President's Message: Happy New Year!

The beginning of the New Year heralds many opportunities to engage our fellows with the Academy! Applications for new fellows may be submitted beginning January 13; we are seeking to involve more fellows with our expert panels, committees, and task forces; and we encourage fellows and non-fellows to participate in the nomination process to become an Edge Runner. Because the first opportunity to nominate yourself or encourage colleagues to nominate themselves for Edge Runner status is March 1 (with later dates in June and September), I want to encourage you to begin the process now.

Edge Runner nominees do not need to be fellows in the Academy to apply. The Edge Runner initiative was created to bring to light the critical contributions of nurses that demonstrate innovative solutions to prevent or solve challenges within the health care system or unmet health needs of a population. The focus of the Edge Runner’s work is on care models that
demonstrate clinical outcomes, financial outcomes and evidence of improved access to care.

The Edge Runner stories have enabled us to share the contributions of nursing with policy makers and other key stakeholders to support the spread of these innovations broadly. We have many examples of Edge Runners on the Academy website and I highly recommend that you review their stories here as exemplars.

Those of you who attended the Academy’s policy conference in October had an opportunity to meet our newest Edge Runners: Dr. John Lowe, Dr. Cindy Munro, and Dr. Sarah Rhoads.

- Dr. Lowe’s work uses the American Indian/Alaska Native tradition of the “Talking Circle” as an intervention to support each other in moving away from harmful behaviors toward healing behaviors. Read the project summary here.
- Dr. Munro focused her research on providing guidance for effective evidence-based oral care interventions to reduce ventilator–associated pneumonia. Read her project summary here.
- Dr. Rhoads redesigned and enhanced technology that enables a video feed between a neonate’s isolate or crib and their parents so families can bond and interact with their infants even at a distance. Read the project summary here.

The Academy is pleased to provide support for the development of your application. Learn more about the Edge Runner application process here. For specific questions and consultation, email Policy & Grant Manager Kim Czubaruk. Please strongly consider this opportunity to share your expertise!

Sincerely,

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

**VA Rule re CRNAs.** The Academy is pleased to submit comments on RIN 2900-AP44-Advanced Practice Registered Nurses final rule to the US Department of Veterans Affairs to support full practice authority for CRNAs emphasizing enhanced access for Veterans. **Individual fellows may comment as well by January 13, 2017.** As you are aware, the US Department of Veterans Affairs released a rule regarding practice for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses serving in the Veterans Health Administration. Although this new policy would allow three of the four APRN roles to practice to the full extent of their education and training, it excludes Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

**US Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division Letter.** The Academy co-signed a letter with the US Breastfeeding Committee to the US Department of Labor (DOL), Wage and Hour Division. The letter acknowledges that although FLSA gives women workers who are classified as "non-exempt" employees (hourly wage-earners) reasonable break time to express milk in a private, non-bathroom location for one year after their child's birth, the DOL is urged to provide further guidance to employers on understanding who is covered, guidelines on breastfeeding spaces, information on how unpaid break time affects other workplace benefits, privacy concerns, and education on rights and responsibilities.

**RNIs in Primary Care: January Events**

Following the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation’s conference, *Preparing Registered Nurses for Enhanced Roles in Primary Care*, the Academy is partnering with the Independence Blue Cross Foundation in Philadelphia on January 11, and with the University of Colorado, College of Nursing in Aurora on January 12, to share the resulting actionable recommendations. Put into practice, the recommendations will ensure that registered nurses are partners in
transforming primary care to improve the health and wellness of our communities.

- [Register here to join us in Philadelphia.](#)
- [Register here to join us in Aurora.](#)

### Appointments

**Kathy Apple, MS, RN, FAAN** has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice (FOH). FOH is a nonprofit organization with a mission to collaborate with the Rogue Valley community to raise awareness of and provide support for end-of-life care programs including the creation of a free standing hospice house. Ms. Apple, who retired as CEO of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in 2015, was recruited for her expertise in psychiatric-mental health nursing, strategic planning, and nonprofit management. She was inducted into the Academy in 2009.

**Sally L. Lusk, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAOHN** (right), and **Marjorie McCullagh, PhD, RN, APHN-BC, COHN-S, FAOHN, FAAN** (left), have joined the Advisory Board of *Noise Free America: A Coalition to Promote Quiet*. Noise Free America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to elevating the issue of noise pollution with federal, state, and local officials. Dr. Lusk is professor emerita at the University of Michigan School of Nursing. Dr. McCullagh is professor of Nursing and director of the Occupational Health Nursing Program at the University of Michigan. They are both members of the Academy's Health Behavior Expert Panel. Drs. Lusk and McCullagh were inducted into the Academy in 1988 and
Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, RN, CPNP/PMHNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, Ohio State University's associate vice president for health promotion, chief wellness officer, and dean of the College of Nursing, has been appointed by the president of the National Academy of Medicine to its new Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-being and Resilience. The Collaborative will work to assess and understand the underlying causes of clinician burnout and suicide, and advance solutions that reverse these trends. Dr. Melnyk is a renowned expert in evidence-based practice, intervention research, and child and adolescent mental health. She was inducted into the Academy in 2002.

