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THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION ELECTS KAREN DALEY

ANA delegates elect officers, board members and other leaders at 2010 House of Delegates Meeting

SILVER SPRING, MD – Delegates of the American Nurses Association (ANA), elected Karen Daley, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, of Boston, Massachusetts, to serve a two-year term as president of ANA, the nation’s leading professional nursing organization representing the interests of the nation’s 3.1 million registered nurses. Daley and other nurse leaders were elected during the ANA House of Delegates biennial meeting, which was held June 16-19 in Washington, D.C.

President Daley is a past president of the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses (MARN) and a past president of the Massachusetts Nurses Association and Massachusetts Center for Nursing. She served as a member of ANA’s Board of Directors (2008-2010) and as a director of the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

Looking to the future, President Daley called for nurse delegates to move forward with a newly energized commitment to the work of nursing. “We have exciting and challenging work ahead,” said Daley. “As an association and profession, we must draw on the strength of our values – for the challenges that we face may have changed, but the things that we believe in do not.”

President Daley holds a diploma in nursing from Catherine Laboure School of Nursing, a bachelor’s of science in nursing from Curry College, a master’s of public health from Boston University School of Public Health, and a master’s in science from Boston College. In addition, she earned a doctoral degree from Boston College.

President Daley spent her nursing career as a front-line caregiver and staff nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston where she began her career in 1973; she served as a senior staff nurse in Brigham and Women's emergency department until January 1999. Since that time, while continuing her role as a state

association president, she became actively engaged as an advocate for legislation to mandate use of safer needle devices in health care practice settings. Daley was among those invited to the Oval Office to witness President Clinton sign the "Needlestick Safety Prevention Act," into law on Nov. 6, 2000, legislation advocated for by ANA. In addition, she has been recognized with numerous awards for her outstanding leadership and excellence in practice. In 2006, Daley was recognized as a living nursing legend by the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses, and was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in recognition of the national and international impact of her needlestick injury prevention advocacy.

Elected to serve two-year terms as officers of the board were Karen Ballard, MA, RN, FAAN, president of the New York State Nurses Association, elected as first vice-president; Kim Armstrong, BSN, RNC, member of the Washington State Nurses Association, re-elected as second vice-president; Teresa Gene Stone, BSN, RNC, PRP, of the Oregon Nurses Association, elected as secretary; Teresa Haller, MSN, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, a member of the Virginia Nurses Association, elected as treasurer.

The director-at-large board members elected include Cindy Balkstra, MS, RN, CNS-BC, a member of the Georgia Nurses Association and Jennifer Mensik, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, president of the Arizona Nurses Association. The director-at-large staff nurse members elected include Barbara Crane, RN, CCRN, of the New York State Nurses Association and Rose Marie Martin, BSN, RN, OCN, of the Ohio Nurses Association. Elected as the director-at-large, recent graduate, a new position on the board, is Jennifer Davis, BSN, RN, a member of the Ohio Nurses Association. Elizabeth Dietz, EdD, RN, CS-NP, a member of ANA/California, was appointed by the new board to fill the seat vacated by Daley.

Remaining on the ANA board until 2012 are Linda Gural, RN, CCRN, a member of the New Jersey State Nurses Association; Carrie Houser James, MSN, RN, CNA-BC, CCE, a member of the South Carolina Nurses Association; Florence Jones-Clarke, MS, RN, a member of the Virginia Nurses Association and Julie Shuff, RN, CCRN, a member of the Oregon Nurses Association.

The following nurses were elected to serve two-year terms on the Congress on Nursing Practice and Economics: Barbara Chamberlain, PhD, MBA, APRN, CCRN; Gwen Davis, MN, RN, CDE; Robert Elliott, RN; Rhonda Ray Finnie, BSN, RN, CNOR, RNFA; Paula Gasser, MPH, RN; Nat'e Parker-Guyton, MSN, RN, NE-BC; Nancy Campbell-Heider, PhD, FNP, NP-C, CARN-AP; Kathryn Pecenka-Johnson, MN, BSN, RN; Lesly Kelly, PhD, RN; Eileen Kohlenberg, PhD, RN, NEA-BC; Eileen Letzeiser, MPH, RN; Jenna Sanders, BSN, RN, Karen Tomajan, MS, RNC, CNAA, Megan Williams, MSN, RN, FNP; and Cinda Zimmer, MSN, BSN, RN.

Nurses elected to serve four-year terms on the Congress on Nursing Practice and Economics include: Connie Rae Barker, PhD, RN, FNP-C; Sharon Canariato, MSN, MBA, RN; Mary Catherine Cisco, BSN, RN; Kenya Haney, RN; Trinna Jones, MSN, RN; Ronnette Langhorne, MS, RN; Deborah Martin, MSN, MBA, RN, NE-BC, FACHE; Shirley Fields McCoy, MS, RN, BC; Rosemary Mortimer, MS,

MSEd, RN, CCBE; Maureen Nalle, PhD, RN; Patricia Pearce, PhD, MSN, MPH, RN, FNP-BC; Gayle Peterson, RN; Patricia Quigley, PhD, MPH, ARNP, CRRN, FAAN; Jamie Smith, MSN, RN, CCRN; Jennifer Tucker, MAN, RN; Sally Watkins, PhD, RN; and Rebecca Wheeler, MA, RN.

Four nurses were elected to the Nominating Committee: Carla Lee, PhD, ARNP-BC, A/FNP/CNS, FAAN; Patricia Messmer, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN; Sandra Olanitori, MS, RN; and Nessian Salmon-Wilson MSN, RN.

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