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AHNA 2021 Elections Results

The AHNA membership has elected Jane Foote, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE of Rochester, MN as the fill in for the vacant AHNA President-Elect position, she will serve her term beginning 2022 until May 2023. Jane is responsible for Nursing Academic Affairs across the Midwest for Mayo Clinic. Her responsibilities include the implementation, promotion and dissemination of clinical education innovations, implementing nursing scholarship and education awards, and participating workforce development opportunities that involve nursing academic partners.

Marian Long, MSN, AHN-BC, HWBC-BC, CHTP/I of Grayling, MI and Maggie King, PhD, RN-BC, AHN-BC, CNL, HSGAHN of Naples, FL were selected to the AHNA Board of Directors their terms will begin June 1, 2022 and commence May 2024. Marian Long has 40 years of nursing experience in many settings, including outpatient clinics, hospital, long-term care, home care, hospice, and nursing education. Since the early 1980s, she has been active in the arena of holistic health with a long history of teaching and providing Healing Touch, Aromatherapy, Guided Imagery, and other holistic modalities in hospital and community settings. Margaret (Maggie) O’Brien King is currently Professor Emerita and Former Associate Director of the BSN Program, at Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH. She was responsible for the development of a nursing curriculum incorporating the Scope and Standards of Holistic Nursing, after which Xavier was recognized by AHNCC as one of two initial schools offering a nursing curriculum that would empower students to obtain Holistic Nurse Certification after graduation and licensure.

Amanda Thaller, MSN, RN, ACNP, AHN-BC, RYT of Manchester, ME and Sara Lewandowski, DNP, MS, BA, BS, RN, CNE, HWNC-BC of Cypress, TX were elected to the AHNA Nominating Committee they will serve their terms the same time period as the BOD elects. Amanda has 22 years of holistic nursing experience in both clinical practice and education. She currently teaches at the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA), serves as Chapter Leader of the (UMA) Student Faculty Network, and the only Maine State AHNA Chapter. Sara is currently lead mentor and teaches over 150 undergraduate students at the University of Texas. She is a registered yoga instructor and enjoys teaching in her free time.

With this 2021 election of Jane Foote as President-Elect, the AHNA Board of Directors has selected Christine Argenbright PhD, RN, CNL as Treasurer and she has accepted the unexpired term through May 2023, which was originally held by Jane. Christine is currently an Associate Professor of Nursing at James Madison University, teaching in the graduate nursing program. Her major and minor areas of doctoral work focused on vulnerable populations and health promotion respectively. Her doctoral work encompassed a holistic intervention for breast cancer survivors with lymphedema. Her areas of interest include various forms of touch therapy, empathetic listening, and mindfulness.

Additionally, Karen Avino a board member recently resigned and her unexpired term through May 2023 is going to be filled by Maggie King PhD, RN-BC, AHN-BC, CNL, HSGAHN, who will start the term six months early, on January 1, 2022 with Christine. This leaves what would have been Maggie King’s position as a board member June 1 vacant, and the Board has filled this vacancy with Linda Thomas PhD,
NPD-BC, CCRN, CHTP/I, HTAP. Linda is currently serving a one-year term on the Board, completing Roxane Chan’s second year BOD term, after she was elected President-Elect in 2020. Thank you to these candidates, all of whom were on the 2021 ballot.

About AHNA

At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission, the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education, as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This nonprofit professional membership organization is the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and alternative treatment opportunities to improve the mind body and spiritual health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of holistic healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services more than 5,250 members through 172 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad. Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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