President's Message:

I'm excited about this fall's Academy Annual Conference and Meeting, *Transforming Health, Driving Policy* in Washington, DC, from October 15-17, 2015. Several years ago, the board decided to keep this theme for all Academy annual conferences to augment our mission of "transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge." Last year's conference generated a great deal of excitement and rave reviews. The content was excellent. It aligned with our strategic plan's emphasis on continuing to reform healthcare, promoting the health of people and communities, and ensuring that nurses are in leadership positions for accomplishing these aims. We changed the format to TED-like talks and moderated discussions, and provided lots of opportunities for participant engagement.

This year's conference promises to be just as stimulating and will start with a limited-seating leadership workshop on attaining political appointments, designed by the National Advisory Council for our new Institute for Nursing Leadership, followed by the now annual Leadership Luncheon (also with limited seating). You can register now for these special events and for the conference. Take advantage of the early bird registration for a significantly lower registration fee. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

Policy Update: Maternal Health Accountability Act

The Academy is pleased to join AWHONN and other nursing organizations in supporting the Maternal Health Accountability Act to be introduced by Reps. Conyers (MI) and DeGette (CO). The legislation would provide funding to states to establish maternal mortality review committees. These committees identify the reasons why women die or are seriously harmed during pregnancy and childbirth, and analyze the findings to inform change. The bill would also standardize definitions and data collection protocols that are critical to understanding maternal morbidity and mortality.

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Fellow News:

In Memoriam: Margaret Comerford
Freda, EdD, RN, FAAN, passed away at age 69 on April 27, 2015. Freda taught and conducted research on issues related to maternal and fetal medicine for the last 26 years with the obstetrics, gynecology and women's health department of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She was an

Robin Burke Britt, RN, WHNP-BC, Ed.D., FAAN, professor Emerita, TWU college of a nursing, was inducted April 19, 2015 as one of five Women of Distinction into the Texas Medical Centers Women's History Project; which documents the lives of women who have made significant contributions to the healthcare field in the Texas Medical Center.

Judith Gedney Baggs, PhD, RN, FAAN, received the Distinguished Research Lectureship Award at the Western Institute of Nursing (WIN)
accomplished nurse leader and a celebrated mentor.

Sara Looby, PhD, ANP-BC,

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FAAN, received the Excellence in Nursing Research Award at the ANA Massachusetts 2015 Living Legends and Excellence in Nursing Awards Dinner.

Career Opportunities

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