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Greetings from our FAANP Chair

FAANP Chair Communiqué - Judith Berg, FAANP

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Conference FAANP Activities:

- *Induction, Reception, & Dinner: 6/23*
6:30 pm, Sheraton
- *Meet & Greet: 6/25*
5:15 pm, Convention

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Dear Fellows,

As I come to the end of my tenure as your Chair, I have been reflecting on the many accomplishments of the Fellows and our organization. Most striking has been the tremendous increase in interest in becoming a Fellow. In 2009, we inducted 47 new Fellows and anticipate inducting another 44 this June. Together these multi-talented classes of new Fellows have brought us to over 250 outstanding NP leaders whose many contributions to nursing and nurse practitioner practice, education, research, and health policy are extraordinary! In recognition of both our tenth anniversary and our organizational maturity, we developed a new strategic plan at our winter meeting in Dallas. This new vision provides future direction and attempts to clarify our relationship with AANP, our parent organization. As well, this new strategic plan highlights our continued emphasis on mentoring but adds a new dimension of reaching out to local, regional, national, and international organizations in order to improve healthcare globally. Our combined wisdom and expertise is absolutely awesome, and our future is indeed promising.

Additionally, this past year we developed and marketed the beautiful Fellows medallion, published a manuscript on fellowship in JAANP (Rod Hicks, lead author), added new positions to the Selections Committee, inaugurated and named the Fellows newsletter (now to be the FAANP Forum and congratulations to Rosie Morales for winning that naming contest!), expanded the Fellows Lectureship Series at the conference, embarked upon 10th anniversary celebrations, and will hold our second "Meet & Greet the Fellows" at the national conference.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the continuing and outgoing officers for their beneficence to FAANP and their extreme generosity. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you and feel very fortunate you were a member of the team.

The elected officers who served this past year are

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| Past-Chair | Nick Burnett |
| Chair-Elect | Mona Counts |
| Secretary | Kathryn Fiantt |
| Treasurer | Mary Ellen Roberts |
| Member-at-Large | Ruth Kleinpell |
| | Sue Hoyt |
| Selection Committee | Karen Koozer Olson |
| | Chris Bray |
| | Mary Neiheisel |
| | Roger Green |
| | Susan Hagedorn |
| | Linda Rounds |
| Nominations Committee | Jacqueline Rhoads |
| | Elda Ramirez |
| | Susan Ruppert |

Of this excellent panel, the following people are rotating out of office: Nick Burnett, Kate Fiantt, Roger Green, Chris Bray, and Jacqueline Rhoads. Please join me in thanking these outstanding leaders for their service.



Greetings from our FAANP Chair (continued from page 1)

FAANP Chair Communiqué - Judith Berg, FAANP

I am very pleased to announce the results of our recent election.

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| Chair-Elect | Elizabeth Barker |
| Secretary | Janet DuBois |
| Member-at-large | Ruth Kleinpell (re-elected) |
| Selection Committee | Jean Aertker Kathryn Blair Anne Moore |
| Nominations Committee | Rod Hicks |



I urge all Fellows to attend the conference and the many activities planned to help celebrate our 10th anniversary. Please wear your medallions to all Fellows activities! This will help others to recognize us and make our conference activities more festive.

Our meetings are as follows:

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| Wednesday, June, 23, 2010 | 1-5 PM | Fellows business meeting |
| | 6:30-9:30 PM | Honoring charter members, Induction Ceremony, Reception, and Dinner |
| Friday, June 25, 2010 | 5:15 – 6:30 | Meet & Greet the Fellows |

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chair these past two years. I have enjoyed every moment in this position and thank the many, many Fellows who have volunteered their time and energy to Fellows task forces, committees, and activities. You are the reason this organization is growing and becoming increasingly important. I know that you will support Mona Counts as she assumes this leadership position. With her at the helm, you are truly in good hands! Her many years as an NP leader, her extremely successful tenure as President of AANP, and her good humor will serve you well. May the Fellows continue to grow and prosper!!

