President’s Message: What Exactly is Influence?

A major part of the Academy’s mission is to advance health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. We have a number of strategies for how we influence policy: press releases, policy briefs, policy statements, manuscripts, testimony, meetings with elected officials, serving on boards, and, of course, through our yearly policy conference. Our expert panels drive much of what we put forward in our policy documents including the policy briefs that appear in Nursing Outlook.

All of this is directed at educating policy makers and influencing their thinking about the impact of nursing on the health of our nation and also our evidence-based positions on a range of health policy topics. On our website, under the heading “Policy and Advocacy,” you can see the various statements we’ve made, letters we co-signed, and groups we’ve collaborated with on a variety of key policy issues.

What you will not see on our website are lobbying activities designed to influence a specific piece of legislation. The Board has been asked this question on a number of occasions, so I wanted to provide some information to you. The Academy is a 501c3 organization which means that we are restricted in the amount of political and legislative lobbying we are allowed to do as required by the IRS. This assures that we will not be in violation of our tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code. Our tax exempt status prohibits us from a number of activities, including directly or indirectly participating in a political campaign. The Academy is not permitted to do any substantial legislative activity that supports or opposes specific legislation (lobbying). The term substantial refers to the amount of time and funds directed to lobbying and is based on the size of the organization. We report any activity that may be considered lobbying to the IRS each year and they evaluate whether it constitutes substantial activity.

So the Academy’s ability to lobby is quite limited given the size and budget of our organization. If you would like to read more about the IRS regulations related to lobbying, click here for a good reference.

However, we do have the opportunity to influence policy. For example, through our fellows’ support of the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund we are able to provide the resources that are critical to the policy work of the Academy’s expert panels. Those efforts can be seen in our policy briefs. For example the March/April 2017 issue of Nursing Outlook contains a policy brief highlighting the work of the expert panel on Maternal and Infant Health promoting normal physiological birth on hospital birthing units.

While we may be restricted in our ability to lobby, we are not restricted in our ability to influence. That opportunity is made even stronger by the support of our fellows through development! I encourage you to give to the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund by clicking here, and enable the Academy to advocate for and influence public policy aligned with our mission.

Sincerely,

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

Policy Update

Amicus Brief: As nurse leaders, the Academy is committed to ensuring dignified and respectful health care for all persons, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The Academy participated as an amicus (friend-of-the-court) party in Gloucester County School Board v. G.G., involving a transgender boy in Virginia named Gavin Grimm who is
barred from using the boys’ restrooms at his high school because he is transgender. The Supreme Court vacated the Fourth Circuit’s judgment in Gloucester County School Board v. G.G. and remanded the case to the Fourth Circuit for further consideration in light of the guidance document issued by the Department of Education and Department of Justice on February 22, 2017. The Academy has confirmed our interest to be on the revised legal briefing in the Fourth Circuit joining the amicus brief.

### Academy Living Legend Nominations and Honorary Fellow Applications

The Academy continues to accept nominations for 2017 Living Legends and applications for 2017 Honorary Fellows through May 22, 2017. View the Living Legends nomination and selection process here. Click here for more information on the Honorary Fellow selection process and application.

### Council: 2017 Election Voting Deadline Extended; Conference Registration Now Open

Voting for three Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science leadership positions has been extended through midnight tonight, May 16, 2017. Vote now on the following positions:

- Chair-elect of the Leadership Council (1 position)
- Nominating Committee Members (2 positions)

Click here to view the candidate statements and vote here by midnight ET, May 16, 2017

Register here to attend the Council conference, October 4-5, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC.

### Registration is Now Open: Academy’s 2017 Policy Conference

Get ready to explore policy issues, network with colleagues, honor Living Legends, and celebrate the new cohort of 2017 fellows! The Academy’s 2017 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference will be held October 5-7, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Registration is now open! You can also reserve your hotel room at the Marriott Marquis today.

The Academy is now accepting abstracts for electronic poster presentations at the 2017 Policy Conference. The deadline is June 16, 2017. Click here to review guidelines and submit your abstract.

