President's Message: Celebrating Nursing Knowledge

Last week’s Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference in Washington, DC was very inspiring and motivational both in content and the celebration of outstanding nursing leaders and nursing allies. Nearly 1,000 fellows and other health care leaders attended the conference.

Special thanks to Conference Planning Committee Chair, Linda Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, and the entire committee, as well as Academy CEO Cheryl Sullivan, COO Jocelyn Cunic, and the entire staff. Based on comments from attendees and the active engagement throughout the conference, the topic of social justice was well received.

We recognized and honored five new Living Legends: Linda Cronenwett, PhD, RN, FAAN, Elaine Larson, PhD, RN, CIC, FAAN, Carolyn Williams, PhD, RN, FAAN, Nancy Woods, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Connie Yarbro, MS, RN, FAAN. As Academy fellows, we gain so much from the life-time contributions of these outstanding nurse leaders and their support of the Academy. We also called to the stage all previous Living Legends in attendance and presented them with a Living Legend pin. It was awesome to see all of the Legends on stage together. A new inductee said, “I could not believe I was in a room with all of these legendary nurse leaders.”

The Raise the Voice Edge Runner initiative, a signature program of the Academy, welcomed 11 new Edge Runners. They were selected for their nurse-designed models of care that demonstrate positive quality and cost outcomes. See the related section below for a listing of their names, and models of care.

The Institute for Nursing Leadership (INL) Workshop and Luncheon were engaging and well-attended. The goal of the INL is to prepare nurses for leadership on boards, councils and commissions. Joanne Dish, PhD, RN, FAAN, an Academy Past-President and Board Chair of Aurora Health, Inc. and Richard Giffillian, MD, Chief Executive Officer and President of Trinity Health, gave us all some fascinating new perspectives on board service.

The Policy Dialogues continue to be an important way for the Academy to do policy work through our expert panels. They are an efficient forum for expert panels to work together on common issues.

We honored Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine) for her commitment to ensure all Americans have access to health care with the President’s Award, which recognizes an individual who has made an extraordinary, lifelong contribution to improving health.

Saturday night at the induction ceremony, we welcomed 171 new fellows and three honorary fellows to the Academy. Honorary fellows included Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, Winifred Carson-Smith, AB, JD, and George Thibault, MD. Deputy Surgeon General Sylvia Trent-Adams PhD, RN, FAAN, was presented with the Civitas Award for her leadership within the US Public Health Service. I so enjoyed being able to participate in this ceremony. They are a very accomplished and diverse group.

Developing a culture of philanthropy is very important and enables us to do policy work in a sustainable way. At the President’s Circle Reception, outgoing Academy President Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, NEABC, FAAN, recognized Pamela Mitchell, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, as the newest member of the Academy’s Vision Society, which is comprised of fellows who have donated a total of $25,000 or more over the past 10 years.

I want to thank all of you who contributed to the conference’s success. As I said in my remarks at the business meeting, there is much work that needs to be accomplished by the Academy. I hope those of you in attendance felt inspired to become involved.
As your President for the next 2 years, I want to communicate well and hear your feedback. Last year several of you challenged me to use social media and to that end I started tweeting during the conference! You can follow me on Twitter @DrKarenCox.

Sincerely,
Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

Policy Update

The position statement on Full Practice Authority for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses is Necessary to Transform Primary Care prepared by the Primary Care Expert Panel has been approved for publication in the November/December issue of Nursing Outlook.

The Academy was pleased to join with other partners in the filing of the amicus brief with the US Supreme Court as a friend of the court in support of Plaintiffs in Doe v. Trump, challenging the President's transgender military ban.

2017 Academy Policy Conference

Thank you to everyone who attended the Academy’s 2017 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference. We hope you found the time spent of great value, and enjoyed networking with your colleagues!

In order to build upon the success of this year’s event, please provide your feedback by clicking here to complete the 2017 Academy Policy Conference Evaluation. If you purchased Continuing Education Credit as part of your conference registration, a certificate will be e-mailed to you upon completion of the conference evaluation.

Save the Date! Next year’s Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference will be held November 1-3, 2018 at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

The Council invites teams of experts to present a critical synthesis of evidence in an area consistent with the 2018 State of the Science Congress (SOS) theme: Precision Health. Click here for the Call for Synthesis Papers. Proposals are due October 20, 2017.