Adiós and thank you,
Dr Judith A. Berg, FAANP Chair

FAANP Winter Meeting Report

Leadership/Mentorship Column - Mary Jo Goolsby, FAANP

In celebration of FAANP's 10th Anniversary, the Fellows devoted their *Winter Meeting* to strategic planning for the next several years. The 76 Fellows who gathered in Fort Worth, Texas in early March for this anniversary meeting were joined by 11 others attending via WebEx. Following a social event on Friday evening, the Fellows convened early Saturday morning to get down to business. The process was facilitated by Mary Flanagan, of Management Solutions Group, LLC. During the meeting, the Fellows reflected on the past ten years, looking at events in healthcare and the NP discipline, as well as FAANP's accomplishments. They identified FAANP's purpose as to: *impact national and global health by engaging recognized NP leaders who make outstanding contributions to clinical practice, research, education or policy, thus enhancing the AANP mission.* By the end of the 1.5 day meeting, 4 key priorities had been identified for the next 5 years. A work group for each of the four key priorities began deliberation during the meeting with planning, prioritization, and recommendations to follow. The next steps will be discussed during the upcoming

FAANP Business Meeting, scheduled 6/23 in Phoenix. The priorities are to:

1. Refine organizational infrastructure.
2. Develop and export our knowledge and expertise.
3. Strengthen mentoring and leadership development.
4. Optimize our influence and visibility.



Fellow Accolades

Member News Column - Pat Alpert, FAANP

In this issue, the following fellows are recognized for their accomplishments in the areas of education, research, health policy and/or clinical practice.

Patrick C. Conlon, MSN, CFNP, RN-BC, CDE, CCM, BC-ADM, FAANP

Patrick Conlon completed research which viewed compared and contrasted diabetes outcomes in primary care, evaluating the outcomes for nurse practitioners versus physicians. This is the first research study to look at the comparison of diabetes outcomes for nurse practitioners and medical doctors.

Mary Anne Dumas, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP

Mary Anne Dumas completed her two year term as President of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioners which culminated at the annual conference held in April 2010. Her leadership resulted in the development of educational policy and standards.

Patricia Gorzka, PhD, ARNP, FAANP

Patricia Gorzka was the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Alumna Award from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing Alumni Association, Case Western Reserve University. Congratulations Pat.

Karen Sue Hoyt, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, CEN, FAEN, FAANP

Karen Hoyt was the recent recipient of the California Association of Nurse Practitioners "Nurse Practitioner Distinction Award" presented at the California Association for Nurse Practitioner (CANP) Annual Meeting held in March 2010. She was recognized for demonstrating exemplary professionalism.

Ruth Kleinpell, PhD, RN, FAAN, FCCM, FAANP

Congratulations to Dr. Ruth Kleinpell who received the 2010 National Organization of Nurse Practitioners Research Award at the NONPF annual conference held in April 2010.

Sheila Melander, DSN, ACNP, FAANP

Sheila Melander was elected to the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty (NONPF) Board. Congratulations on your recent election.

Ann C. F. Olson, PhD, CNP, FAANP

Ann Olson was selected to receive the Clinical Osteoporosis 2010 Young Investigator Award for her abstract entitled: Promoting perimenopausal bone health: What's theory got to do with it? Presentation of the award took place at the National Osteoporosis Foundation-International Society for Clinic Densitometry Symposium; Oral Abstract Presentation Session on Friday, March 12, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas. The award included a \$900 travel grant and plaque.

Nancy C. Orourke, MSN, ACNP, ANP, FAANP

Nancy Orourke co-authored a white paper on the primary care workforce shortage in Boston. The paper addressed maximizing the role of the NP which also discussed revision to the "collaboration and supervision" requirement as well as the oversight by the Boston Board of Medicine.

Mimi Secor, MS, M.Ed, FNP-BC, FAANP

Mimi Secor was hired to co-host a new NP/PA radio show, "Partners in Practice" which will air on ReachDM XM 160 radio, the station for medical professionals. She will be hosting two shows a month where she will be interviewing NPs both nationally and internationally on various NP topics.

