



FAANP Forum

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The purpose of the AANP Fellows Program, in support of the mission and vision of the AANP, is to impact national and global health by engaging recognized nurse practitioner leaders who make outstanding contributions to clinical practice, research, education or policy.

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**AANP
National
Conference**



Greetings from FAANP Chair

Mary Jo Goolsby, FAANP



Dear Fellows: The FAANP events in Philadelphia were exciting and successful! This special edition of FAANP Forum provides a wonderful summary of our various FAANP activities, starting Wednesday and running through Saturday.

Wednesday we launched a new cohort of FAANP Mentorship participants. As always, Thursday was a long day for Fellows. Our well-attended Business Meeting was followed by the 2017 Inductee Orientation Luncheon. That evening, we enjoyed the elegant and inspirational Induction Ceremony and Dinner. During the induction, we recognized Penny Kaye Jensen with the Loretta Ford Award and three new honorary Fellows, while celebrating the achievements of our Inductees. Other events included a FAANP History Committee visit with Dr. Ford and her family to University of Pennsylvania's Bates Center, the joint meeting of the AANP and FAANP Executive Committees, and the FAANP Selection Committee kick-off meeting.

We have so many to thank for the success of these events. An incomplete list includes the wonderful AANP staff, including Diane Padden, Kat van Duyn, Christina Karas, and others who supported our various activities; Judy Berg's team for the lovely induction event decorations and flower arrangements; Janet DuBois' cast of volunteers for coordinating the induction events; Barbara Sheer for organizing the Bates Center visit, the committees that met during the week; Fellows who staffed our busy exhibit booth: Ric Ricciardi for the lovely photography; and Mary Neihsel for this special edition of the Forum! Enjoy!

****As this issue was being prepared for sharing, we received the sad news of Patrick Conlon's death. Patrick was an active Fellow and a member of the committee that designed our FAANP Medallion, which now serves as our "logo". I'll think fondly of Patrick every time I see the Medallion. A brief memorial is provided on page 16.**

Greetings from *FAANP Forum Chair*

Mary B. Neiheisel, FAANP

The 2017 AANP annual conference was huge and very successful, opened by Dr. Loretta Ford, in her elegant golden attire. Many other Fellows were visible and active throughout the conference. This special edition of the Forum is published to present some of the highlights and to again recognize the awards received by Fellows during this conference. We think some of the news deserves repetition and we want to present photos of these recipients. Thank you to Richard Ricciardi for these photographic memories of another well planned, well attended conference. The Fellows business meeting was busy with outstanding reports, recognition of recipients of grant awards, results of elections, and recognition of services for retiring FAANP members (see page 6).



Dr. Loretta Ford

AANP Opening Business Meeting

Cindy presented the following statistics:

- 76,548 – number of AANP members as of June 1 – 68,000 at this time in 2016.
- 23,000 – number of NP students who graduated from NP educational programs during the 2015 - 2016 academic years– up from 12,000 in 2012.
- 1.02 billion - the number of estimated visits made to NPs annually.
- 67 - number of new NP Fellow inductees this year - plus three honorary fellows.
- 696 - the total number of AANP Fellows.
- 22 states and DC giving patients full and direct access to NP care through granting Full Practice Authority
- 103 – The number of NPs and NP advocates who will be honored at the Salute to the States event on Friday.
- 175 plus – the number of free continuing education activities available to AANP members
- 8 - the number of Specialty Practice Groups available to AANP members
- 234,000 NPs are currently licensed in the United States today – that is up from 222,000 in the past year.



Cindy Cooke

**President of AANP
2015-2017**

**Congratulations on
two awesome years
and your many
achievements and your
continued and
consistent advocacy
for
Nurse Practitioners.**

CONGRATULATIONS: DR. JAN TOWERS

Mary Ellen Roberts, FAANP



} At the AANP opening business meeting Mary Ellen Roberts presented Dr. Jan Towers with this commissioned portrait. The presentation by Mary Ellen was so awesome and inspiring—please, read her message. (mbn) {

In 1985, a small group of visionaries convened under an apple tree in Pennsylvania to address the growing need for NPs of all specialties to have a unified voice. It was at the home of Dr. Jan Towers that AANP was established to fill that need and become The Voice of the Nurse Practitioner®. These perceptive leaders recognized that national action was essential to securing the relevance and durability of the NP role. Thanks to their foresight, AANP has flourished and now represents the interests of more than 234,000 NPs.

