President's Message: A Smooth Transition

On March 14th I announced to the fellowship that Cheryl Sullivan, our CEO, would be retiring on May 22nd. Since then I have had inquiries and heard rumors questioning the timing. Cheryl’s decision to retire, while catching us as a surprise, was hers. The board is sad to see her go, and we know she will continue to support the Academy in the future. Cheryl is working hard with the board and staff to ensure a smooth transition.

Because hiring the new CEO is such an important function and takes time, we decided to appoint an Interim CEO. We are thrilled that Mary Dee Hacker, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Chief Nursing Officer Emerita at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, has agreed to serve in this role. For those of you who know Mary Dee, you understand how fortunate we are. For those of you who are not familiar with her, please click on this link to learn more. The board is confident that with the dedicated staff and Mary Dee, the Academy will continue to move forward with its work.

A search firm has been hired -- Association Strategies -- and Pamela Kaul, president and founder, will be the lead. I have appointed a search committee with input and approval from the board. This group is made up of five current board members, past presidents, Living Legends, an honorary fellow, a current member of the Finance Committee, a representative from the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee, a representative from the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, a co-chair of the LGBTQ Expert Panel, a chair of the Institute for Nursing Leadership National Advisory Council, and leadership from the Raise the Voice: Edge Runner initiative. We believe this to be a good cross-section of fellows to deliberate on this important decision. I have asked Academy President-Elect Eileen Sullivan-Marx to chair the search committee and I will serve as ex-officio. The search committee (listed below) will make recommendations to the board:

- Eileen M. Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN (Chair)
- Kaye W. Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Linda Barnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN
- Sheila Burke, MPA, RN, FAAN
- Joanne Disch, PhD, RN, FAAN
- Lauran Hardin, MSN, RN-BC, CNL
- Laura C. Hein PhD, RN, FAAN
- Erik Joh, Esq., FAAN
- Ramon Lavandero, RN, MA, MSN, FAAN
- Nancy S. Redeker, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN
- Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
- Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP-BC, FACHE, FAAN
- Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN (Ex-Officio)

I will continue to update you because I believe transparency is important. If you have an interest in the Academy CEO position, please contact Association Strategies. Thanks for your ongoing support of the Academy.

Sincerely,

Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

Policy Update

The Academy provided official comments on a proposed rule of the DHHS, DOL, and IRS that would expand short-term limited-duration insurance plans. The Academy urged that the proposed rule not be finalized, arguing that many individuals who rely on comprehensive coverage - including women, older adults, and people with chronic conditions - would be left without affordable, comprehensive options. The proposed rule rescinds restrictions on short-term plans, thereby allowing insurers to offer inadequate insurance policies to millions of consumers. These plans exclude coverage for critically important health care services and pre-existing conditions; vary premium rates by gender, health status, and age; and put individuals and families at significant financial risk. (Read
The US Breastfeeding Committee is one of the Academy’s strategic partners with Diane Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, as our representative. We were pleased to join the Committee in co-signing its three letters:

- To Anthem expressing concern that its action to cut reimbursement rates for breast pumps almost in half, effective April 1 will have a long-term impact on maternal and child health outcomes, and in turn, health care costs.
- To Sen. Tammy Duckworth and Rep. Stephen King thanking them for sponsoring the Friendly Airports for Mothers (FAM) Act which would require all large and medium hub airports to provide a private, non-bathroom space in each terminal for mothers to express breast milk.
- To Sen. Merkley and Rep. Maloney thanking them for sponsoring the Supporting Working Moms Act (SWMA) which would protect and expand working moms’ right to breastfeed by extending the existing federal law to ensure that executive, administrative, and professional employees, including elementary and secondary school teachers, have the right to reasonable break time and a private, non-bathroom place to express breast milk at work.

The Academy was pleased to join with the APRN workgroup to co-sign a letter to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions urging that the Committee make permanent the authorization for nurse practitioners to prescribe medication-assisted treatments. Specifically the ask is to include the language proposed in the Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act in any opioid package being considered.

The Academy’s policy pages of the May/June issue of Nursing Outlook will include the policy briefs Recommendations in Response to Mass Shootings prepared by the Violence Expert Panel, Policies to Support Family Caregivers prepared by the Aging Expert Panel, and Requiring a Nurse Residency for Newly Licensed Registered Nurses prepared by the Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel.

**Academy Jonas Policy Scholar Applications Due May 11**

Do you know a nurse who is a PhD, DNP student, or post-doctoral fellow and would be an excellent Academy Jonas Policy Scholar? This is a two-year fellowship opportunity for an early career scholar to receive mentoring from Academy expert panel leaders on key policy issues. Jonas Philanthropies has identified the following Academy expert panels to receive scholars for the 2018-2020 cohort: Environmental & Public Health; Maternal & Infant Health; Military & Veterans Health; Psychiatric, Mental Health & Substance Abuse; Violence; and Women’s Health. Applications will be accepted until May 11, 2018. Visit here for application information.

