Academy Election

Voting is now open for the following leadership positions at the American Academy of Nursing:

- President-Elect (Two-year term)
- Board Treasurer (Two-year term)
- Board of Directors (Two-year term)
- Fellow Selection Committee (Three-year term)
- Nominating Committee (Two-year term)

Review the Candidates and Vote »

Academy Bylaws Proposal

Academy president Joanne Disch, PhD, RN, FAAN, and International Fellows Word Group chair Barbara Nichols, DNSc (hon), MS, RN, FAAN, FRCN, sent the fellowship a report on a proposal to amend the bylaws to “address the Academy’s role in the global community with particular attention to responsibilities, rights, and a dues structure for international fellows.”

Please review the report and comment »

Policy

The Academy is pleased to sign onto a Nursing Community letter thanking the sponsors of the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2013 (H.R. 2504) for recognizing the critical value of ensuring that Medicare beneficiaries receive appropriate home health services in a timely manner by supporting the work of advanced practice registered nurses, specifically nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and clinical nurse specialists. The legislation has been introduced in the House by Reps. Walden and Schwartz and will be introduced in the Senate by Sens. Schumer and Collins.

The Academy issued a press release on Hepatitis C virus for World Hepatitis Day which was July 28. The release highlighted policy research from the Expert Panel on Emerging and Infectious Diseases.
Academy Awards

If you know a leader in aging or gerontological nursing, nominate him or her for the 2013 Nurse Leader in Aging Award. Nominations are due August 12. Nominate a leader today »

Johnson & Johnson Excellence in Media Award

The Excellence in Media Award recognizes exemplary journalism that reports on health or health care with accurate and appropriate inclusion of nurses’ contributions or perspectives. Entries can be submitted by the journalist or team responsible for the entry, an Academy Fellow who is familiar with the entry, or other interested parties.

Learn more about the media award »

Academy Conference

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Invitation to Inaugural Leadership Luncheon

Dear Colleagues,

We are launching an exciting new event at our annual meeting and policy conference, and we invite you to join us. The event is the inaugural Leadership Luncheon on Thursday, October 17 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the
conference hotel. This luncheon is to celebrate leadership at all levels within our profession and in particular to recognize and encourage future leaders of the Academy who are currently executive nurse fellows and nurse faculty scholars in some of the nation’s premier nurse leadership programs. The University of Minnesota School of Nursing will be the host for this first luncheon, and dean Connie Delaney has invited me to give brief remarks about leadership which I’m titling, "If I’m in charge here, why is everybody laughing?" In subsequent years, other organizations will have the opportunity of hosting this event, and selecting their own speakers.

The Leadership Luncheon will occur just prior to the welcome and kick-off to the Academy’s three day annual meeting and this year’s 40th anniversary celebration. The cost is $60 per person. Seating will be limited so, if you are interested, please access the Academy’s conference registration website or contact Jocelyn Cunic with questions. We are excited to establish this new vehicle for celebrating leadership at all levels within our profession and hope that you can join us.

—Joanne Disch

**Fellow Achievements**

**Merrie Kaas**, PhD, RN, FAAN, received the American Psychiatric Nurses Association’s 2013 Award for Excellence in Education, which recognizes one psychiatric-mental health nurse nationally.

**Joan Such Lockhart**, PhD, RN, CORLN, AOCN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN, was inducted into the National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education and also received the Cameos of Caring Award for Nurse Educators from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. Dr. Lockhart and her colleague Leah Cunningham were awarded their fourth Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Grant.

**Suzanne C. Lareau**, RN, MS, FAAN received the Elizabeth Rich MD Award as the 2013 outstanding woman in the American Thoracic Society who has made a significant contribution in mentoring practitioners and researchers in pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. She was also honored with the Pioneer Award from the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Assembly.

**Have News to Share?**
**Let us know!**

**In Memoriam**

**Philip Xu** passed away on July 9, 2013 after a long battle with cancer. Dr. Yu (Philip) Xu has been a highly esteemed professor in the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Nursing since 2005. He embodied the role of academic scholar in every sense. His passion for the cultural enlightenment of health care
workers as a prerequisite to high quality patient care transcended his research, teaching, and service. He was internationally known as a cultural competence expert whose expertise was sought to chair national grant review boards, collaborate with research colleagues across disciplines, and consult with health care organizations. Dr. Xu authored hundreds of scholarly articles in nursing and health care journals about cultural competence, foreign nurse assimilation, and health care status of minority populations. He immersed himself into his teaching and provided highly rigorous courses to master and doctoral level students. He infused role modeling and mentoring into every aspect of his work. Students and colleagues across the country continue to benefit from his compassionate guidance in their lives. Dr. Xu will be greatly missed, but his influence on developing a culturally competent health care workforce and being a genuine academic scholar will impact many generations to come.

Magdalena A. Mateo, PhD, RN, FAAN died of Parkinson’s disease on June 13, 2013 in Phoenix, while in hospice care. She was sixty-seven years old. Her husband Domingo had died a little more than two months earlier. She received her BSN and MN degrees from the Far Eastern University in Manila, Philippines, and her PhD from the Ohio State University. While working in clinical and academic settings as a clinical nurse specialist, and director of nursing and faculty in the Philippines, Canada, and the United States, she conducted studies and used results of studies to improve patient care. She was the director of Research for the Department of Nursing at the Ohio State University Hospital and later at Mayo Clinics. She had recently retired from Northeastern University School of Nursing in Boston where she taught research courses. She had co-edited a book on the conduct and use of research, which twice received the AJN Book of the Year Award for the research category. She was working on the fourth version when her health failed.

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