President's Message: Our Strategic Future

Planning for the Academy's Annual Policy Conference is underway! Your Conference Planning Committee has been deeply involved in preparing a very exciting meeting. In concert with the theme of the conference, and as a result of the refinement and focus of our many initiatives, the Board has undertaken a review and updating of our Strategic Plan. The 2014-2017 plan has guided our work over the past three years, including the development of new initiatives and refinement of longer-term strategies. We are excited to share new ideas about the strategic direction of the Academy with Fellows attending the annual meeting. In preparation for that, we have revised our current goals and strategies to align more closely with our signature initiatives and work of the Expert Panels, committees, and task forces. The next step is to solicit feedback from Fellows. The Board will be sending out a survey in August asking you all to weigh in on future goals and strategies. We will use that feedback to structure a dialogue at the Annual Policy Conference in October and build our strategic future together.

Sincerely,

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

Policy Updates

Position on Environmental Noise: The Academy policy pages in the July/August 2016 issue of Nursing Outlook includes the Academy's position statement on Harmful Effects of Environmental Noise Exposures produced by the Health Behavior and Environmental and Public Health Expert Panels.

Transgender Health Care: The Academy submitted official comments to DHHS/CMS on its Proposed Decision Memorandum on Gender Reassignment Surgery for Medicare Beneficiaries with Gender Dysphoria. Concerned about the ability of individuals with gender dysphoria to access needed care, the Academy called attention to our recently adopted Position Statement on Healthcare Services for Transgender Individuals which declares the Academy's support for "initiatives to address the health needs of transgender individuals and...policy initiatives that reduce the health care barriers that most transgender individuals encounter."

Initiative Update: Have You Ever Served?
The New York Times published a letter to the editor by American Academy of Nursing Past President Diana Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN, on July 8th. The letter urges the Veterans Administration (VA) to enact its proposed rule to permit advanced-practice nurses to practice without physician supervision, and also promotes the Academy's "Have You Ever Served in the Military?" initiative to help those outside the VA system to assess and appropriately respond to the health care needs of Veterans. Click here to read the letter.

Jill Bormann, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Luc Pelletier, MSN, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN represented the Academy at the Operation Engage America (OEA) Veteran's Fair in San Diego, CA on June 18th. OEA is dedicated to connecting veterans and their families with support and resources. The two Fellows distributed materials about the Academy's "Have You Ever Served?" initiative and discussed the importance of patients telling their health care providers about their military service. Dr. Boorman is Associate Nurse Executive of Research and Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Psychiatric-Mental Health with the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Mr. Pelletier is Senior Nursing Specialist at Mesa Vista Hospital. The Academy thanks both for their volunteer service!

Academy 2016 Policy Conference

Early Bird Registration Closes in Two Weeks - Register Now!

Early Bird Registration is open through August 1st for the 2016 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference. The three-day event, which will be held October 20 - 22, 2016 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC, will identify ways nurses are transforming health and building a better care delivery system. Take advantage of early bird rates by August 1st and register here.

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The 2016 Determinants of Health State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research will be held September 15 - 17, 2016 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC. Register today - Early Bird Registration is open for only two more days (July 17)!

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In Memoriam

The Academy mourns the passing of Helen Miramontes, MSN, RN, FDN, FAAN, on May 3rd. She was inducted into the Academy in 1991. An HIV/AIDS nursing pioneer, Ms. Miramontes was appointed as Associate Clinical Professor in the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing’s Department of Community Health Systems in 1993, and later was the Deputy Director for the International Center for HIV/AIDS Research & Clinical Training in Nursing. In 1995 she was appointed to the Research Subcommittee of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and the Executive Subcommittee on International Issues. She remained at UCSF until 2000 when she retired as full clinical professor and settled in Las Vegas. Click here to read the UCSF tribute to Helen Miramontes.

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Patricia Underwood, DNSc, RN, FAAN, on June 24. She was inducted into the Academy in 1988. A master nurse clinician, Dr. Underwood was appointed to the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing program in 1968. She became a national leader in the development of theory-based, psychiatric/mental health nursing practice with her adaptation of Orem’s Self Care Model as a framework to educate students. Dr. Underwood was appointed full clinical professor in 1983 and vice-chair of Community Health Systems in 1988. In 1994 she moved to Japan and served as Professor at the College of Nursing Arts & Sciences, Hyogo, until retiring in 2001. Click here to read the UCSF tribute to Patricia Underwood.

Fellow Achievements

Janet S. Carpenter, PhD, RN, FAAN, was selected to co-lead a personalized behavioral, psychosocial, and ethics core within Indiana University’s

Lisa Hopp, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been appointed Dean, College of Nursing at Purdue University Northwest, a new entity resulting from
Jill Kilanowski, PhD, APRN, CPNP, FAAN, was recently honored by Columbia University School of Nursing as a Distinguished Alumnus in Nursing Research. Dr. Kilanowski’s research focuses on the children of migrant and seasonal agricultural workers or Latino immigrants. She is Associate Dean for Graduate Nursing Programs and Professor at Mount Carmel College of Nursing in Columbus, OH. Dr. Kilanowski was inducted into the Academy in 2013.

Carol Landis, PhD, RN, FAAN, was recently awarded the Dement Academic Achievement Award by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. She is the first nurse scientist to receive the award, which recognizes initiative and progress in sleep education and research. Dr. Landis is Professor of Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems at the University of Washington School of Nursing. Her research area is the health consequences of sleep deprivation. Dr. Landis was inducted into the Academy in 2003.

Peggy L. Chinn, PhD, MS, BS ’64, RN, FAAN, Jillian Inouye, PhD, MA, MS, BS ’66, APRN, FAAN, and Kerry Paige Nesseler, MS ’85, BSN, RN, FAAN, were inducted into the University of Hawaii at Manoa Nursing Hall of Fame in June. Dr. Chinn is Editor of Advances in Nursing Sciences and was inducted into the Academy in 1978. Dr. Inouye is the Associate Dean for Research, Tony & Renee Marlon Angel Professorship at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Schools of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences and was inducted into the Academy in 2014. Rear Admiral Nesseler is the Director, Office of Global Health at the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and was inducted into the Academy in 2015.
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