President’s Message: Policy Conference Only Weeks Away!

Our annual Transforming Health Driving Policy Conference will be here in a matter of weeks! (Watch for conference information on the Academy’s social media channels, and use #AAN17 for all of your conference tweets.) I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference and wanted to express my personal enthusiasm for what’s in store for all of us!

The thread running through the conference is social justice and health equity. This theme embraces our strategic plan and will be evident throughout the conference, particularly in the keynote address and the interactive plenary panels. It will also be reoccurring across the Policy Dialogues sponsored and led by our expert panels. It is fitting that we highlight social justice and health equity as a means of collaborating with nursing organizations across the US and many of our partners globally as well. The theme of social justice and health equity is also aligned with the 3rd edition of Nursing's Social Policy Statement: The Essence of the Profession, 2010 (American Nurses Association). And finally, social justice and health equity has been my personal theme throughout the year in my FAAN Mail President’s messages and my President's Editorial in Nursing Outlook.

I can’t think of a more important time in our history as an organization than now to boldly raise the many issues along with policy solutions for those conditions that put people in peril; whether it is poverty, illness, ethnicity and race, gender identity, marriage equality, and any number of determinants of health. In today’s political environment social justice and health equity is at heightened risk.

I look forward to putting our minds and energy behind this theme that binds us together – social justice and health equity for people across the globe. See you October 5-7 in Washington, DC. Bring your enthusiasm, your voice, and your drive!

Sincerely,

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

Policy Update

The policy brief, Increasing Capacity of Public Health Nursing to Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure and to Promote and Protect the Health of Communities and Populations, produced by the Environment and Public Health Expert Panel will be published in the September/October issue of Nursing Outlook.

It is not too late to register for the Academy’s 2017 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference - but you will need to do so onsite at the conference. The
It will also be reoccurring at the Academy's policy conference (Friday, September 22, 2017). Sponsored by the George Washington University School of Nursing, this workshop is focused on essential executive board leadership skills. Click here for more information and to register.

Attendees should tweet about the policy conference using the official hashtag #AAN17. Use the hashtag before the event to let colleagues know you plan to attend. Use it during the conference to connect your tweet to the broader conversation.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

The Council's 2017 Advanced Methods: Pragmatic Trials Conference will be held October 4-5 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Regular registration for the conference closes this Friday - September 22, 2017. Click here to register today! Read the preliminary program here. Use hashtag #CANS2017 in all of your tweets about the Council conference.

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If you are a President's Circle member and have not sent in your RSVP for the President's Circle Reception at the Academy's policy conference (Friday, October 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.), please send it to Academy Development Manager Joshua Phoebus via email at joshua_phoebus@aannet.org by September 22, 2017.

In Memoriam: M. Louise Fitzpatrick

The Academy mourns the loss of M. Louise Fitzpatrick, EdD, RN, FAAN, who served as dean of the Villanova University College of Nursing for almost 40 years. She died in early September after a heroic, three-year battle with cancer.

Serving as dean since 1978, Dr. Fitzpatrick expanded the College’s academic programs, including initiating the master’s
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Appointments

Diane Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, has been appointed to the US Department of Health and Human Service's Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women, National Institutes of Health, by Secretary Thomas Price. Dr. Spatz is professor of perinatal nursing and the Helen M Shearer Professor of Nutrition at the University of Pennsylvania. In 2016 she was recognized by the Academy as an Edge Runner for her innovative model of care. Dr. Spatz was inducted into the Academy in 2007.

Fellow Achievements

Jill Bormann, PhD, RN, APRN-BC, FAAN, has received the 2017 American Psychiatric Nurses Association Award for Excellence in Research, which recognizes achievement in the field of psychiatric-mental health nursing. Her work, the Mantram Repetition Program, has helped patients and others coping with major illnesses and stress. Dr. Bormann is a clinical professor at the University of San Diego and a research nurse scientist with the VA San Diego Healthcare System. She was inducted into the Academy in 2013 and recognized as an Edge Runner in 2017.

Mariann R. Piano, PhD, FAHA, FAAN, has been named senior associate dean for research at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Piano will lead the School of Nursing's research program, as well as direct the Center for Research Development and Scholarship, which supports faculty. Dr. Piano had been a professor and head of the Department of Biobehavioral Health Science at the University of Illinois College of Nursing in Chicago. She was inducted into the Academy in 2006.

Therese Richmond, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, has been named the recipient of Sigma Theta Tau International's 2017 Episteme Award. Dr. Richmond is being honored for significant contributions to nursing knowledge concerning the psychological effects of violence and injury. Inducted into the Academy in 1994, she is the Andrea B. Laporte Endowed Term Professor of Nursing and associate dean for research & innovation at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She co-founded the Firearm & Injury Center at the University 20 years ago.

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