**2018 Living Legends & Honorary Fellows**

**Living Legend Nominations**
The Academy is now accepting nominations for 2018 Living Legends through May 11, 2018. View the nomination and selection process here.

**Honorary Fellow Applications**
The Academy is now accepting applications for 2018 Honorary Fellows through May 11, 2018. Go here for more information.

**2018 Policy Conference**

Get ready to explore policy issues, network with colleagues, honor Living Legends, and celebrate the new 2018 fellows! The Academy’s 2018 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference will be held November 1-3, 2018 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Registration will open in early May; reserve your hotel room at the Marriott Marquis today.

The Academy is now accepting abstracts for electronic poster presentations at the 2018 Policy Conference. The deadline is June 25, 2018. Click here to review guidelines and submit your abstract.

**Apply Now! Be Recognized as a 2018 Academy Edge Runner**
Since May 1, 2018.

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Fellow Achievements

Supporting the Academy: Nurses Week, May 6-12

The Academy is proud to recognize the contributions of all nurses during National Nurses Week, May 6-12, 2018. Watch for our emails, social media posts, and a special 10% discount on all merchandise in our online shop that week. (A promo code to use will be emailed next week.)

National Nurses Week also provides fellows with a great opportunity to honor colleagues who have helped them along the way in their career. The Academy recognizes donations made both in honor and in memory of individuals. These gifts are posted on the Academy’s website and in our annual report — and the names of both the person being honored/remembered and the donor are listed.

To make a gift, at a level that is meaningful to you, please click here.

Fellow Achievements

Christine E. Kasper, PhD, RN, FACSM, FAAN, was named dean of the University of New Mexico College of Nursing where she will guide the growth of the College’s educational and research missions. Currently Dr. Kasper is a senior nurse executive in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Nursing Services, and also a professor in the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing at Uniformed Services University. She was inducted into the Academy in 1994.

Christine T. Kovner, PhD, RN, FAAN, the Mezey Professor of Geriatric Nursing at NYU Rory Meyers School of Nursing, received the Eastern Nursing Research Society’s 2018 Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Research Award. Dr. Kovner was the principal investigator of a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on the career trajectories of RNs over their first decade of work. She was inducted into the Academy in 1992.

Joan Lappe, PhD, RN, FAAN, Beirne Endowed Chair in Nursing and associate dean for research at Creighton University, has been awarded the 2018 Lawrence G. Raiz, MD Memorial Lecture Award by the National Osteoporosis Foundation. Dr. Lappe, who also serves as a professor of medicine at the University’s Osteoporosis Research Center, will present her research on nutrition and bone health at a Foundation symposium this month. She was inducted into the Academy in 1998.

Diana L. Morris, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, received the 2018 Novosel Distinguished Alumni Award from the Penn State Nursing Alumni Society. The award recognizes alumni who exemplify the spirit of nursing. Dr. Morris received her BSN from Penn State, and is now the Florence Cellar Associate Professor of Gerontological Nursing in the Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University. She was inducted into the Academy in 1996.

Daniel Oerther, PhD, MS, FAAN, who was inducted as an Honorary Fellow of the Academy in 2016, was appointed to the Missouri State Board of Nursing by Governor Eric Greitens. Dr. Oerther is a professional engineer and professor of civil, architectural, and environmental engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology. He has worked with nurses to improve water, sanitation, nutrition and food safety around the world.

Hilaire Thompson, PhD, RN, AGACNP-BC, FAAN, received the prestigious 2018 Excellence in Neuroscience Nursing Education
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Cheryl is a dedicated nurse and leader, having served as the President of the American Nurses Association for three years. She has also held leadership roles in the American Academy of Nursing and has contributed significantly to the field of nursing.

Cheryl's decision to retire, while catching us as a bit by surprise, is a testament to the strength and depth of our fellowship. Cheryl's commitment to nursing and the Academy is unparalleled, and she will be missed greatly.

In addition to her leadership roles, Cheryl has been a key figure in the development and implementation of critical care initiatives. She has played a vital role in addressing the needs of nurses and patients in critical care settings.

On behalf of the Academy, I would like to express our gratitude to Cheryl for her dedication and service. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Have news to share?
Let us know

Career Opportunities

Click here to view our current job postings.

Rush University - President

Rush University, a private health sciences institution in Illinois, seeks an experienced, visionary, and inspirational leader to serve as its President. The President will build upon the distinguished legacy of success at Rush and continue its growth as one of the premier universities advancing health sciences education, research, and high-quality, equitable care. The President has broad responsibilities for the academic, student, financial, administrative, and external engagement activities of the University, including the College of Allied Health Sciences, the College of Medicine, the College of Nursing, and the Graduate College.

Rush University has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in this search. Click here for a full description and application instructions.

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