President’s Message

As we begin 2019, it is a time to reflect on the opportunities that lie ahead in the context of the nation’s most critical matters and the Academy’s mission. As fellows, you know that the Academy “serves the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice, and science through organizational excellence and effective nursing leadership.” To that end, it is important to thoughtfully consider the national conversation, what it means for the health of our nation, and how our policy voice can impact sustainable improvements.

The Academy is a policy and learning organization. As a policy organization, we work to present the evidence—mindful not to add to the already toxic political discourse. As a learning organization, we have the tremendous capacity to focus on our history, evolve for the future, and grow stronger while doing so. Therefore, myself, the Board of Directors, and our new CEO will begin the process in February to chart a course to develop our 2019-2020 policy priorities. The Academy’s Expert Panels are currently underway in preparing their action plans for the year to help inform our discussion. We look forward to sharing these priorities with you and how they will help position the Academy to be a timely, non-partisan, policy organization.

The unique asset of the American Academy of Nursing is the “power of the fellowship.” Each fellow brings a unique view. We are diverse in the way we think—driven by the richness of our professional, political, and personal backgrounds. In this New Year, we welcome the occasion to engage more fellow voices in our initiatives. Because what unites us all is the unmistakable calling to place at the center of our work the health and wellness of individuals, families, and communities.

Thank you for those who have already renewed their membership and have so generously donated to advance the Academy’s mission. We are in constant appreciation of your commitment to our organization. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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Applications due February 11, 2019

In Memoriam

Margaret Ann Newman, PhD, RN, FAAN, passed away on December 18, 2018 at the age of 85.

Dr. Newman's conceptualization of health as expanding consciousness acknowledged the uniqueness of person within a changing and complex environment. It celebrated the relationship between the nurse and the patient (family and community) recognizing the humanness of person and how the knowing presence of the nurse was essential in uncovering the pattern of the whole, promoting choice, and fostering personal transformation.

Over the years, Newman's work has given voice to nursing. In 1986, Newman published her first book on the theory, Health as Expanding Consciousness followed by a 2nd edition in 1994 and then Transforming Presence: The Difference that Nursing Makes in 2008. Dr. Newman's theory of health has been widely embraced around the world and her life will be commemorated in many countries.

Dr. Newman was inducted into the Academy in 1976 and was honored as a Living Legend in 2008.

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Suzanne Miyamoto, the Academy’s new CEO, was interviewed for Charting Nursing’s Future, a publication launched by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Campaign for Action. In her interview, she discusses the nursing lens as it relates to health policies, with a focus on “putting the nursing voice in front of policymakers” to create a “dynamic partnership between the experts in the field and experts in strategy.” Speaking of the Academy, she notes her excitement to use the power of the nursing lens to advance the Academy’s goals and to show the world how the Academy’s Fellows and America’s nurses move mountains. Read the full interview here.

Fellow Achievements

Abraham Brody, PhD, RN, FPCN, FAAN, associate director of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, associate professor at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing, and founder of Aliviado Health, has been awarded a $6.1 million grant by the National Institute on Aging to study the program Dr. Brody designed to bring effective care to people with dementia receiving hospice care. The two-phase, five-year grant will fund the first large-scale clinical trial of people with dementia in hospice and their caregivers.

Inducted into the Academy in 2017, Dr. Brody is a member of the Aging and Palliative & End of Life Care Expert Panels.

Sean Clarke, RN, PhD, FAAN, has been named executive vice dean for academic affairs at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing effective Jan. 2, 2019. Dr. Clarke currently serves as the associate dean for undergraduate programs and professor at Boston College’s Connell School of Nursing.

Dr. Clarke was inducted into the Academy in 2006 and is a member of the Acute & Critical Care Expert Panel.
Judith Haber, PhD, APRN-BC, FAAN, the Ursula Springer Leadership Professor in Nursing at NYU Meyers, has been appointed to a work group meeting convened to identify and discuss significant oral health issues which will inform the Surgeon General’s 20-year update report on oral health. Dr. Haber, the executive director of the Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice (OHNEP) program at NYU Meyers, has spent the past decade integrating oral health into overall health, particularly through interprofessional education.

Dr. Haber was inducted into the Academy in 1993. She is a member of the Psychiatric, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Expert Panel.

Linda McGillis Hall, RN, PhD, FCAHS, FCNEI, FAAN, Kathleen Russell Distinguished Professor, at the Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto, Canada was named the 2018 Canadian Nurse Educator Institute (CNEI) Fellow. Fellows of the CNEI are recognized for having contributed significantly to the enhancement of the quality of nursing education and thus the nursing profession in Canada; actively promoting excellence in nursing education; and demonstrating a sustained and significant contribution to nursing education in Canada.

Dr. McGillis Hall was inducted as an International Fellow into the Academy in 2007. She is a member of the Quality Health Care Expert Panel.

Maria O’Rourke, PhD, RN, FAAHC, FAAN, has been awarded the Ray Cox Award by the American Nurses Association/California. The Ray Cox Award recognizes the lifelong commitment of a registered nurse to the advancement of the profession of nursing in California. Dr. O’Rourke was the key advocate and leader in rewriting the California Nursing Practice Act. She serves as a mentor, is a sought-after speaker, nationally and internationally, and continues to inspire CA nurses every day.

Inducted into the Academy in 1984, Dr. O’Rourke is a member of the Acute & Critical Care, Building Health Care System Excellence, and Nursing Theory-Guided Practice Expert Panels.

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