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**The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
Welcomes New Board Members**

Chicago, IL— April 2021 — The 2021 Board of Directors is poised for a year of *Connecting, Educating, Inspiring*, following the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) 53rd Annual Conference which was held online from Saturday, April 17 to Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Mary McKenna Guanci, MSN RN CNRN SCRNFNCS, has begun her term as President. She is looking forward to working with you all as we emerge from this challenging year. Ms. Guanci retired after 41 years of neuroscience nursing at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston which included 25 years as the neuroscience intensive care clinical nurse specialist. She remarks that she had the opportunity to witness incredible patient care on her return to a temporary per diem status this past year during the COVID-19 surge. President Guanci is joined by new and returning leaders dedicated to serving the AANN membership:

Debbie Summers, MSN RN ACNS-BC SCRNFNCS FAHA, passed the gavel and will serve the next year as Immediate Past President. She previously served as the co-chair and chair of the AANN Annual Meeting Planning Committee and served on the Board as Director-at-Large from 2016-2019. She is currently a Research Study Coordinator at the Marion Bloch Neuroscience Institute at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO.

Patricia Lane, MBA BSN SCRNFNCS FAAN, begins her term as President-Elect. She previously served on the AANN Board of Directors as Director-at-Large from 2013-2016. She also served as the board liaison to the Advocacy Committee. She is the Vice President and Administrator of the Neuroscience Service Line for Inova Health System in Northern Virginia.

Sue Pugh, MSN RN CNRN CRRN CNS-BC FAHA, begins her term as Secretary/Treasurer. She previously served on the AANN Board of Directors as Director-at-Large from 2009-2012. Pugh also served on the education provider and approver committees. She was a founding member of the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of AANN and continues to be involved at the local level. Pugh is a long-time contributor to AANN publications and educational conferences and currently works as an advanced practice nurse with Sinai Hospital of Baltimore in Baltimore, MD.

Jennifer Sulanke, MS RN CNS CNRN, begins her term as Director-at-Large and American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN) Board Liaison. She previously served as the President of the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN) and on the Nominating Committee of AANN. During her time on ABNN, she also served as a liaison to the American Board of Nursing Specialties. Jennifer is a Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Clinician and works as the Clinical Educator on Acute Neuroscience Unit and the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at VCU Medical Center in Richmond, VA

Erin Fecske, DNP APRN CNRN CPNP-PC FAES, begins her term as Director-at-Large. She previously served as the co-chair and chair of the AANN Annual Meeting Planning Committee and is a Fellow of the American Epilepsy Society. Erin is a pediatric nurse practitioner in the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Ebonye Green, MNSc ACNPC-AG CNRN SCRNL ENLS APRN, continues her term as Director-at-Large. She previously served as the Chair of the AANN Advocacy Committee and is a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for AANN. She is a contributing author to the online CNRN Review Course. Ebonye works as a neurosurgery nurse practitioner at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, where she is also lecturer for the Neuroscience modules. Ebonye is committed to both patient and nurse advocacy while focusing on making the complex simple.

Cynthia Bautista, PhD RN CNRN SCRNL CCNS ACNS-BC FNCS FCNS, continues her term as Director-at-Large. Cindy has served as the WFNN representative for AANN as well as many AANN volunteer positions in the past. She is currently on the Research Agenda Task Force. Cindy is an Associate Professor at the Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies at Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT. She also works as a Neuroscience Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Psychiatric Hospital at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT and is the owner of her business, Nursing Brains, LLC.

Kimberly S. Meyer, PhD ACNP-BC CNRN, continues her term as Director-at-Large. She previously served on the Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) Editorial Board, author for the *Core Curriculum*, and as President of ABNN. She is a cerebrovascular/neurotrauma APRN in the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Louisville and instructor for the AGACNP track at the University of Louisville School of Nursing.

Madona Plueger, MSN APRN ACNS-BC CNRN FAES, continues her term as Director-at-Large. She previously served as President of the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN). She also served on the *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing (JNN)* Editorial Board. Plueger currently serves as the Board liaison to the Annual Conference & Posters Planning Committee, Neuro-APP Conference Planning Committee, and Epilepsy Certificate Program. She is a Fellow of the American Epilepsy Society and serves on the Common Spirit Health Advance Practice Leadership Council (APLC) which focuses on advancing the presence of the Advance Practice Providers role implementation in both the acute and ambulatory setting. She is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Neuroscience at the Barrow Neurological Institute.

Susanna Schwiesow, BSN RN, begins her term as the Board Mentee. She is a Charge Nurse for the Neuro Acute and Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Barrow Neurological Institute.

Leah Zamora, CAE, continues her service to AANN as Executive Director. She has worked with AANN since 2013 and served as Executive Director since January 2019.

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About AANN

Founded in 1968, the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), an organization of more than 5,400 members worldwide, is committed to working for the highest standard of care for neuroscience patients by advancing the science and practice of neuroscience nursing. AANN accomplishes this through continuing education, information dissemination, standard setting, and advocacy on behalf of neuroscience patients, families, and nurses. For more information, visit AANN.org.