American Nurses Association Elects Pamela Cipriano as President
Representatives elect officers, board and committee members

SILVER SPRING, MD – Representatives at the American Nurses Association’s (ANA) Membership Assembly elected Pamela Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, of Charlottesville, Va., on June 14 to serve as president of the professional association that represents the interests of the nation’s 3.1 million registered nurses (RNs).

The voting representatives of ANA’s Membership Assembly also elected three other members to serve as officers of the 10-member board of directors.

Cipriano, senior director at Galloway Advisory by iVantage, which helps hospital groups, health care payers and providers improve their operations, outcomes and profits, succeeds Karen A. Daley, PhD, RN, FAAN. Cipriano, who is also a research associate professor at the University of Virginia School of Nursing, served as the inaugural editor-in-chief of ANA’s official journal, American Nurse Today, and is a member of the Virginia Nurses Association.

Cipriano oversaw more than 3,000 University of Virginia Health Systems employees as the chief clinical officer and chief nursing officer. She earned her doctorate in executive nursing administration from the University of Utah in 1992 and a master’s of science in physiological nursing from the University of Washington in 1981. She previously served two terms on the ANA Board of Directors, including one term as treasurer, and has served for more than 30 years on state and national committees for ANA and the American Academy of Nursing.

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From 2010 to 2011, Cipriano served as the Distinguished Nurse Scholar in Residence at the Institute of Medicine, where she helped study the safety of health information technology assisted care. She currently chairs the Task Force on Care Coordination at the American Academy of Nursing.

“This is indeed the most impressive honor in my entire career. I look forward to working with you to serve nurses, improve the safety and quality of care for our patients, and continue to transform our nation’s health,” Cipriano told 350 nurses attending ANA’s annual Membership Assembly, the association’s governing body.

Elected as officers were Vice President Cindy R. Balkstra, MS, RN, ACNS-BC, Georgia Nurses Association; Secretary Patricia Travis, PhD, RN, CCRP, Maryland Nurses Association; and Treasurer Gingy Harshey-Mead, MSN, RN, CAE, NEA-BC, Ohio Nurses Association and Indiana State Nurses Association.

Jesse M. L. Kennedy, RN, Oregon Nurses Association, was elected to serve as a director-at-large, recent nursing school graduate.

Remaining on the board to complete their terms are: Devyn K. Denton, RN, Oklahoma Nurses Association; Andrea Gregg, DSN, RN, Florida Nurses Association; Faith Jones, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Wyoming Nurses Association; and director-at-large staff nurse members, Linda Gural, RN, CCRN, New Jersey State Nurses Association and Gayle M. Peterson, RN-BC, ANA Massachusetts.

Elected to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee are Edward Briggs, DNP, ARNP, Florida Nurses Association; Linda Beechinor, DNP, RN, APRN-BC, Individual Member Division; and Elissa E. Brown, MSN, RN, PMHCNS-BC, ANA/California.

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