From the President

Myth Busting

I’ve served on the Academy board for seven of the last eight years now and am baffled by the persistent misconception that the Academy is lowering its standards for the selection of new fellows. While we each can probably claim to know someone whom we would not have admitted, a member of the Fellow Selection Committee said that this year’s process was the most rigorous she had experienced in three years of service.

Consider these facts about this year’s selection:

- We had a record number of submissions—278 applications.
- 170 applicants from 41 states and 5 countries were selected for fellowship.
- This year’s acceptance rate was 61%—lower than the 70% or higher proportion in recent years.

And this follows a pattern of rigor that has characterized the fellow selection process in recent years. Yet, some fellows have argued that the large numbers of new fellows in the past few years point to a lowering of our standards. I would argue that the profession has been intently focused on increasing the number of well-educated, fine leaders who are changing nursing, the health of the nation, and its health care system. This will only increase if the profession responds as it should to the Institute of Medicine’s recommendations. So why should we be surprised at the increasing number of applicants and new fellows?

If you have any doubts, talk to members of the Fellow Selection Committee, including this year’s fine co-chairs, Linda Scott and Kaye Bender. They will be available during the Open Forum at our October conference and meeting in Washington, DC, to answer any questions you may have about the process.

I hope you’ll join me at our October conference in celebrating the 2014 cadre of new fellows and congratulating them on their superb contributions to nursing and health care.

Diana Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

Upcoming Conferences

Academy’s 2014 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference

Council's 2014 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research
Kathryn A. Lee, RN, PhD, FAAN, CBSM, received the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses’ 2014 Award of Excellence in Research.

Anne P. Manton, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FAEN, FAAN, has been appointed editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Emergency Nursing.

2014 Leadership Election

VOTING ENDS TODAY for the 2014 Academy Leadership Elections. Current fellows have through tonight to submit their electronic ballot. Honorary fellows and new fellow inductees are not eligible to vote. Review the candidates and vote.

2014 Excellence in Media Award

Recognizing exemplary healthcare journalism with nursing’s contribution and perspective.

Academy Fellow on Caring for Ebola Patients

Susan M. Grant, MS, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, published an op-ed in The Washington Post on the importance and care of treating the two Americans infected with the Ebola virus inside the United States.

She notes the precautions to contain the virus, the excellent team of health professionals, and what we can learn to combat this dangerous virus.

Fellow Appointments

Gayle Roux, PhD, NP-C, FAAN, has been named dean of the University of North Dakota College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines.

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Donna Sullivan Havens, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been appointed as the interim dean of the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has also been appointed as the associate CNO for Academic Affairs for the University of North Carolina Hospitals.

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