Carol Thompson, PhD, DNP, ACNP, FNP, FAANP

Carol Thompson was reappointed to the Tennessee Board of Nursing to represent the APNs in her state. The advanced practice nurses in Tennessee have a great person representing them.



If there is anything you want to share with the Newsletter Committee, please go to the following URL and enter your information. This will be way that you can routinely update the committee on what is happening and ensure your news is announced! Just go to: http://aanponline.com/survey_fellows_achievements/

The World is [Still] Our Oyster!

Editorial Feature Column - Janice Unruh Davidson, FAANP

As the new millennium was ushered in and thoughts of “y2k” loomed, the Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) was born. The AANP Board of Directors approved the FAANP program in 1999 to be an official program of the AANP. Our early nurse practitioner leaders were honored in 2000 through the induction of our founding members of the FAANP. Over this decade, the intent to recognize nurse practitioners (NP) for their contributions to NP education, research, clinical practice and health policy has been surpassed only by the commitment to NP leadership and mentorship for which the FAANP has become widely known.

Having been inducted in 2001, one of the first initiatives that I recall was the annual FAANP “Think-Tank.” At that time, we were still able to all gather around one table much like a large extended family, to help facilitate the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Fellows. I recall our energized discussions regarding the future of nursing and NPs, beyond the confines of traditional thinking. We would often separate into smaller brainstorming groups to tackle selected issues, and the result was always transformational and visionary.

Another early initiative regarding the FAANP that I fondly recall and treasure was the manuscript published by colleagues Resnick, Sheer, McArthur, Lynch, Longworth, and Vásquez (2002), entitled “The World is Our Oyster: Celebrating our Past and Anticipating our Future.” I will not forget the article’s conception, and the collective strength of the incredible stories we shared as a part of its thematic design. As I re-read that article in preparation for this column, I was struck by the extent to which our FAANP has fulfilled our anticipated future. One such example is the leadership/mentorship initiative that by 2006 was added that focuses on the use of experts within the Fellows to pair innovative but less experienced NPs with a more experienced NP mentor who has demonstrated particular leadership in NP education, research, clinical practice or health policy.

Clearly, over the ten years between 2000-2010, changes in nursing, primary care, education, policy, and even theory and research have been immense! Among others, we have seen implementation of middle-range theory, evidence-based practice, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice. The FAANP has grown from the original 21 founding members in 2000 to over 250 national and international NP leaders in 2010. As we enter a new decade together, let us remember, the world is “still” our oyster!

Resnick, B., Sheer, B., McArthur, D., Lynch, J. S., Longworth, J. C. D., & Provencio-Vasques, E. (2002). The world is our oyster: Celebrating our past and anticipating our future. *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*, 14(11), 484–491.



and the winner is . . .

Thanks to everyone who submitted a potential title for the FAANP Newsletter and who voted for their favorite option. Rosalinda Morales was the winner of the “Name the Newsletter” competition, with *FAANP Forum*—congratulations Rosie! Rosie has received a one-year free FAANP membership for submitting the winning title. Check out each issue on the Fellows section of aanp.org

Celebration of Our Charter Fellows

Membership Feature Column - Judith Shannon Lynch, FAANP



Dr. Leanne Busby has been working full-time as the Director of the Tennessee Regents Online Collaborative, MSN and HIT programs, since 2007 when she was invited to this position by the Tennessee Board of Regents. Prior to this appointment, she served as Professor of Nursing at Vanderbilt University from 2007-2009 and as Professor and Dean at the Jeanette Rudy School of Nursing at Cumberland University from 2000-2007. Her Faculty Development Grant for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (1995-1997), her 20 year tenure on the Tennessee Board of Directors, Nursing's Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel, and her two year internship at the Betty Ford Clinic as nurse-in-residence, establish her as one the leading experts in drug and alcohol abuse and treatment. In the 1980s she received a W.K. Kellogg Grant to develop primary care and school-based clinics for disadvantaged populations. She was a test writer for AANP and served as Secretary of the Certification Commission.

The following interview took place by phone on May 6, 2010 from her home in Nashville TN where she resides with her husband, Michael. He is a Professor at TN State University and Director of the Center of Excellence in Engineering Systems and Technology. They have been married since 1963 having met when they were in kindergarten.

