President's Message: The Value of Our President's Circle

Last week I joined a call of our fellows who are members of the Academy’s President’s Circle. The President’s Circle is comprised of fellows who have each contributed $1000 or more to Academy funds during the year. In addition to being strong financial supporters of the Academy, these individuals also provide feedback, advice and occasional coaching to the Academy President and our board.

As I listened to the conversation among the President Circle Fellows, I kept thinking what a powerful value these individuals provide to the Academy and its leadership. I also reflected on how often they inspire me about what matters to our organization. These “Academy philanthropists” have made the Academy a giving priority and I wanted to acknowledge them for their generosity in this message.

When I look at the Academy’s accomplishments over the past year in terms of our policy work, signature initiatives, task forces, committees, and board (all of whom are President's Circle members), as well as our collaboration with many partners, I think of the benefit that the President’s Circle members bring to each of these efforts. It is humbling to have a conversation with fellows who are passionate about the Academy and committed to providing the funding boost that is so critical to assuring forward movement of our many activities. Giving back is a value we all hold; and I invite you all to think about becoming a member of the President’s Circle.

Sincerely,

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

Policy Update

The policy brief, Improve coverage of newborn genetic screening to include the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel and newborn screening registry, prepared by the Genomic Nursing & Health Care Expert Panel with the assistance of the Maternal & Infant Health Expert Panel, was published in the July/August issue of Nursing Outlook.

The policy brief, Engaging communities in creating health: Leveraging community benefit, prepared by the Environment and Public Health Expert Panel, will be published in the September/October issue of Nursing Outlook.

Institute for Nursing Leadership Essay Series

The Institute for Nursing Leadership essay series provides practical information and wisdom about board and leadership appointments from the Academy’s exemplary leaders. Recent additions to the collection are “Finding a Mentor to Guide You in Your Appointment,” by Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN; “Sharpening Your Financial Skills,” by Louise Woerner, MBA, FAAN; “Board Vetting 101: The Process” by Rita Wray, MBA, RN, BC, FAAN; and “Fundamental Steps Toward Being Nominated or Elected to a Board” by Randy A. Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN.

2017 Academy Policy Conference
There are only two weeks left to register online for the Academy’s 2017 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference! Regular registration closes September 18th. Avoid paying higher on-site registration rates by clicking here to register now. The conference will be held October 5-7, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Please review the Preliminary Program here.

Register today for the Institute for Nursing Leadership Workshop & Luncheon on October 5, 2017. Sponsored by the George Washington University School of Nursing, this workshop is focused on essential executive board leadership skills. The registration fee of $175 includes the luncheon. Click here to register.

The Leadership Luncheon, sponsored by Capella University, will feature Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, FAAN, former Acting Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services, and Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, RN, FAAN, the US Acting Surgeon General. The moderator will be Sheila Burke, MPA, RN, FAAN. Luncheon-only registrations, available for $75, are limited. Click here to register.

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. Click here to register today! Read the preliminary program here.

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Fellow Achievements

Claire Caruso, PhD, RN, FAAN (left); Jeanne Geiger-Brown, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Alison Trinkoff, ScD, RN, FAAN (right), were honored with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Bullard-Sherwood Research-to-Practice Award for developing an online training tool for nurses on shift work and long hours. Dr. Caruso, a NIOSH scientist, was inducted into the Academy in 2013, Dr. Geiger-Brown, dean of Stevenson School of Health Professions, in 2012, and Dr. Trinkoff, professor of nursing at the University of Maryland, in 2000.

Ashley Darcy-Mahoney, PhD, NNP, FAAN, assistant professor, George Washington University School of Nursing, has been selected as one of five Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Faculty Scholars. Dr. Darcy-Mahoney will pursue a mentored educational
innovation project addressing quality improvement, interprofessional education and practice, health equity and health systems science. She was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

Michael Fallacaro, DNS, CRNA, FAAN, has been elected to a three-year term as a director on the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. Dr. Fallacaro is professor and chair of the Department of Nurse Anesthesia at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Allied Health Sciences and specializes in human factors and patient safety and the anesthesia workforce. He was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

Catherine Gilliss, PhD, RN, FAAN, a former Academy president (2009-2011), has been appointed dean of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing and will begin her tenure September 25. Dr. Gilliss, who also will serve as associate vice chancellor for nursing affairs, joins UCSF from Duke University, where she was dean of the School of Nursing. She was inducted into the Academy in 1990.

Daniel Oerther, PhD, BCEE, PE, FAAN, received the Pohland Medal from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers & Scientists. He was recognized for spearheading research among nurses, engineers and nonprofit organizations on the environmental determinants of impaired development among children of the Western Highlands of Guatemala. Dr. Oerther was inducted into the Academy as an honorary fellow in 2016.

Elizabeth Speakman, EdD, RN, FNAP, ANEF, FAAN, has been named Associate Provost for Interprofessional Education at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Dr. Speakman was previously co-director of the Interprofessional Education Center and assistant dean of the RN-BSN program at Thomas Jefferson University. Her research has focused on interprofessional education and collaborative practice and patient outcomes. She was inducted into the Academy in 2016.

Debra Toney, PhD, RN, FAAN, received the 2017 Life Time Achievement Award from the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) for outstanding contributions to nursing. Dr. Toney is a past president of NBNA and a former board member of the Academy. She is the Director of Quality Management at Nevada Health Centers. Inducted into the Academy in 2007, she is on the Quality Health Care Expert Panel.