President's Message: The Potential Around Us

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, there were 3,129,452 “active” registered nurses in the United States as of April 2016. On October 22, 2016, when the Academy inducts 164 new Fellows, we will have 2,365 Academy Fellows. If we do the math, the Academy is composed of less than 1% of the active registered nurses in the nation. Just think of how many potential Fellows are out there ready to recruit! Each year we experience a certain amount of attrition of Fellows from the Academy for various reasons; and while our membership is growing, it does so in small increments. Yet, we depend on our Fellows to lead our many initiatives, task forces and committees; guide policy through the publication of policy briefs and statements, serve as leaders on boards and commissions, represent us at critically important meetings and serve as Academy officers. We need to grow the Academy and we need every Fellow to sponsor those nurses with the potential to contribute to the Academy’s mission! In 2016, only 420 Fellows were sponsors. Our Fellow Selection Committee continuously reviews the criteria for selection and has made several important updates in the recent past. Please take a fresh look at the criteria and then reach out to a colleague or two with a commitment to sponsor. The applications will be available on our website by the end of this month and due in January. Please consider this important responsibility as a Fellow!

Sincerely,

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

Policy Updates

The Academy was pleased to co-sign the APRN Workgroup letter to Congress to request that a controversial special-interest provision in HR 5985, the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2016, be removed from the bill so it can pass and ensure our Veterans the benefits they need and deserve. On September 13, the House of Representatives passed HR 5985 by voice vote without the problematic provision. The provision, Sec. 415, would have placed a one-year moratorium against the Veterans Health Administration expanding Veterans access to care through Full Practice Authority for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), even though such a CRNA Full Practice policy is consistent with that used by our U.S. Armed Forces and with Forward Surgical Teams.

DHHS, Office of Population Affairs, Proposed Rule: The Academy notes that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published its proposed rule addressing Title X goals in the Federal Register last week to clarify that “Nothing in the statute supports giving discretion to project recipients to make eligibility restrictions that may adversely affect accessibility of Title X services.” Those who wish to respond directly with comments may do so until October 7 by clicking here.

Recognition

The Friends of the National Library of Medicine (FNLM) recognized Roy L. Simpson, DNP, RN, DPA, FAAN, with the Nursing Informatics Award, at its 2016 Awards Gala held in Washington, D.C. on September 13. Dr. Simpson is Clinical Professor, Emory University School of Nursing and Vice President of Nursing, Cerner Corporation. The FNLM Awards Gala celebrates advances in public health, medicine, and health communications.

Appointments

Jeannette T. Crenshaw, DNP, RN LCCE, IBCLC, NEA-BC, FAAN, became chair of the United States Breastfeeding Committee (USCB) on August 4. The USBC is an independent nonprofit coalition of more than 50 professional, educational, and governmental organizations that share a
The Academy is excited to continue the Leadership Workshop for a second year! The Workshop, sponsored by Dean Pamela Jeffries, George Washington University School of Nursing, will begin with a panel discussion from these experienced board members:

- Sheila Burke, Strategic Advisor, Baker Donelson's Washington Office and Faculty Member, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard;
- Marie Michnich, Director, Health Policy & Educational Programs, National Academy of Medicine;
- C. Alicia Georges, Professor and Chair, Department of Nursing, Lehman College and Graduate Center at City University of New York;
- Norma Martinez-Rogers, Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Family and Community Health Systems; and
- Catherine Gilliss, Helene Fuld Health Trust Professor of Nursing, Duke University School of Nursing

Breakout sessions, facilitated by members of the National Advisory Council, will help attendees think through next steps. The four sessions will be based on Where to Start, Shaping State-Wide Policies, Federal Appointments, and Corporate Appointments.

Both current Fellows and 2016 Inductees interested in being appointed to national and state governing boards of health-related entities, councils, commissions and task forces are encouraged to participate in this engaging workshop.

In its fourth year, the Leadership Luncheon will celebrate leadership at all levels within the profession. The Luncheon is generously sponsored by the University of Southern California School of Social Work, Academy Board Member and Chair of the Department of Nursing Ellen Olshansky and Dean Marilyn Flynn will deliver remarks. In addition, What Head Hunters are Looking for in Appointments to Key Boards will feature a panel of headhunters: Leslie Hortum and Katheryn S. Sugerman from Spencer Stuart and Michael C. Hyter from Korn Ferry.

Registration is limited for the Leadership Workshop and Luncheon. Click here to register.

Register Now for the 2016 Policy Conference!

Register now for the 2016 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference. The three-day event, which will be held October 20 - 22, 2016 at the Marriot Marquis Washington, DC, will identify ways nurses are transforming health and building a better care delivery system. Don’t miss this opportunity to network with colleagues and learn about the work nurses are undertaking to drive policy changes that meet the health needs of individuals and populations. Click here to register.

Council 2016 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research

Are you unable to attend the 2016 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research? You can still watch a live webcast of the Opening Keynote Address! The conference, which will explore the determinants of health for all ages, different genders, races and ethnic groups, and for all disease conditions, will kick-off with a keynote address by Dr. Thomas LaVeist, PhD, MA, BA, Professor, Chair, Health Policy & Management, George Washington University.

Click here at 9:00 a.m. on September 15th to watch Dr. LaVeist deliver a talk entitled My Journey to Discover the Causes of Race Disparities in Health: What I Have Learned and What I Have Not.

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We are proud to acknowledge the generosity of our supporters and their
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In Memoriam

Rita Ann Frantz, PhD, RN, FAAN, passed away September 7 following a courageous battle against cancer. She was inducted into the Academy in 1991. After earning a master’s degree in Medical/Surgical Nursing and a PhD in Educational Psychology -- both from the University of Iowa -- Dr. Frantz joined the University of Iowa’s College of Nursing as faculty in 1972. She became recognized internationally for her excellent work and research in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment, and served as a member of numerous government and professional expert panels that developed guidelines in this area. She was appointed Dean of the University of Iowa’s College of Nursing in 2007. After 44 years at the College, Dr. Frantz stepped down as Dean and retired as a Professor earlier this year. Click here to read a University of Iowa tribute to Dr. Frantz.

Joelyn Scriba, RN, FAAN, one of the Academy’s 36 charter members, passed away on June 13. She began her career at Jamestown College in 1966, and eventually chaired the nursing department. In 1968, she served on the SS Hope, a hospital ship that provided assistance to developing countries. After leaving Jamestown College in 1979, she served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of North Dakota, before establishing the nursing department at Bemidji State University (BSU) in 1983 and chairing it until 1995. Ms. Scriba was instrumental in developing the Itasca Nursing Education Consortium and the Aggasiz Region Nursing Education Consortium, two efforts to promote access to nursing education in rural Minnesota. She served as acting Dean of the Center for Extended Learning at BSU from 1997-2000, and retired in 2005.

Have news to share? Let us know

Career Opportunities

(Following are Paid Announcements)

**Director/Dean of Nursing, Montana State University-Northern**

Montana State University - Northern seeks an energetic, people-oriented, and visionary leader to serve as Director/Dean of Nursing. The creation of a College of Health Sciences at MSU-Northern has been approved. When the College is established, the Director of Nursing position will transition to the Dean of Health Sciences, overseeing Nursing, Allied Health, and Health Promotion. The College of Health Sciences is expected to be operational in 2017. Click here to get full information and read the Search Profile.

**Associate Dean for Academics, Associate Professor, University of South Carolina**
Carolina

The Associate Dean for Academics is the chief academic officer, providing leadership in the strategic development and implementation of curricula that meet the needs of a diverse undergraduate and graduate student population and the demands of complex and changing nursing and healthcare systems.

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