American Academy of Nursing Announces its 2019 Election Results

New President Eileen Sullivan-Marx and President-Elect Kenneth White Assume Academy Leadership

Washington, DC (October 31, 2019) – The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) announced the election results for the Board of Directors, Fellow Selection Committee, and Nominating Committee during its 2019 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference.

“The Academy is thrilled to publicly share the exceptional leaders who will help propel the vision, mission, and strategy of the organization forward to positively impact health,” said Academy CEO Suzanne Miyamoto, PhD, RN, FAAN.

Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN assumed the role of President. Dr. Sullivan-Marx currently serves as Dean and Erline Perkins McGriff Professor at New York University (NYU), Rory Meyers College of Nursing. Inducted as a Fellow in 1997, Dr. Sullivan-Marx served on the Board from 2011 to 2015 before being elected as President-Elect in 2017, a role she fulfilled for two years. She has held many leadership roles, including overseeing Edge Runners, a signature initiative of the Academy, that designates innovative, nurse-designed models of care. Dr. Sullivan-Marx joined NYU as Dean of the College of Nursing in 2012 after a distinguished career at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She is known for her research and innovative approaches in primary care and testing payment methods—particularly through Medicaid and Medicare—for nurses, sustaining models of care using advanced practice registered nurses, and for developing health policy in community-based settings.

"I am thrilled to be taking the helm of the Academy as President during a time of remarkable change and progress in the nursing profession and in healthcare broadly," said Dr. Sullivan-Marx. "Rigorous nursing practice and research are essential to unlock discoveries, to make good policy, to address social determinants of health, and to advocate for our patients' health and wellness. Our Fellows do this important work every day. I'm proud to lead an organization that is committed to their success in doing so through innovation, leadership, and science."

Kenneth White, PhD, AGACNP-BC, FACHE, FAAN, was voted to serve as President-Elect. "It is an honor to serve in this leadership position and to continue the work of nursing giants who conceived and built the Academy as a preeminent organization of nurse scholars, leaders, and educators," said Dr. White. "I look forward to achieving new heights of impact and outcomes that improve health and healthcare across the globe through innovation, advancement of nursing science, and enactment of health policy to achieve the best care possible for individuals and communities."

Dr. White is the Associate Dean for Strategic Partnerships and Innovation at the University of Virginia (UVA), School of Nursing and UVA Medical Center Professor of Nursing. He was inducted into the Academy in 2012 and has served on the Board since 2017. He was the Chair of the 2019 Policy Conference Planning Advisory Committee and has served on the Fellow Selection Committee. With more than forty years of experience in healthcare organizations, serving in clinical, administrative,
governance, and consulting capacities, Dr. White spent 13 years with Mercy Health Services as senior executive in marketing, operations, and international healthcare consulting. He then pivoted into academia, working at Virginia Commonwealth University in various roles prior to joining UVA in 2013.

Kathleen Chavanu Gorman, MSN, RN, FAAN, was elected to the position of Treasurer. "It is truly an honor to be elected as Treasurer of the American Academy of Nursing and to advance the vision of shaping health policy through nursing knowledge and leadership," said Ms. Gorman. "The Academy’s more than 2,800 Fellows have been extraordinary leaders and are dedicated to enhancing the quality of health care."

Ms. Gorman is the Executive Vice President, Patient Care Services and Chief Operating Officer at Children’s National Health System in Washington, D.C. Prior to her role at Children’s National in DC, she served as Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and Assistant Dean of Clinical Practice at the University Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Her career has focused on advancing patient safety, quality, and clinical resource management to improve care outcomes and inform policy for children and families. Inducted into the Academy in 2014, Ms. Gorman has also served on the Finance Committee.

In addition, Fellows of the Academy elected Jose Alejandro, PhD, RN-BC, MBA, CCM, FACHE, FAAN, Director of Care Management, University of California Irvine Health and Assistant Professor, Mount St. Mary’s University at Los Angeles, as well as Nelda Godfrey, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAAN, Associate Dean for Innovation & Strategic Partnerships, University of Kansas, to serve on the Board. (Drs. Alejandro and Godfrey are pictured on the far right.)

Continuing Board Members Include:

- **Mary E. Foley**, PhD, RN, FAAN, (Secretary), Director of the Center for Nursing Research and Innovation and Clinical Professor, University of California San Francisco
- **Debra Barksdale**, PhD, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN (who was re-elected for a second term), Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University
- **Karen Drenkard**, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Associate Dean for Clinical Practice and Community Engagement, The George Washington University
- **Mary Magee Gullatte**, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, AOCN, FAAN, Corporate Director of Nursing Innovation and Research, Emory Healthcare Network
- **Pamela R. Jeffries**, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, Dean and Professor of Nursing, The George Washington University

Election results for the Fellow Selection Committee and the Nominating Committee were also announced during the Academy’s policy conference.

Newly Elected Members of the Fellow Selection Committee:

- **Cynthia Arslanian-Engoren**, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAHA, FAAN, Professor and Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development, University of Michigan
• **Marla De Jong**, PhD, RN, CCNS, FAAN, Chair of the Division of Acute and Chronic Care and Professor, University of Utah
• **John Lowe**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Kenzie Endowed Professor and Director for the Center for Indigenous Nursing Research for Health Equity, Florida State University

**Newly Elected Members of the Nominating Committee:**

• **Karen S. Hill**, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Chief Operating Officer & Chief Nursing Officer, Baptist Health Lexington and Editor-in-Chief, The Journal of Nursing Administration
• **Maureen “Shawn” Kennedy**, MA, RN, FAAN, Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of Nursing
• **Joyce Pulcini**, PhD, RN, FAANP, PNP-BC, FAAN, Professor, George Washington University School of Nursing

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The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) serves the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy and science through organizational excellence and effective nursing leadership. The Academy's more than 2,800 Fellows are nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, research, and policy. They have been recognized for their extraordinary contributions to nursing and healthcare.

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