An accomplished and much admired leader in the NP movement, devoting her career to advocating for the NP role by supporting activities that advance and expand NP practice. Dr. Towers has been at the forefront of legislative and regulatory issues, guiding health policy initiatives to ensure that NPs and their patients are represented wherever health care is being discussed. She has informed and educated numerous NPs on issues related to health policy through presentations at regional and national conferences. Her steadfast commitment, keen insight and vigilance have served to guide and direct NPs toward their current recognition as reimbursable providers of high quality health care nationwide. The result of her life's work is increased awareness by legislators and the general public of NPs' contributions to health care as well as advancement in expanding the scope of practice for NPs, advocating for equity in pay for services, and expanding the commitment of NP professional organizations to provide leadership on health policy issues.

Dr. Jan Towers has been instrumental in the promotion and recognition of nurse practitioners in this country and around the world. A long time health policy expert Dr. Towers contributions have resulted in increased national recognition for NPs and increased opportunities for NPs to provide care to patients. Dr. Towers was the founding director of AANPCB, founding editor of JAANP. She has been instrumental in moving federal and state regulations advancing the role of the nurse practitioner. This doesn't do justice to the many accomplishments of Dr. Towers.

It is my honor on behalf of Rick Meadows and the Board of Commissioners of AANPCB to present Dr. Jan Towers with this commissioned portrait for her dedication to AANPCB, AANP and to Nurse Practitioners around the world. This portrait will be proudly displayed in the AANPCB offices in Austin, Texas, in dedication to the work of Dr. Towers.



Barry Towers, Jan Towers, Rick Meadows,
Mary Ellen Roberts, David Hebert
and Cindy Cooke.

Photographs by Ric Ricciardi, FAANP

TOWERS PINNACLE AWARD: PENNY KAYE JENSEN

Mary B. Neiheisel, FAANP

At the opening meeting of the conference the Towers Pinnacle Award and the Sharp Cutting Edge Award were presented.

Jan Towers was present as the Towers Pinnacle award was presented to **Penny Kaye Jensen**, FAANP. The award recognizes an individual who, through policy, practice, or education, has made outstanding contributions resulting in increased national recognition for NPs and increased opportunities for NPs to provide care to patients. Penny has more than fulfilled this criteria with her many leadership roles at the state and national levels. Her activities have continued for years as she advocates for the increased public visibility of NPs, which allows for direct patient access to the multitude of services provided by nurse practitioners. Dr. Jensen has utilized her expertise and leadership in health care policy to formulate APRN regulation that will increase access to high quality, cost effective health care for veterans at VA facilities throughout the nation. Presentations and publications on NP issues are available and are read by many. She is well known for her positive impact on health care, NP visibility and vision.



***Jan Towers, Penny Kaye Jensen, recipient, and
Cindy Cooke***

CONGRATULATIONS!

Photographs by Ric Ricciardi, FAANP

NANCY SHARP CUTTING EDGE AWARD: BERNADETTE MELNYK

Mary B. Neiheisel, FAANP

Nancy Sharp was present to give the **Sharp Cutting Edge Award to Bernadette Melnyk, FAANP**, who exemplifies the criteria for the award as shown by her leadership through innovative services, technologies and advocacy activities that advanced NP practice and patient care on a national level.

Dr. Melnyk is a pediatric NP, psych/mental health NP, educator, researcher, editor, and author with over 300 publications and five books. She is a nationally/internationally recognized expert in evidence-based practice (EBP), intervention research, child and adolescent mental health, and health and wellness. Dr. Melnyk has represented NPs in national health care arenas through service on the US Preventive Services Task Committee, the National Institutes of Health National Advisory Council for Nursing Research, and Center for Disease Control Laboratory Best Practice Workgroup, to name just a few. Throughout her career as an NP, Dr. Melnyk has endeavored to assure NPs receive excellent education while representing NPs at the highest level of our nation's health care policy arena. She also founded the National Interprofessional Education and Practice Consortium of 150 participating colleges and organizations. (AANP website).



Nancy Sharp, Bernadette Melnyk-recipient, Cindy Cooke

CONGRATULATIONS!

Photographs by Ric Ricciardi, FAANP

FAANP Business Meeting

Mary B. Neiheisel, FAANP



Mary Jo Goolsby

Mary Jo Goolsby, FAANP Chair, conducted the annual Fellows meeting. She discussed the work of the Executive committee and the Fellows committees during the year. Lorraine Reiser provided a financial report and Janet DuBois announced the results of the 2017 elections and that the proposed amendments to the FAANP Operating Guidelines had been approved by ballot. Elizabeth Barker discussed the mentorship committee and the mentors and mentees (see photo page 11). Oralea Pittman gave the nomination committee report. (see results below.) Mary Jo gave the Selection Committee report in the absence of Charon Pierson, Chair, stating that 67 Fellows will be inducted for 2017 as well as three Honorary Fellows (see pages 9-10). Mary Neiheisel gave the FAANP Forum report. The recipients of the FAANP grants were introduced: Ruth Kleinpell and



Oralea Pitman

Tracy Klein (see photos). Janet Dubois discussed and gave directions about induction. The 2017 Fellows Class was recognized as well as their sponsors. Outgoing officers were recognized.



