April 7, 2021

President’s Message

Dear Fellows,

Record number of vaccines are being administered. Today, the CDC recorded that 63 million individuals in the US are fully vaccinated and over 108 million have received at least one dose. This brings great hope and excitement for some level of “normalcy.” However, as nurses, we know normalcy is not as simple as stores opening and gatherings resuming. So many have been deeply impacted by the pandemic in ways that we cannot readily see. And there is still great uncertainty ahead. It is a race against the variants. It is a race to get more people vaccinated. It is the needed advocacy to ask people to hold on a bit longer to our “new normal” of social distancing and masks as too many seem to be relaxing their guard. We are seeing infections rise in some states and in countries around the globe.

It reminds me of care that is provided during recovery from a serious illness. The individual often overestimates their health status. They feel ready to run a mile when we know they are only ready to take a few steps. It is our role as nurses to support wellness at a steady and measured pace. We have to help prepare people to understand that while they are taking one step forward, they may end up taking two steps back if they move too fast. As we enter this new phase of the pandemic, we have the opportunity to create stability in achieving our wellness goals. Central to this is equity and supporting the whole person. We do not know how an individual has been affected—loss of a family member, loss of a job, children struggling at home trying to figure out how to socially reengage. The physical and mental toll of COVID-19 is real and must be a fundamental part of our long-term recovery efforts.

I reflect on this recovery process because it will usher in a wave of new decisions that must be made, which will be accompanied by new unknowns. Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the new CDC Director, are providing new guidance and also making it very clear that the evidence continues to evolve. We do not have a crystal ball and if the pandemic has taught us anything, it is our need to be vigilant and supportive of each other to see it through to greater progress. This requires continued leadership with the courage to say, “we are not there yet, but we are working to get there.”

For the Academy, we know there are many decisions ahead of us. Our policy work continues to advance our priorities and mission. And at an organizational level, many have been wondering about our decision to hold an in-person conference. I know the interest to convene and connect face-to-face is tremendously powerful. I feel it too. We are not there yet. The Board of Directors is committed to the health of our community and the larger community impacted by an in-person event as well as the organization’s financial stewardship. With guidance from the District of Columbia’s health department and the CDC, we will finalize our decision in June or July. In the meantime, the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science is currently accepting abstracts for its virtual Advanced Methods Conference.

As we work together to heal communities and support wellness, we need more leaders to step forward. This is true within the Academy as well. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominations of Fellows for leadership positions on the Board and key standing committees. It has been and honor and a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors and as the Academy President. I have seen the organization grow and evolve each year that I have served. The organization will continue to modernize with visionary leaders. Consider nominating yourself or a colleague for one of these critical roles.
As we enter the Spring season, I hope our collective recovery process leads to more moments of joy and a pathway to wellness.

Sincerely,

Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN
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Nominations for Academy Leadership Positions

Nominations will be accepted through Monday, April 19th.

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Fellow Achievements

Terrah Foster Akard, PhD, RN, CPNP, FAAN, has been appointed

Debra Barksdale, PhD, FNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, FAAN, has been

Pamela R. Jeffries, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, has been named Dean of the
Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30), RN, FAAN, has been granted the Edwin C. Whitehead Award for Medical Research Advocacy. Congresswoman Johnson was inducted into the Academy in 2020.

Scharmaine Lawson, DNP, FAANP, FAAN, CEO, Dr. Lawson, NP, has been named Co-Chair of The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action’s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Steering Committee. Dr. Lawson was inducted into the Academy in 2017.

Christine Miaskowski, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, University of California San Francisco School of Nursing, has been recognized by the National Cancer Institute’s Division of Cancer Prevention. Dr. Miaskowski was inducted into the Academy in 1992.

Marie Nolan, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, Professor and Executive Vice Dean, has been appointed to serve as Interim Dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. Dr. Nolan was inducted into the Academy in 2009 and serves on the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel.

Lin Zhan, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named Dean of the UCLA School of Nursing. Dr. Zhan is a member of the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee as well as the Aging and Global Nursing and Health Expert Panels. She was inducted into the Academy in 2001.

The American Correctional Nurses Association was created to represent the voices of correctional nurses and their patients. Deborah Shelton, PhD, RN, NE-BC, CCHP, FAAN is among the six founding members and is the organization’s first President. Fellows Mary Muse, MS, RN, CCHP-A, CCHP-RN, FAAN, and Donna Zucker, PhD, RN, FAAN, also serve on the Board.

Do you have an achievement to share? Submit your news through the FAAN Mail Submission Form.

J. Margo Brooks Carthon, PhD, RN, FAAN, Mathew McHugh, PhD, JD, MPH, RN, FAAN, and Linda Aiken, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN, have co-authored the article, "Better Nurse Work Environments Associated with Fewer Readmissions and Shorter Length of Stay Among Adults with Ischemic Stroke: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of United States Hospitals," published in Research in Nursing & Health.

Linda Franck, PhD, RN, FAAN, was the featured guest in a recent episode of SigmaCast, the scholarly podcast series organized by the Sigma Theta Tau.

Nelda Godfrey, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAAN, Academy Board Member, co-authored the article, "Faculty formation: Philosophical perspectives, issues, and considerations," published in OJIN: The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing.

Paul Kuehnert, DNP, RN, FAAN, has published a memoir, So Much Older Then. Coming of Age When the World is Coming Apart.

In Memoriam

Diane C. Berry, PhD, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Jane Sox Monroe Distinguished Professor in Nursing, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing, passed away on March 24, 2021.

Dr. Berry, an internationally recognized nurse researcher in chronic illness prevention and management, focused on management and prevention of obesity, Type 2 diabetes and gestational diabetes mellitus through community-based research in English and Spanish in the United States and in Mexico. Dr. Berry was inducted into the Academy in 2014.

Kathleen T. Hickey, EdD, RN, CCRN, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, APNG, FAHA, FAAN, Associate Professor, Columbia University School of Nursing (SON) and Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Faculty Scholar, passed away on March 14, 2021.

Dr. Hickey's research and practice focused on the areas of cardiogenetics, atrial and ventricular arrhythmias, and the prevention of sudden cardiac death. She was the first recipient of Columbia University SON's Outstanding Young Investigator Award in 2007, and was selected to attend NINR's Summer Genetic Institute in 2009. Dr. Hickey was inducted into the Academy in 2011.

Ann Marie Hughes, PhD, RN, FNP, ACHPN, ACRN, FAAN, retired Advanced Practice Nurse in Palliative Care, Pain Management and Ethics, passed away on March 26, 2021.

With over 40 years of nursing practice experience, Dr. Hughes' expertise led her to being elected as National President of the Association of Nurses in HIV/AIDS Care and Board Member of the Hospice and Palliative Care Association. Dr. Hughes was inducted into the Academy in 1998.
Bernardine M. Lacey, EdD, RN, FAAN, Allied Health Sciences Board of Visitors Vice-Chair, Howard University College of Nursing, passed away on March 26, 2021.

Dr. Lacey, who worked at the Howard University Hospital for over 30 years, was the founding Dean of the Western Michigan University School of Nursing. Howard University honored her distinguished career with their Legacy of Leadership Award and Georgetown University highlighted her trailblazing spirit as one of the first African-American nursing school graduates through an oral history this year. She shared her story in the article "You Don't Have Any Business Being This Good": An Oral History Interview with Bernardine Lacey," published in the American Journal of Nursing.

Dr. Lacey was inducted into the Academy in 1990 and became a Living Legend in 2014.

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