



**American Academy of Nursing Announces 2017-2018 Board of Directors
to Guide Strategic Direction and Provide Financial Oversight**

Ten Members Elected by Academy's 2,500 Fellows include Hospital Administrators, Academic Leaders and Nonprofit Organization Executives

Washington, DC (October 7, 2017) --The American Academy of Nursing today announced its 2017-2018 Board of Directors during the business meeting portion of its annual policy conference. The 10-member board provides strategic direction and financial oversight of the association. Elected by the Academy's 2,500 fellows, board members serve for a term of two years.

Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN

President

Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer
Children's Mercy Kansas City
Kansas City, MO

Inducted in 2005, Dr. Cox previously served on the board as president-elect, and chaired the Academy's Audit Committee and Choosing Wisely Task Force.

Eileen M. Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN

President-Elect

Dean and Erline Perkins McGriff Professor
NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing
New York, NY

Dr. Sullivan-Marx, inducted in 1997, co-chairs the Raise the Voice Edge Runner National Advisory Council. She previously served on the Board of Directors.

Mary E. Foley, PhD, RN, FAAN

Secretary

Director, Center for Nursing Research and Innovation
University of California San Francisco
San Francisco, CA

Inducted in 2013, Dr. Foley is beginning her second year on the board as secretary.

Paula Milone-Nuzzo, PhD, RN, FHHC, FAAN

Treasurer

President and John Hilton Knowles Professor
MGH Institute of Health Professions
Boston, MA

Inducted in 1998, Dr. Milone-Nuzzo has been re-elected to a second term on the board as treasurer and chairs the Finance Committee.

Debra J. Barksdale, PhD, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, CNE, FAANP, FAAN

Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Programs
Alumni Endowed Professor
VCU School of Nursing
Richmond, VA

Dr. Barksdale, inducted in 2012, is a member of the PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) Board of Governors.

Kaye W. Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN

President and CEO

Public Health Accreditation Board
Alexandria, VA

Inducted in 2000, Dr. Bender is beginning her second year on the board and will chair the 2018 Policy Conference Planning Advisory Committee.

Ramon Lavandero, RN, MA, MSN, FAAN

Senior Strategic Advisor and Organizational Historian
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
Salt Lake City, UT

Inducted in 2004, Mr. Lavandero is beginning his fourth year on the board and served on the Institute for Nursing Leadership Advisory Council.

Ellen Olshansky, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FAAN

Professor and Chair, Department of Nursing
Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
University of Southern California
Irvine, CA

Dr. Olshansky, inducted in 2003, is beginning her second year on the board and is the Board Liaison of the Leadership Council for the Academy's Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, and the Board Liaison of the Academy Jonas Policy Scholars.

Linda Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN

Dean and Professor
University of Wisconsin – Madison
Madison, WI

Inducted in 2008, Dr. Scott is beginning her second year on the board and chaired the 2017 Policy Conference Planning Advisory Committee, and is the Board Liaison of the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee.

Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP-BC, FACHE, FAAN

Associate Dean for Strategic Partnerships & Innovation
UVA Medical Center Professor
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA

Inducted into the Academy in 2012, Dr. White currently serves on the Fellow Selection Committee.

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About the American Academy of Nursing

The American Academy of Nursing (www.AANnet.org) serves the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. The Academy's more than 2,500 Fellows are nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, and research. They have been recognized for their extraordinary contributions to nursing and health care.

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