Happy New Year! The holidays provided a bit of respite, but the Academy is already engaged in some of the most important health-related issues of our day that align with our strategic plan.

For example, the new Congress promises to provide ample opportunities for sharing nursing’s views on myriad topics, whether reforming health care, renewing CHIP (Child Health Insurance Program), or ensuring that poor families have access to food. CEO Cheryl Sullivan and I have continued our conversations with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation about nurse-designed models of care and workforce issues.

On the judicial side, the case of King v Burwell promises to be one of the most closely watched hearings of the Supreme Court this year. The case focuses on whether the Affordable Care Act authorizes the federal government to provide tax credits to low and moderate income people who buy health insurance through a federal, rather than state, health insurance exchange, as currently happens. The Academy has agreed to sign onto an amicus curiae brief developed by the National Women’s Law Center that focuses on how the King v Burwell decision can affect the lives of women.

We’re also ramping up our communications efforts. I want to welcome Elyse Petroni, our new communications manager. She’s already seizing opportunities to showcase the work of the Academy and to increase the visibility of the perspectives that nurses bring to policy matters.

Here’s to a 2015 that will undoubtedly be very busy, interesting, and, I hope, healthful for all of us.

Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

Top 3 Reasons People Trust Nurses More Than Other Professions

In a recent feature article in Nurse Zone, Academy fellows discuss why nurses continuously take the number one spot in Gallop’s annual poll, “U.S. Views on Honesty and Ethical Standards in Professions.” Read the Full Article
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PCORI Advisory Panels Seek Nominees

PCORI is seeking applicants to serve on five of six multi-stakeholder advisory panels, which play a key role in bringing the voices of the healthcare community to its work. Fellows interested in applying should apply directly to PCORI by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, Feb. 6 and let the Academy know of your application (CEO@AANnet.org). Visit the advisory panel application page to learn more and find out how to apply.

Fellow Touts "Nursing Win" in Opinion Column

On January 1, Minnesota joined 18 other states in allowing nurses to practice to the full extent of their education and training. Academy Fellow, Connie Delaney, wrote a column touting this "nursing win."

"The amendment to the Minnesota Nurse Practice Act, which passed by overwhelming margins in the Minnesota Legislature in May 2014, empowers the most highly educated and specialized nurses (typically with seven years of undergraduate and graduate education) to practice anywhere in Minnesota, and provide consistent, convenient care, and referral services to patients.” Read the full column.

Fellow Achievements

Mary Lou Manning, PhD, CRNP, CIC, FAAN, Associate Professor, Thomas Jefferson University School of Nursing is the elected 2015 President of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. She was also selected by the CDC to serve as a trainer for the CDC Safety Training Course for Healthcare Workers going to West Africa in Response to the 2014 Ebola Outbreak being conducted in Anniston, AL.

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Michelle Troseth, MSN, RN, DPNAP, FAAN, is the winner of the 2014 HIMSS Nursing Informatics Leadership Award. This award is presented to one individual who has demonstrated significant leadership in the area of nursing informatics.

Troseth is the chief professional practice officer of Elsevier Clinical Solutions. She is currently co-chair of the HIMSS Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform (TIGER) Committee; served as the TIGER Summit Program chair; and co-led a national collaborative on Usability and Clinical Application Design. She is also chair of the Academy’s Informatics and Technology expert panel. Read more.

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Career Opportunities

(Following are Paid Announcements)

Dean, College of Nursing: University of Central Florida

The University of Central Florida is conducting a national search for the Dean of the College of Nursing. The Search Committee invites letters of nomination, applications (letter of interest, full resume/CV, and contact information of at least five references), or expressions of interest to be submitted to the search firm assisting the University. Review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to February 26, 2015.

Full position details and information on how to apply.

Associate Dean for Research and Innovation: University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing

We are searching for an Associate Dean for Research and Innovation who is a senior researcher with a strong and long standing program of funded research in an area relevant to nursing science. We are particularly interested in an accomplished scholar who can promote the School's prominence in models that integrate technology, foster entrepreneurship, and nurture technology transfer opportunities and new streams for revenue generation. The candidate will provide vision and leadership to the School's research, translation, and innovations efforts.

Full position details and information on how to apply.

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