### 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 April. Each dollar raised directly supports the Academy's mission of transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge.

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In Memoriam

The Academy mourns the passing of Gladys Scipien, MS, RN, FAAN, who died peacefully on April 9th in Boston. She served as a professor at the Boston University School of Nursing before moving to the University of Massachusetts-Boston College of Nursing, where she provided classroom and clinical instruction in pediatric nursing for 30 years. After retirement she continued to contribute to the profession by serving on the executive board of the Nursing Archives Associates at Boston University’s Gotlieb Archival Research Center.

A noted pediatric nursing clinician and educator, Ms. Scipien was the chief editor of Comprehensive Pediatric Nursing, a textbook published in 1976 that represented a transformation in the way nursing knowledge was presented. Each chapter placed an emphasis on nurse as manager of care, educator of patient/family and core member of the inter-professional team, which was an innovative approach in that era. In addition to being inducted into the Academy in 1978, she was named a Living Legend in Massachusetts Nursing in 2013 by ANA Massachusetts.

Fellow Achievements

Holli DeVon, PhD, MS, RN, FAHA, FAAN, professor, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing, received a Fulbright US Scholar Grant from the US State Department. Dr. DeVon will work at the University of Rwanda during January-May, 2018. Her research will focus on predictors of cardiovascular disease and screening behaviors in individuals with HIV. She will lead seminars in research methods and evidenced-based practice. Inducted into the Academy in 2013, Dr. DeVon is chair-elect of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science.

Janice Penrod, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, was named the new interim dean of Penn State’s College of Nursing. She will succeed Academy fellow and treasurer Paula Milone-Nuzzo, RN, PhD, FHHC, FAAN, who is leaving to be president of the MGH Institute of Health Professions. Dr. Penrod, currently a professor of nursing and humanities at Penn State, specializes in geriatrics, caregiving and end-of-life care. Co-director of Penn State’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute KL2 Program, she was inducted into the Academy in 2011.

Tener Goodwin Veenema PhD, MPH, MS, RN, FAAN, completed a semester as Visiting Fulbright Research Scholar at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Her award was funded by the Fulbright Commission and Council for the International Exchange of Scholars. An expert in disaster nursing, her research project addressed emergency healthcare workforce and service readiness for a major emergency event in Ireland. Dr. Veenema, associate professor, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, was inducted into the Academy in 2009.

Margaret (Peggy) Wilmot, PhD, MS, RN, FAAN, deputy surgeon general, US Army Reserve, retired in May after more than 35 years of service. She was the first nurse to serve in this position in the Army Reserve’s 109 year history. Dr. Wilmot was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for her years of excellent and dedicated service to the Army and to the country. One of the founding co-chairs of the Academy’s Military/Veterans Health Expert Panel, Dr. Wilmot was inducted in 2008.

Have news to share? Let us know

Career Opportunities

(The following are Paid Announcements)

MGH Institute of Health Professions (Boston), Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Program Innovation, School of Nursing

MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston invites applications for the position of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Program Innovation in the School of Nursing. See full details by clicking here.

The MGH Institute of Health Professions is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to enhancing the diversity of its faculty and
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A major part of the Academy's mission is to advance health through an interdisciplinary approach. By facilitating collaboration among health professionals, the Academy promotes evidence-based practice and policy development. Through our fellows' work in research, education, and practice, the Academy strives to ensure that all members of society receive dignified and respectful care.

Our fellows are leaders in their respective fields, and they advocate for and influence public policy aligned with our mission. While we may be restricted in our ability to lobby, we are not restricted in our ability to promote our program, to share our research, and to advocate for policies that advance health. Our fellows are the experts who can speak to the relevance of our work to the health of the nation and our projected needs.

By participating in our Fellows’ Network, you can take advantage of the opportunities to collaborate with other leaders, to share research, and to influence policy. Our fellows are a powerful force for change and innovation in the field of nursing.

If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved with the Academy, please contact us at info@aannet.org or visit our website at www.aannet.org.

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