As I did last year around this time, I want to introduce you to the new Academy Board of Directors. Those of you who attended the Academy’s policy conference last month met them in person. But, for those unable to attend, I want to make sure you know your leaders; individuals that I guarantee will be spending a great deal of time over the next year making sure that the Academy’s work is true to our mission, vision and values.

- **Karen Cox, PhD, RN, PPCNP-BC, FACHE, FAAN**, executive vice president and COO of Children’s Mercy Health System in Kansas City, is president-elect and after a year in the role she has taken over leadership of a number of our key strategies; most notably our Choosing Wisely initiative, Fellow Selection Committee Board Liaison and the Audit Committee Chair.

- **Paula Milone-Nuzzo, PhD, RN, FHHC, FAAN**, dean of the College of Nursing at Pennsylvania State University, is our Treasurer and did a terrific job at the conference leading a robust dialogue at the Finance
Forum. This was a new feature of the conference and provided fellows with an opportunity to learn about our budget and ask questions of Paula and the board.

- Our new Secretary, Mary Foley, PhD, RN, FAAN, director of the Center for Nursing Research and Innovation at the University of California at San Francisco, has long been active in the Academy and we are pleased that she has joined the board in a leadership position.

- Susan Albrecht, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, associate dean at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, served as chair of this year’s Conference Planning Committee and from all accounts, it was one of the best we’ve had!

- Newly elected to the Board, Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN, president and CEO of the Public Health Accreditation Board, will be serving as liaison to three of our expert panels, including Environmental and Public Health.

- Ramon Lavandero, RN, MA, MSN, FAAN, senior strategic advisor and organizational historian for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, was elected to the board for a second term and continues his strong leadership. He has been particularly helpful in working on our new strategic plan and serves on the Institute for Nursing Leadership National Advisory Council.

- Ellen Olshansky, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FAAN, professor and chair of the Department of Nursing at USC School of Social Work, also elected to a second term, has been the board liaison to Nursing Outlook, as well as to the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science and the Jonas Policy Scholars.

- Linda Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, the newly appointed dean of the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Nursing, is in her second year on the board and has been a leader with the Fellow Selection Committee. She is also taking on a major role as chair of the Conference Planning Committee.

- Pat Hinton Walker, PhD, RN, PCC, FAAN, vice president for strategic initiatives of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, is now in her second year of board service and continues to bring her expertise to a number of our expert panels, including Military and...
As we begin this new board term, we are committed to engaging you, our fellows. So, when we call upon you, I hope you will join us in the important policy work of the Academy!

And, don’t forget to click here and scroll down to check out the latest essay from the Institute for Nursing Leadership: “Targeting a Board” by Louise Woerner, MBA, FAAN.

Sincerely,

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

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In Memoriam

The Academy mourns the loss of Heather Laschinger, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor at the Western University (Ontario) School of Nursing, who passed away October 29th at the age of 71. Best known for research examining the planning and management of nursing health services to ensure high-quality, safe care, Dr. Laschinger received Western’s Distinguished University Professor Award in 2006 and the University’s Hellmuth Prize for Achievement in Research in 2010. In 2009, she was named the Arthur Labatt Family Nursing Research Chair in Health Human Resource Optimization as she continued to be a world leader in assessing the impact of nursing work environments on nursing and client outcomes. She was inducted into the Academy in 2009. A full Western University tribute to Dr. Laschinger can be read here.

Fellow Achievements

Anne Gross,
PhD, RN NEA-BC, FAAN, was named senior vice president for Patient Care Services and chief nursing officer at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Previously, Dr. Gross was vice president, Adult Nursing and Clinical Services at Dana-Farber. Her research focuses on advancing nursing practice and interdisciplinary teamwork. She is currently the principal investigator for the Zarkin Program for Staff Renewal and Rejuvenation, an endowed donor-funded program designed to reduce stress for clinical nurses at work. Inducted into the Academy in 2013, Dr. Gross is co-chair elect of the Fellow Selection Committee.

Marsha L. Lewis, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor and dean of the University at Buffalo School of Nursing, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from her alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh College of Nursing, where she received a bachelor’s degree. The first alum to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr. Lewis was chosen for her leadership, excellence in nursing, and contributions to clinical practice, nursing education and research. A specialist in mental health and nursing education, her research focuses on family caregivers of patients with dementia. She was inducted into the Academy in 2013.

Linda Sarna, PhD, RN, FAAN, an internationally recognized scholar in promoting the role of nursing in tobacco control and oncology research, has

Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean and professor at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing, received the Distinguished Service Award at the 18th annual
Nancy Fugate Woods, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean emerita of the University of Washington School of Nursing, received the 2015 Trailblazer Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at the Office on Women’s Health (OWH) 25th Anniversary Celebration on October 20, 2016. The award recognizes an individual who has paved the way for advancement in women’s health by being an innovator and visionary. Dr. Wood’s research has advanced nursing care for mid-life women and has resulted in an improved understanding of women’s transition to menopause. Dr. Woods is a past president of the Academy (1989–1991), and was inducted in 1980.
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