President’s Message: Letters to the Editor

How many times have you read a piece in the newspaper and thought, I should write a letter to the editor about that story? Perhaps you agree with the article and want to say Bravo! Or you find something about the story that is inaccurate, offensive, limited in breadth, or just plain wrong. I just responded with a letter to the editor of an article in the New York Times about the shortage of physicians interested in geriatrics. It was a long and informative article that articulated the challenges of managing chronic disease and the myriad of health problems facing our aging population. But, not once did the author mention that nurse practitioners are educated as experts in primary and adult/geriatric care and are a major part of the solution to this problem. As nurses, we become used to seeing articles that describe a problem in medicine with very little insight into the role that advanced practice nurses play. Perhaps we think about taking action but fail to do so. Or we think, they’ll never publish my letter. True, my letter was not published (at least not yet) nor the one I submitted just prior to this one; but I still think taking action is important. The voices of our Fellows are some of the most articulate across our profession on issues related to practice, policy, education, and research. If we do not speak out we miss an opportunity to share our expertise with a broader audience. When one of our letters gets printed in the newspaper, the collective voice of nursing is heard. So, the next time you read an article and think about responding: DO! We will all benefit!

Sincerely,

Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
President

Policy Updates

Academy Fellow Mary Wakefield has been notified that her confirmation hearing to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services is scheduled for tomorrow, February 4, at 10:00 a.m. before the Senate Committee on Finance in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

New Academy Staff
Please welcome Tawanna Barnes as the Academy's Executive Assistant. Tawanna can be reached at Tawanna_Barnes@AANnet.org or 202.777.1170.

Nurses on Boards Coalition

We are proud members of the Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC) with the goal of getting 10,000 nurses on boards by 2020. The NOBC will have a special week long campaign starting on February 29 called Leap into Leadership and the Academy wants to be supportive of this effort. The goal will be for us to drive members to the NOBC website so that we can count their board membership and desire to be on a board. There will be a national webinar on Tuesday, February 16 from 4-5p ET to get an orientation to the Leap into Leadership goals and obtain tools to carry out the message (pre crafted language for FB, texts, tweets, emails) and a 2-3 minute video. I hope you can join. It will take all of us to reach this ambitious goal. Call-in # 1-866-855-1152; Participant Code: 32630848#.

2016 Dues Renewal

RENEW YOUR 2016 FELLOWSHIP DUES TODAY!

Renew by February 1st to avoid a late fee

Important Dates to Keep in Mind:

- Renew by **February 1, 2016** to avoid a late fee.
- A $100.00 late fee will be added to the applicable dues rates on **February 2, 2016**.
- If you do not renew your dues by **April 1, 2016** your Academy fellowship will be lapsed.

2016 Fellowship Application

We are now accepting 2016 Fellowship Applications through February 12, 2016. Click here for more information on the application process.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

**2016 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science is now accepting research abstracts for the 2016 National State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research

*Determinants of Health*

**Conference Dates and Location:**

September 15-17, 2016: Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC
The abstract submission website will be open January 11, 2016 at: http://www.conferenceabstracts.com/CANS2016.htm. You may edit your abstract through Friday, March 11, 2016. After March 11, 11:59 pm ET, your abstract is considered final and will be reviewed based on the content provided.

**Call for Nominations**
Deadline: February 15, 2016

**Call for Awards**
Deadline: April 13, 2016

### Fellow Achievements

**Gerene S. Bauldoff, PhD, RN, FCCP, FAACVPR, FAAN**, was appointed to the National Quality Forum Pulmonary and Critical Care Standing Committee in January 2016. Dr. Bauldoff is the Professor of Clinical Nursing at the Ohio State University School of Nursing.

**Christopher S. Lee, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN**, Associate Professor, School of Nursing and Knight Cardiovascular Institute, will be the Carol A. Lindeman Distinguished Professor.

**Address Malata, DipNurs, MRM, BScN, MScN, PhD, FAAN**, was featured in The Lancet on January 18, 2016. The article is titled "Address Malata: advancing nursing and midwifery in Malawi." Dr. Malata is the Vice President of the International Confederation of Midwives, the Director of WHO Collaborating Centre for Interprofessional Education and Practice, and the Principal of Kamuzu College of Nursing University of Malawi.

### Career Opportunities

(Following are Paid Announcements)

**Director for the Center for Nursing Leadership, The University of South Carolina, College of Nursing**

The University of South Carolina, College of Nursing seeks a Director for the Center for Nursing Leadership. The Director 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.

**Applicants should apply at the following address:**
https://uscjobs.sc.edu/, Requisition #008384