Janet Dubois
Chair Elect

Congratulations FAANP Grant Recipients

Project: Prescribing Practices for Children with ADHD

Co-PIs: Tracy Klein, PhD, ARNP, FAANP* &
Teri Woo, PhD, ARNP, FAANP

Project: Demonstrating the Outcomes of NP Care Using a National Collaborative

Co-PIs: Ruth Kleinpell PhD ACNP-BC FAANP FAAN* &
April Kapu DNP ACNP-BC FAANP

* Grantees

Thank you Grant Review Committee Members for your service!

Congratulations

Results of the 2017 FAANP election:

Chair Elect	Janet DuBois
Treasurer	Ken Wysocki
Member-at-Large	Denise Link
Selection Committee	Michelle Beauchesne
Selection Committee	Susan Beidler
Selection Committee	Katherine Kenny
Selection Committee	Barbara Sheer
Nomination Committee	Theresa Campo

We thank the Nomination Committee for recruiting a slate of highly qualified candidates!



Photographs by Ric Ricciardi, FAANP

FAANP CHAIR AWARD: LISSA BARKER

Mary Jo Goolsby, FAANP



Mary Jo Goolsby and Lissa Barker

It is an honor to recognize Lissa Barker with the 2017 FAANP Chair's Award. As a past-chair of FAANP and frequent volunteer, Lissa has been a critical leader in FAANP's signature Mentorship Program. Established in 2006, the program has contributed to the professional development of many NPs through matching and coordination of mentorships guided by volunteer FAANP mentors. In addition to serving as an FAANP mentor on several occasions, including this year, she has chaired the committee charged with oversight of the program. Under her leadership, the program has continued to improve, with nine mentee-mentor dyads in the current cohort.

Photographs by Ric Ricciardi, FAANP

**LORETTA C. FORD AWARD FOR ADVANCEMENT OF
THE NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE IN HEALTH CARE-2017
DR. PENNY KAYE JENSEN.**



**Drs. Loretta Ford and
Mary Jo Goolsby presented
Loretta Ford Award to
Dr. Penny Kaye Jensen.**

The Loretta C. Ford Award is presented annually to an NP who demonstrates participation in health care policy development at an international, national or local level; sustained and specific contribution to clarification of the role and scope of practice of NPs; and/or creative and effective action to turn a challenge to the NP role into an effective opportunity to advance practice and improve patient outcomes. Among her many contributions, Dr. Jensen has served as the Liaison for National APRN Policy for the Veterans Administration (VA) Office of Nursing Service (ONS) since 2013, demonstrating exemplary national leadership in health care policy leading to the approval of full practice authority (FPA) for advanced practice nurses (APRN) in the VA. This national health policy change will have an unparalleled synergistic effect for NP scope of practice across the nation.



**Kathryn Wirtz Rugen (sponsor), Penny Kaye Jensen
Loretta Ford, Lenora Lorenzo (sponsor)**

Photographs by Ric Ricciardi, FAANP

CONGRATULATIONS, *Honorary Fellows*

Mary B. Neiheisel, FAANP



Mr. Donald Jonas and Mrs. Barbara Jonas are the founders of the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare. Through their philanthropic support and leadership of the Jonas Center, Donald and Barbara Jonas have advanced the NP role, providing future nursing leaders with tools, education and support to carry the role to a bigger, brighter future.

Mr. Donald Jonas and Dr. Loretta Ford



Mr. Donald Jonas with one sponsor, Alicia Rossiter, and Pam Wall

Mr. Donald Jonas

(wife not attending)



Photographs by Ric Ricciardi, FAANP

CONGRATULATIONS, *Honorary Fellows*

Mary B. Neiheisel, FAANP



Dr. Michael McGinnis is the Executive Officer of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), formerly the Institute of Medicine (IOM). Dr. McGinnis' collaborative nature has led to the inclusion of NPs at the table of the NAM/IOM, influencing NAM/IOM reports and recommendations leading to state and federal policies that have improved opportunities for NPs.

**Dr. McGinnis
with
Dr. Ford**



**Dr. McGinnis with sponsors:
Dr. Ric Ricciardi and
Dr. Michelle Beauchesne**

CONGRATULATIONS
to
Mr. and Mrs. Jonas
and
Dr. McGinnis
and
Welcome to the Fellows

Photographs by Ric Ricciardi



CONGRATULATIONS, Mentors and Mentees

Mary B. Neiheisel, FAANP



The co-committee chairs for the mentorship program are Dr. Elizabeth Barker and Pat Kelly.

