Welcome Message

Dear colleagues,

I am excited to begin my term as the Academy president for the next two years. Last month's 40th annual policy conference was undoubtedly the best that many fellows and I have experienced. Almost half of our fellowship participated, and we had a record number of nurses and health professionals who are not fellows in attendance.

The expert panel meetings were productive and filled with enthusiasm and great ideas for policy work. The Policy Dialogues, now in their second year, sparked rich discussion about critical issues. The plenaries included an outstanding presentation on the Academy's new initiative, Have you ever served in the military?, and veterans' health by fellow Linda Schwartz, commissioner of veterans affairs for Connecticut and President Obama's nominee for assistant secretary of veterans affairs for policy and planning at the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Our planning committee introduced healthy breaks and interludes—new this year. 2013 Living Legends Clara Adams-Ender, Hattie Bessent, Margaret Miles, and Jean Watson demonstrated the power and significance of sustained contributions to nursing, health care, and the Academy. And, the 172 new fellows—along with Carolyn Clancy, Barbara and Donald Jonas and Barbara Safreit, as honorary fellows—are an impressive group who celebrated their induction with family and friends at over twenty receptions and the soiree. The conference was a great example of combining thoughtful dialogue and delightful times with our colleagues.

The conference is a beginning. There was lots of energy and interest in helping the Academy to play a leading role in shaping policy. Now comes the hard work of making our mark on the important policy issues of our time. A new, stellar board and I are committed to working with our expert panels, committees, and task forces to escalate the Academy's influence and impact. Soon, we will share with you our strategic plan for 2014–2017, a visionary and important plan for advancing the health of our society.

Many fellows said to me, "Let me know how I can help." Every fellow can contribute to the Rheba De Tornay Fund to support the Academy's initiatives that advance our mission. We also welcome your thoughts on how we can best use your expertise. You can e-mail me at diana.mason@hunter.cuny.edu. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Policy

**Expert Panel on Bioethics.** The Academy board recently approved an Expert Panel on Bioethics. Charged with providing broad ethical guidance and review on issues pertaining to nursing practice, education, and research that the discipline of nursing and society faces, the new expert panel is led by Connie Ulrich and Ann Hamric. The board liaison is David Keepnews and the staff liaison is Cheryl Sullivan. Fellows interested in joining the expert panel should complete the application and return it to Jocelyn Cunic.

**Expert Panel Co-Chairs.** The Academy recognizes the leadership of a number of co-chairs who transitioned off their respective expert panels and thanks them for their guidance in the development of policy briefs, calls to actions, and other policy products: Margaret Moss (Aging); Rita Pickler and Cynthia Logsdon (Child/Adolescent); Dale Allison (Cultural Competence & Health Equity); Pat Tabloski (Palliative & End of Life Care); and Michael Rice (Psych/Mental Health). We look forward to continuing to work with each of them as they stay engaged implementing the important policy work of the expert panels.

New Expert Panel co-chairs include Amy Cotton (Aging); Ann Turner Henson and Heidi Krowchuk (Child/Adolescent); Dee Baldwin (Cultural Competence & Health Equity); Ardith Doorenbos (Palliative & End of Life Care); and Madeline Naegle (Psych/Mental Health). We welcome them to these critical policy leadership positions.

**Federal Leadership Opportunity.** The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) is seeking an exceptional candidate for the position of chief, Office of End-of-Life and Palliative Care Research (OEPCR) within the Division of Extramural Science Programs (DESP). The application period for the position closes Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

Academy Conference

**American Academy of Nursing**

40th Annual Meeting and Conference

Transforming Health Care: Driving Policy

October 17-19, 2013

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

Washington, DC

Conference Videos & Slides
The videos and slides of the conference plenary sessions and the 2013 Living Legend Ceremony are posted.

Conference Evaluations & CE Credits

A link to the evaluations of the 2013 policy conference is posted online. If you are receiving continuing education credit, you must complete the evaluation to earn the credits. CE certificates will be e-mailed soon after the evaluation is completed.

You have until November 30 to complete the evaluations. Your feedback is important. Complete the evaluations today »

Lost and Found

Please let us know if you accidentally took a vase engraved with "Susan Sullivan-Bolyai, DNSc, MN, RN, CNS" from the Regency Ballroom on Saturday evening. Please contact Jocelyn Cunic so we can return it to Susan.

We have a pair of Cathy Jean brand, size 7, flat shoes. Let Jocelyn Cunic know if these are yours.

THANK YOU!

The Academy staff would like to thank all of the fellows and presenters for making this a successful conference. We are also so very grateful to all of the fellows that volunteered. #THANKYOU!

Academy Bylaws

At the annual business meeting, the fellows discussed the draft version of the bylaws. The bylaws committee would like to receive any additional feedback from fellows that may have been unable to attend the meeting.

Please review the draft bylaws and send your comments to Michael Marriott by Tuesday, November 5.

Fellow Achievements

Susan J. Kelley, PhD, FAAN, was recently elected to the national board of directors of Prevent Child Abuse America, which has chapters in all 50 states. It is the largest organization in the country dedicated to eliminating all forms of child maltreatment.

Tara A. Cortes, PhD, RN, FAAN, executive director of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing and

Rhonda Anderson, RN, DNSc, FAAN, FACHE, was the recipient of the American College of Healthcare Executives and Arizona Healthcare Executives ACHE Distinguished Service Award at the Arizona Healthcare Executive's 2013 Annual Dinner and Recognition Program.

Robin P. Newhouse, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, has been elected to the AcademyHealth board of directors. She is the only nurse on the board and is one of three new members selected from a pool of six nominees.
professor of Geriatric Nursing, was recently named to the Health and Aging Policy Fellows 2013-2014 Program in the non-residential track.

Dr. Cortes is only the sixth nurse in seven years to be selected as a fellow.

Have News to Share?
Let us know!

Career Opportunities

University of Pennsylvania
School of Nursing
Associate Dean for Innovative Practice and Policy

We are inviting applications from PhD prepared nurse academics for the position as associate dean for Innovative Practice and Policy to join the school’s leadership team to serve as the driving force for innovations in practice that may encompass technology integration, entrepreneurial initiatives including technology transfer and the further development and implementation of evidence in practice. Learn more about this position and how to apply »

See 11 new opportunities on the Academy site »

Have a career opportunity to share with fellows?

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