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American Academy of Nursing Announces Selection of Suzanne Miyamoto as New Chief Executive Officer

Association health care executive brings strong policy expertise to leadership role

Washington, D.C. (October 15, 2018) — The American Academy of Nursing today announced the appointment of Suzanne Miyamoto, PhD, RN, FAAN, as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective December 3, 2018.

In this role, Dr. Miyamoto will serve as the organizational leader, with primary management responsibility for all functions of the Academy and for enhancing the internal organization processes and infrastructure in order to position the Academy for the future. A 501(c)(3) professional organization, the Academy is comprised of more than 2,500 fellows who are nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice and research.

Dr. Miyamoto comes to the Academy from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), where she has served in progressively higher government affairs roles since 2006. Currently AACN's Chief Policy Officer, she directs a diverse federal policy agenda and leads a team of five. Dr. Miyamoto oversees the strategy and operations of Health Policy, Higher Education Policy, Government Affairs, Strategic Outreach and Analytics, and Diversity and Inclusion. She is also heavily involved in AACN's external outreach and grant process. During her tenure at AACN, Dr. Miyamoto has been instrumental in formalizing and leading the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), a partnership of nursing associations that advocates on healthcare issues. Working to build consensus among diverse stakeholders, she was NCC's Convener for nine years before being named Executive Director in 2017.

"Suzanne Miyamoto is an excellent choice to lead our Academy. An experienced nursing association executive, she will bring an energetic, fresh perspective toward strengthening our existing initiatives and seeking out new opportunities," said Academy President Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FACHE, FAAN. "In addition to her strong advocacy background and policy expertise, she has well developed skills in building partnerships, strategic planning, and identifying new funding opportunities. Suzanne was selected from a well-qualified field of excellent candidates to fulfill this role and I am excited to begin working with her."

Dr. Miyamoto is a 2014 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow and has been an adjunct assistant professor at Georgetown University, School of Nursing and Health Studies as well as at the University of Maryland, School of Nursing and lecturer at Johns Hopkins University, School of Nursing. Additionally, she is a member of the Editorial Board for the journal *Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice*.

Previously, she held policy positions at the state and federal level with the National Institutes of Health, the State Commission on Patient Safety for the Michigan Health and Safety Coalition, and former United States Congressman Joseph Knollenberg.

"The American Academy of Nursing is a beacon for leadership and nursing excellence," said Dr. Miyamoto. "I am honored to join an organization that serves the public by transforming health and wellness through policy and look forward to working with the Board of Directors, fellows, staff, and stakeholders to advance the Academy's mission."

Dr. Miyamoto received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Master of Science in Nursing, and Doctorate of Philosophy in Nursing from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Inducted as a fellow of the Academy in 2015, she is also a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, Women in Government Relations, Academy Health, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, and the American Nurses Association.

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