JSL: How did you react when you were notified of selection into the charter class of the AANP Fellowship?

LB: I was both surprised and honored to be included with many of my role models. I heard about the formation from colleagues but never expected that I could meet the criteria. I felt that it gave me credibility with my colleagues and students and was a reward for all the hard work of preparation I had done in the past. I was able to join colleagues that I held in high esteem and could recognize myself as a role model.

JSL: What do you think the Fellowship has done for nurse practitioners?

LB: I believe that the Fellowship demonstrated to the entire nursing community that the nurse practitioner role was essential to health care in America. It became a merger of practice, education, and research and was a huge factor in confirming the skills of nurse practitioners as leader in all areas. It helped to expand the role into various clinical and educational settings and increased mutual respect with physician colleagues.

JSL: How did the Fellowship help you to think outside the box?

LB: The Fellowship has certainly helped me to further formulate my philosophy of nursing and to increase my critical thinking skills. I have watched many of my students publish in peer-reviewed journals and feel that there is greater support for new graduates from the mentoring arm of FAANP. This has led former students to assume leadership roles across the nation.

JSL: Do you have any advice for new Fellows?

LB: Seek a mentor and work hard for change. In Tennessee, being a southern state, it is often difficult to make change. But, when I look back, we have been able to literally transform the health system in the past 30 years.

JSL: You continue to work and keep active with many professional activities. How do you find time for a personal life?

LB: I love to read, shop, and go antiquing. My seven grandchildren keep every moment busy and a joy. I had open heart surgery in 2006 and an angioplasty/stent placement in 2007 and these events brought me back to the importance of listening to myself and practicing better self-care. They also reminded me of the value of bedside nursing. As a patient, I saw firsthand how nursing has evolved and how vital it is to healing and recovery. Finally, I want to stress to all women, that we do present our cardiac problems very differently from men. If you feel something is happening, please do not deny symptoms but get help immediately.

JSL: I'm happy that you have made a complete recovery, Leanne. Thank you for spending this time with me.

Congratulations to our 2010 FAANP Inductees!

Leadership/Mentorship Column - Mary Jo Goolsby, FAANP

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A Need for Fellows to Mentor Nursing Research

Research Column - Mary Neiheisel, FAANP

Research courses have been a part of all nursing curricula for many years. Successful completion of research courses at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels is an expected competency. The goal of various committees and of nursing organizations is to increase the participation of students in research. In the first edition of the *FAANP Forum*, it was noted that research by and with graduate students might be deficient. Evidence of students' research is not readily visible and partnering with students to conduct research is not readily observable in the literature. Fellows, as researchers, are in a position to correct this deficit. Role modeling, partnering, and networking are methods of increasing research by students, young graduates, and more mature graduates. In an informal poll of ten professors who teach research courses at various levels, six of the professors admitted that they have not been involved in formal research for over five years. Of those remaining four, two are currently conducting formal research. If this is representative of the total research professors, role-modeling is not being used to any great extent. Again, in casual discussion with five nurse practitioners who had graduated in the past five years, one hundred percent said that research was not only not emphasized, but was rarely mentioned in the clinical setting and only one graduate knew of one preceptor who was conducting clinical research. Networking is difficult to evaluate but is probably greater utilized than partnering and role modeling.



In addition, the delay in nurse practitioners becoming actively involved in research is too lengthy and does seem to be a delay that could be shortened by the same methods—role modeling, partnering, and networking. Gaining the enthusiasm and interest of students in research at the student level would assist in earlier and greater participation of graduates. Initial activities for students include how to critique research articles, review of research articles, writing research proposals, exposure to grant writing, exploring research funding resources, and group discussions on all of these topics. Mentors, professors, and preceptors are inclusively qualified to increase the numbers of student researchers and to partner with students. It is a responsibility each of us needs to implement in practice and education.

The *FAANP Forum* welcomes your comments regarding partnering with students for research projects and publication of articles with students. Please, share your involvement with students' research efforts and help all Fellows increase their involvement.

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