scholarship, and Innovation, Virginia Commonwealth University
- **Joachim Voss**, PhD, RN, ACRN, FAAN, Independence Foundation Professor and Director of the PhD Program, Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing

Newly Elected Members of the Nominating Committee:



Judith B. Cornelius



Colleen Leners



Michael Neft

- **Judith B. Cornelius**, PhD, MS, RN, ANEF, FAAN, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- **Colleen Leners**, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Director of Policy, American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- **Michael W. Neft**, PhD, DNP, MHA, RN, CRNA, FNAP, FAANA, FAAN, Clinical Professor, Duquesne University

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[The American Academy of Nursing](#) serves the public by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. Academy Fellows are inducted into the organization for their extraordinary contributions to improve health locally and globally. With more than 2,900 Fellows, the Academy represents nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, administration, practice, and academia.

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