2017 Conference Evaluation: Click here to complete the survey for the 2017 Advanced Methods Conference. CE certificates will start to be distributed this week.

Support the Academy

We are proud to acknowledge the generosity of our supporters and their commitment to the Academy. The list below represents Academy supporters who have made unrestricted gifts to the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund and/or restricted gifts designated for the Institute for Nursing Leadership or Raise the Voice at the President's Circle level of $1,000 and above from September. Each dollar raised directly supports the Academy's mission of transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge.

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New Edge Runners Recognized

A talented cohort of nine 2016-2017 Raise the Voice Edge Runners were honored at the Academy's policy conference last week. The Edge Runner program recognizes nurses who have designed innovative models of care...
and interventions which improve patient health, lower costs and influence policy. Those recognized were:

- Carol Baldwin, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN – Su Sueño/Su Vida: Los trastornos del sueño y la promoción del sueño saludable, or Your Sleep/Your Life: Sleep disorders and sleep health promotion
- Linda S. Beeber, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN – Reducing Depressive Symptoms and Enhancing Parenting in Low-Income and Newly Immigrated Mothers of Infants and Toddlers
- Stella Aguinaaga Bialous, PhD, RN, FAAN and Linda Sarna, PhD, RN, FAAN – Tobacco Free Nurses
- Jill E. Bormann, PhD, RN, FAAN – Mantram Repetition Program: Mind-Body-Spiritual Approach to Symptom and Stress Management
- Whitney Nash, PhD, APRN and Sara Robertson, DNP, APRN, FNP – Kentucky Racing Health Services Center
- Cheryl Krause-Parello – Canines Providing Assistance to Wounded Warriors (CPAWWW)
- Sarah Szanton, PhD, ANP, FAAN – Community Aging in Place: Advancing Better Living for Elders

If you or a colleague would like to apply to be an Edge Runner, click here to review for the criteria and application. The next deadline for applications is March 1, 2018.

Fellow Achievements

Rhonda Anderson, DNS, RN, FACHE, FAAN, was appointed to the American Nurses Credentialing Center Board of Directors. Her term begins January 2018. Dr. Anderson was CEO of Cardon Children’s Medical Center in Mesa, Arizona, from 2009 to 2016, and also served as the Joint Commission Commissioner for nine years. She currently is a healthcare consultant for RMA Consulting. Dr. Anderson was inducted into the Academy in 1993.

Catherine Gilliss, PhD, RN, FAAN, former dean of the Duke University School of Nursing received the University Medal, Duke’s highest award for service. Dr. Gilliss, the current dean of nursing at the University of California, San Francisco, served as dean of Duke’s School of Nursing from 2004-2014 and oversaw the construction of a new school building and the creation of PhD and DNP programs. She was inducted into the Academy in 1990 and served as Academy President from 2009-2011.

Christine Grady, PhD, RN, FAAN; Robin Newhouse, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Therese Richmond, PhD, CRNP, FAAN (left to right), were elected as new members of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM). Election to NAM is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine. Dr. Grady was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 1997, Dr. Newhouse in 2008, and Dr. Richmond in 1994.

Lisa M. Lewis, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named a Calvin Bland Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. Supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the fellowship empowers faculty to conduct research aimed at improving the lives of at-risk young men and boys of color and their families. Inducted into the Academy in 2012, Dr. Lewis is an associate professor of nursing and assistant dean for diversity and inclusivity at the UPenn School of Nursing.

Antonia Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN, was recognized by Al Dia News as “one of the four pillars of Philadelphia leadership” for her contributions to the Hispanic community in health. The honor came at the Hispanic Heritage 2017 Luncheon. Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Dr. Villarruel has researched interventions concerning sexual risk behaviors among Mexican and Latino youth. She was inducted into the Academy in 1997.

KT Waxman, DNP, MBA, RN, FAAN, was elected 2018 President-Elect of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, which seeks to improve performance and reduce errors in patient care through the use of simulation. Dr. Waxman is an associate professor and director of the Executive Leadership DNP Program at the University of San Francisco, as well as director of the California Simulation Alliance. She was inducted into the academy in 2015.
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