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New leadership, election results announced at 2010 Business Meeting

Academy introduces four new Board members and six prominent committee officials

Washington, DC (November 13, 2011) – The results of the American Academy of Nursing's (AAN) fall elections became official at the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, as 10 newly elected members were introduced to prominent organizational positions, including the addition of four new members of the Board of Directors. The new members were chosen by the AAN Fellowship, which concluded voting on September 17th.

Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN, was elected to a two-year term as Secretary, replacing Diana Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN. She joins AAN's Executive Committee, which includes officers Treasurer Pat Yoder-Wise, EdD, RN, CNAA-BC, ANEF, FAAN; President-elect Joanne Disch, PhD, RN, FAAN; and President Catherine L. Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN.

Judith Baggs, PhD, RN, FAAN; David Keepnews, PhD, JD, RN, FAAN; and Terri Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN, were elected to two-year terms as members of the Board, replacing outgoing members Lauren S. Aaronson, PhD, RN, FAAN; Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Patricia Reid Ponte, DNS, RN, FAAN.

Fellows also elected members to serve on the Nominating and Fellows Selection Committees. Among the officials elected to the Nominating Committee were Harriet Feldman, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Ellen Olshansky, DNSc, RN, FAAN. The Fellows Selection Committee will be joined by elected members, Debra Toney, PhD, RN, FAAN; Gloria Ramsey, JD, RN, FAAN; and Mary Lou De Leon Siantz, PhD, RN, FAAN, and, James Fain, PhD, RN, FAAN, who was elected to a second three-year term to the Fellows Selection Committee.

"We are grateful for the volunteer service of our outgoing officers and board members and all the Fellows who serve the Academy," said Gilliss. "We are dependent upon the visionary leadership of our Fellows and they are always there for us. I look forward to working with our continuing and new volunteers during the coming year."

New Board Member Profiles:

Karen Cox:

Dr. Cox is the Executive Vice President and Co-Chief Operating Officer at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City, MO, the first Magnet designated hospital in Missouri and the region. She also serves as the Associate Director of the recently launched Bi-State Nursing Workforce Innovation Center and is Assistant Dean for Clinical Partnerships at the University of Missouri Kansas City, School of Nursing.

Judith Baggs:

Dr. Baggs is currently the Elizabeth N. Gray Distinguished Professor at Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing. Her leadership experiences outside of the Academy include nine years as an Associate Dean for Academics in two schools of nursing, chairing a National Institutes of Health study section, being a board

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member for the Western Institute of Nursing, being Principal Investigator on two R01s, serving as an Associate Director of the Oregon Center for Ethics in Health Care, and editing a research journal.

David Keepnews:

Dr. Keepnews is an Associate Professor in the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing at Hunter College of the City University of New York, where he coordinates the dual-degree masters program in nursing administration and public administration. He serves as Chair of the Academy's Bylaws Committee and as a member of the Fellow Selection Committee. Dr. Keepnews is Editor-in-Chief of the journal Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice. He is a Senior Fellow of the Center for Health, Media and Policy at the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing.

Terri Weaver:

Dr. Weaver is currently Dean Designee, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing. Previously she was the Ellen and Robert Kapito Professor in Nursing Science and Chair, Biobehavioral and Health Sciences Division at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Weaver served as Chair of the national Board of Directors of the American Lung Association. Early in her career she served as President of Xi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau

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