From the President

Recently, a board member reached out to another fellow who was a colleague in her place of employment. The colleague said that she didn't think she would renew her fellowship since she didn't know what the Academy did. The board member asked her colleague if she read the Academy pages in Nursing Outlook, or read FAAN Mail, or visited the Academy's website regularly, or attended the annual policy conference. The colleague said she did not. We know that about 34% of fellows open FAAN mail. It's a quick, easy way to keep abreast of some of the work of the Academy and our fellows. But it's concerning that more don't open it. What are we missing? How would you like for us to share with you the significant work that the Academy has been doing?

The board of directors is committed to strengthening the Academy's capacity to move forward on our strategic plan. We recently contracted with a development consultant to conduct an analysis of the Academy's resources. Our thanks to the 18% who responded to the online survey and to the 25 fellows who participated in one-hour, in-person interviews.

The consultant's report was quite interesting, including finding that some fellows are not sure whether the Academy is an honorific organization or one with a mission. The Academy has been moving forward over the past years in being able to better live up to its mission of serving "the public and nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge." So the confusion may be a part of our growth and maturation. Or it may be that we are not doing a good enough job of communicating with fellows about the Academy's work.

The board has discussed the report and its implications at our last two board meetings. One of the actions that the board is taking in response to the report is to invest in its own training to ensure that we are a "high-performing board," including through excellence in living up to our fiduciary responsibilities. One example of the board's commitment to excellence in governance is its 100% participation in giving to the Rheba de Tornyay Fund.

The board is also actively reaching out to fellows and others to discuss our most important initiatives. We are here to serve, but we need you to do your part. We welcome your contributions and engagement. We welcome your full support of the many initiatives on which we are working. The Academy is thriving. We hope that you will stay connected. If you have suggestions for improving how we communicate with you, please let me know at Diana_Mason@aannet.org.

Diana Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN
President
Upcoming Conferences

Academy’s 2014 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference
October 16–18, 2014
Grand Hyatt Washington

Council’s 2014 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research
September 18–20, 2014
The Washington Hilton

- Conference Registration
- Early Bird ends TOMORROW!
- Hotel Room Registration

Policy

Senate Confirmation of Linda Schwartz. Today (July 31) is the last session day before the Senate’s one month August recess. If you are inclined, please call senator Harry Reid (202-224-3542) and urge a vote on Dr. Linda Schwartz’s nomination as Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning before the session closes.

Protecting Women from Gun Violence. Representing the Academy, fellow Jackie Campbell delivered stunning testimony before the US Senate Judiciary Committee on July 30 on her research on domestic violence homicide of women. The Academy is pleased to endorse S.1290 Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act introduced by Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

Vote in Leadership Election

If you haven’t already, cast your vote in the 2014 Academy Leadership Elections. Current fellows have through Friday, August 15, 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.
Katie Couric Celebrates Nurses

On her talk show, Katie Couric interviewed Academy president Diana Mason as part of Couric's celebration of nurses. Couric also interviewed Carolyn Jones and discussed the documentary, "The American Nurse," and she interview nurses working in prisons and military medical units. Watch it here.

Fellow Appointments

Sally S. Cohen, PhD, RN, FAAN, was appointed editor-in-chief of Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice.

Support your Academy!

Please remember to make a gift to the Academy's Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund.

Awards & Recognition

Carole Kenner, PhD, RN, FAAN, will receive the National Association of Neonatal Nurses' Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to neonatal nursing.

Claire Caruso, PhD, RN, FAAN received the RADM Julia Plotnick Publication Award for Health/Nursing Policy for her book chapter, "Shift Work and Long Work Hours" in Occupational Ergonomics – Principles and Applications (2012; Eds: A Bhattacharya & J McGlothlin). This award recognizes a publication by a nurse in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that informs and educates consumers and/or healthcare practitioners about significant health related issues.

Barbara Dossey, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, HWNC-BC received the American Holistic Nurses Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

Schools of Nursing Celebrate Centennials

Carolyn J. Yocom, PhD, RN, FAAN and Marilyn D. Harris, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, were two of the ten initial inductees into the Abington Memorial Hospital Dixon School of Nursing Hall of Fame on May 16, 2014, during the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the hospital and school.

2014 Gala Celebration of NINR

Celebrate with the FNINR on October 15, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC Register for the Gala!

Career Opportunities

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