Fostering mentorship and leadership, the FAANP Mentorship Program connects motivated, less-experienced NPs with Fellows who are both leaders in their field and willing to share their expertise to promote the career development of others. Founded in 2006, the FAANP Mentorship Program is grounded in the belief that mentorships should

- Mutually benefit both the mentee and mentor
- Focus on helping and guiding toward professional goals
- Involve time, energy, initiative, and follow-through to be successful
- Involve mentors as generous learning brokers
- Involve mentees committed to achieving defined objectives (AANP website))

Photograph by Ric Ricciardi, FAANP

Induction Highlights

Richard Ricciardi, FAANP



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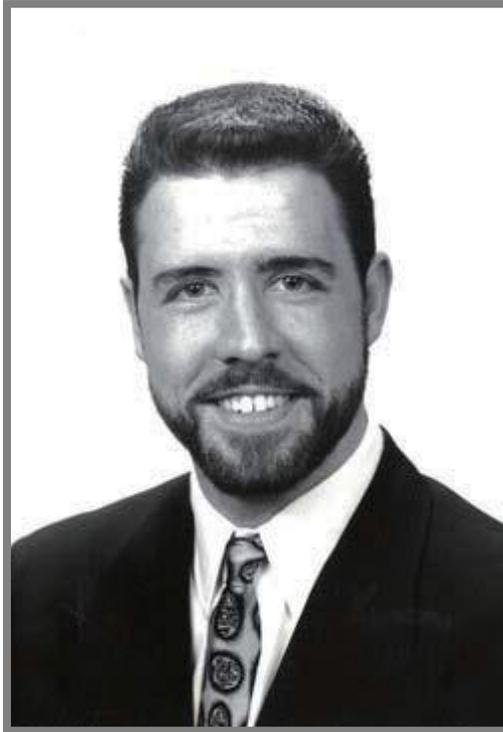
Richard Ricciardi, FAANP



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Patrick C. Conlon, FAANP

Mary Jo Goolsby, FAANP



In Memoriam:

Patrick C. Conlon, MSN, FNP, PNP, BC-ADM, CDE, FNAP, FAANP

July 24, 1962 - June 29, 2017

Patrick C. Conlon, 54, passed away unexpectedly from natural causes on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at his residence, in Mesa, Arizona. Services are planned for Friday, July 14, 2017, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Patrick was inducted into FAANP in 2002. An active Fellow, he served FAANP in various capacities, including contributing to the design of our FAANP Medallion.

Patrick was currently a full time student in the PhD program at the University of Arizona, Tucson, scheduled to graduate in December 2017. He had a tremendous thirst for learning and decided early on to focus on a nursing career. He first attended St. Joseph School of Nursing and then attended Briar Cliff College, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree (BSN) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (BA). He earned a Master of Science Degree (MSN) from the University of New Mexico's Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program. He has published in the areas of diabetes management/education and advance practice nursing. Patrick was also a Fellow in the National Academies of Practice. During his nursing career, he worked at Marian Health Center, Sioux City as well as Michael Reese Medical Center and Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

Memorials may be made in his name to Bishop Heelan Catholic High School tuition assistance fund or Juvenile Diabetes Fund.

Patrick's obituary is located at: http://www.meyerbroschapels.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=1985051

Reminders

UPDATE YOUR FAANP PROFILE TODAY!

- 1-Log in to “My AANP” from AANP’s homepage
- 2-From your welcome page, select “Edit Profile” (top right box)
- 3-From your edit page, scroll down to “Fellow Information” where you can update your bio-sketch
- 4-Scroll further down to “Additional Expertise – Fellow” and select any relevant details
- 5-While on the “Edit Profile” page, you can update other sections such as your photo and contact information, if needed

What’s Happening?

Do you have an achievement you would like to share with us?

We highlight self-reported accomplishments of our fellows in our newsletter published quarterly. If you would like to share newsworthy accomplishments please go to URL: faanp@aanp.org your accomplishments will appear in the Forum, our fellow’s newsletter. (Note: we reserve the right to edit your entry to conform to allotted space). When entering publication and presentations (podium or poster) please submit in APA format.

Announcements

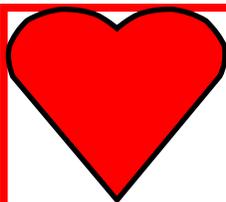
The information and documents to nominate 2018 Fellows will be available online in early August.

Induction photos may be found at

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uv221rl2mxlmlhxb/AADGLkBUEmz7HCqrniEboxN2a?dl=0>

Please, remember to credit Richard Ricciardi for the wonderful photographs.

If you have photos to share, please, send to mbn8682@louisiana.edu



FAANP would like to acknowledge Fellows who are ill or who need a word or words from FAANP. Please, notify Diane Padden (dpadden@aanp.org) or Kat Vanduyn (kvanduyn@aanp.org)

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