November 5, 2015

President's Message:
Meet your new Board of Directors

As I begin my first month as your new President I thought perhaps the topic of leadership might resonate. For those of you who attended the Academy Policy Conference in October you had a chance to meet your new Board of Directors. But for those of you who did not have that opportunity let me introduce this extraordinary group of committed leaders that along with Cheryl Sullivan, CEO, and our talented staff, will work with our Expert Panels, the leaders of our Academy initiatives, and our Fellows to continue to move our Strategic Plan forward.

Karen Cox is our new President-Elect. Her role as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City gives her a keen understanding of large scale strategic thinking and planning and is the perfect person to partner with me and our board in the oversight of the Academy’s strategic plan (more to come about that in future FAAN mail). David Keepnews continues for his second term on the Board as our Secretary. A long time policy expert, David is the keen eye behind much of the work we have done on our Bylaws. Paula Milone-Nuzzo is our Treasurer. She served on the Budget Committee during this last term and has a deep understanding of our fiscal priorities. Susan Albrecht, along with Ramon Lavandero, led our very successful 2015 Annual Policy Conference. She will chair the Conference Planning Committee for this coming year. Julie Fairman is in her second term as a board member and will continue to provide guidance and support to several of our Expert Panels. Pat Hinton Walker is known to many of you as the Coach, Consultant, and Trainer of the Health Wellness and Wellbeing Institute. Her expertise as a consultant and longtime academician will serve us well as we look to build new partnerships. Ramon Lavandero is in the second year of his first term as a board member and provided stellar leadership to the Conference Planning Committee. Ellen Olshansky, also in her second year of her first term, has been responsible for guiding the revision of our planning document for the Expert Panels. She has a big job in this upcoming year as the Board liaison to Nursing Outlook, liaison to the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science and liaison to the Jonas Policy Scholars.

Linda Scott has been a leader with the Fellow Selection Committee and will continue to assist in that important process.

All of our board members will serve in liaison roles with our Expert Panels. As we begin this new Board term, we are committed to engaging you, our Fellows, in the work of the Academy. So, when we call upon you, I hope you
Policy Updates

The Academy was pleased to comment on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services proposed regulations on Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities.

In addition, the Academy provided guidance to the National Academy of Medicine’s Vital Directions for Health and Health Care steering committee including the need to develop effective interprofessional primary care teams, to synthesize the evidence and address the broad range of factors that affect the health of populations to promote healthy communities, and to examine new payment models to pay health care providers for the quality of care they deliver.

2015 Annual Policy Conference

Thank you to those who attended the 2015 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference October 15th-17th in Washington, DC. The conference was a great success thanks to our inspiring speakers and panelists, innovative poster presenters, and over 1,000 conference attendees!

If you have not yet done so, please use the link below to complete the conference evaluation.

The evaluation will be accessible until November 30, 2015. We appreciate your thoughtful input and value your suggestions. If you have trouble accessing the evaluation, please email Karen Vasilak.

Complete the Evaluation

National Academy of Medicine

Congratulations to Academy fellows Linda Burnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN and Marita G. Titler, PhD, RN, FAAN who were elected to the National Academy of Medicine, formerly the Institute of Medicine. Election to the National Academy of Medicine is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service.
In Memoriam

Academy 2013 Living Legend Hattie Bessent, EdD, MSN, RN, FAAN, died on October 31.

Dr. Bessent's work focused on leadership development with a particular emphasis on the preparation of minority nurses as researchers and faculty members. From 1977 through 1991, she served as deputy executive director of the American Nurses Association's Ethnic and Racial Minority Fellowship Programs where she assisted more than 225 nurses from Asian, Black, Native American, and Hispanic backgrounds to receive doctoral training in the behavioral sciences and in psychiatric nursing programs. She successfully obtained millions of dollars from the National Institute of Mental Health and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for training purposes. Not only did these monies encourage collaboration between historically black colleges and majority nursing schools, but she designed Project Leadership Advancement and Development (Project LEAD) to strengthen the leadership capacity of minority nurses who had already assumed positions as executives in schools of nursing.

Dr. Bessent was a passionate trailblazer for advancing the voice, visibility, and impact of minority colleagues and students in the fields of mental health and substance abuse nursing, and her efforts have enriched and diversified the profession.

Fellow Achievements

Mollie Cummins, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN, and member of the national steering committee of the Alliance for Nursing Informatics, has received a $1.25 million RO1 grant from the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality to develop and evaluate a health information exchange between emergency departments and poison control centers.

Martha Lavender, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been appointed as the president of Gadsden State Community College. Dr. Mark Heinrich, chancellor of the Alabama Community College System (ACCS), recommended and the ACCS Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Martha Lavender. The appointment was announced during the Board's October meeting.

Maria O'Rourke, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAHC, received the 2015 Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Eta Margretta Madden Styles Award for Vision, Leadership & Advancement of Nursing in June 2015. The event took place in San Francisco at the 2015 STTI Induction Ceremony. The key note at the event was given by Ms. Gene O'Connell, Dr.

Ginette Pepper, PhD, RN, FAAN, has received a $2.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Nursing Research to establish a geriatric center for interdisciplinary training in cancer, aging and end-of-life care in nursing homes.
O'Rourke's mentee who recently retired as CEO from San Francisco General Hospital.

Have news to share? Let us know

Career Opportunities
(Following are Paid Announcements)

Forsyth Medical Center Distinguished Professorship (Endowed), School of Nursing and Bryan School of Business & Economics

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is seeking an energetic, creative and motivated scholar to serve as the Forsyth Medical Center (Novant Health) Distinguished Professor to support the research, teaching, practice, and service missions and increase collaborations with the School of Nursing (SON) and the Bryan School of Business and Economics. This position supports the graduate programs in both colleges, especially the joint MSN/MBA program and the Executive Leadership Concentration in the new DNP program.

Full position details and how to apply.

Director, Center for Nursing Leadership

The Director for the Center for Nursing Leadership oversees the four major activities of the Center to include:
1) state-wide action coalition/One Voice One Plan;
2) Amy V. Cockcroft Leadership program;
3) SC Office of Healthcare Workforce Research for Nursing;
4) Continuing Education Provider.

In addition, the Director will serve as a collaborator and faculty in the DNP Nurse Executive program. This position reports directly to the Dean with an appointment rank of Clinical Associate or Clinical Professor.

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