2017 Fellowship Applications Now Available

Fellowship in the Academy is a celebrated accomplishment and one of the most important memberships within the nursing profession. Help us continue the important work of the Academy by identifying potential candidates and assisting them with the application process. Sponsors and candidates should visit www.aannet.org/about/fellowship-application to learn more about the selection process, sponsorship requirements, and to view the 2017 application. The deadline for applications is February 13, 2017. Please contact Member Engagement Manager Katie Gissendanner with any questions.

Expert Panels: Academy Jonas Policy Scholar Applications Now Available

The Academy is now accepting applications from expert panels to be assigned an Academy Jonas Policy Scholar. The deadline is February 13,
2017. Click here for the application. Please submit the completed application to Leadership Coordinator Kaylen Hickman.

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In Memoriam

The Academy mourns the recent passing of Patricia Burns, PhD, RN, FAAN, at the age of 77. Dr. Burns served as dean of the University of South Florida (USF) College of Nursing from 1997 to 2010. She came to USF from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Nursing, where she chaired the Nurse Practitioner Program.

Dr. Burns catapulted the USF College of Nursing into the national arena on multiple fronts. She succeeded in graduating more prepared nurses in order to meet a growing nursing
shortage and building a pipeline of nursing research to enhance education and patient care. During her tenure as dean, the College became one of the first nursing schools in the nation to offer Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthesia, and Clinical Nurse Leader advanced graduate degree programs. During her tenure, the nursing school ranked first in Florida for research funding from the National Institutes of Health and third in the nation in e-learning online programs (U.S. News & World Report).

A nationally recognized researcher in female urinary incontinence, Dr. Burns shared her research findings around the world as an invited speaker. She was inducted into the Academy in 1990.

Fellow Achievements

Deborah Bruner, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor and associate director of Outcomes Research at the Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine (NAM). Membership in NAM recognizes individuals who have demonstrated significant and sustained professional achievement and commitment to service. Dr. Bruner is one of only 27 faculty across Emory University to have received this honor. An international leader in cancer clinical trials and oncology nursing, she was appointed by President Obama as one of five new fellows to the National Cancer Institute in 2013.

Linda Burnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN, has been named Cedars-Sinai’s first James R. Klinenberg, MD and Lynn Klinenberg Linkin Chair in Nursing in recognition of her accomplishments in nursing leadership, innovation and clinical practice. Dr. Burnes Bolton, who was recognized as a Living Legend at the Academy’s health policy conference in October, currently serves as health system chief nursing executive, vice president for Nursing, chief nursing officer and director of Nursing Research at Cedars-Sinai. Her work has impacted healthcare policy, clinical practice and patient care across the nation.
members of the National Cancer Advisory Board in 2015. Dr. Bruner was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 2007.

**Sheldon D. Fields, Ph.D., RN, FAAN,** recently joined the New York Institute of Technology as dean of the School of Health Professions. Dr. Fields will oversee the school’s five allied health degree programs comprising more than 100 full- and part-time faculty and 785 students. He will also work on building on the school’s research infrastructure, adding programs at NYIT’s non-U.S. campuses. Prior to joining NYIT, Dr. Fields, and HIV/AIDS prevention researcher, served as chief wellness officer, dean, and professor of the Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. Dr. Fields was inducted into the Academy in 2016.

the nation while enhancing the professional training of nurses. Dr. Burnes Bolton was inducted into the Academy in 1990.

**Patricia Hickey PhD, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN,** has been honored by the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Society (PCICS) with an award and lecture in her name. The Patricia Hickey Award for Excellence in Nursing acknowledges Dr. Hickey’s leadership and ongoing contributions to pediatric cardiovascular and critical care. The award and lecture will be a standing highlight of the biennial PCICS conferences. Dr. Hickey delivered the inaugural lecture in December. She is vice president of Cardiovascular and Critical Care Services, and associate chief nursing officer, at Boston Children’s Hospital and assistant professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Hickey was inducted into the Academy in 2009.

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**Career Opportunities**
Associate Professor/Professor; Department of Systems, Populations and Leadership; University of Michigan School of Nursing

The University of Michigan School of Nursing, Department of Systems, Populations and Leadership, is seeking an outstanding scholar with an established program of research in cancer science. The successful candidate will be energized about their science and enthusiastic about mentoring others. The selected candidate will move his/her program of research to the University of Michigan and use it as a role model for development and mentoring of students and junior faculty members.

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