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**The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
Welcomes New Board Members to Usher in 2015**

Chicago, IL— April 2015 — The 2015 Board of Directors is poised for a year of *Imparting the Wisdom of Patient-Centered Neuroscience Nursing* and leading the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) into a successful year. Current board leaders transitioned into their roles while welcoming new board members during the association's 47th Annual Educational Meeting in Nashville, TN, March 29-April 1, 2015.

Janice L. Hinkle, RN PhD CNRN, stepped into her role as President for the 2015-2016 year. Dr. Hinkle previously served as the President-Elect in 2014-2015 and Director-at-Large from 2011-2014. Dr. Hinkle is joined by new and returning leaders dedicated to serving the AANN membership:

Megan Keiser, RN DNP CNRN ACNS-BC NP-C, passed the gavel during the annual meeting and will serve the next year as Immediate Past President and liaison to the Nominating Committee. Keiser previously served AANN as the President-Elect in 2013-2014, Secretary/Treasurer from 2008-2012, and previously served on the ABNN Board as Secretary/Treasurer and President. She is currently a neurosurgery nurse practitioner at the Beaumont Health System in Royal Oak, MI and an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Michigan-Flint.

Cindy M. Sullivan, MN ANP-C CNRN, transitions to her role as President- Elect for 2015-2016. Sullivan previously served on the Board of Directors, was the Chair of the AANN IOM Task Force, Facilitator of the Neurotrauma Special Focus Group, and Chapter President of the AANN Triad chapter in North Carolina. She is currently a Nurse Practitioner in the Department of Neurosurgery at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, AZ.

Sandra J. Brettler, MSN RN CNRN, begins a three year term as the Secretary/Treasurer. She also chairs the Finance Committee. Brettler previously served on the Board of Directors as a Director-at-Large and Chapter facilitator. She is currently a Gamma Knife Nurse Coordinator at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Palmyra, PA.

Melissa Moreda, BSN RN CCRN CNRN SCRNP, continues her term as a Director-at-Large. Moreda is the Board liaison to AANN Chapters and holds the liaison role to AANN's certification partner, the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN). Moreda was the 2012 ABNN CNRN of the Year and works at the Duke University Medical Center in the Neurointensive Care Unit as a CNIV.

Patricia Lane, MBA BSN RN, begins her second year on the AANN Board as a Director-at-Large. Lane is the board Liaison of the Advocacy Committee. She is an Administrative Director at Bon Secours Richmond Health Systems in Midlothian, VA.

Millie Hepburn, RN MSN MPhil SCRN ACNS-BC, begins her third year as a Director-at-Large with the AANN Board. Hepburn has served on the AANN Annual Meeting Planning Committee and was the Annual Meeting chairperson for the 2012 AANN Annual Meeting in Seattle. She is the Board liaison to the Education Provider Committee and the Education Approver Committee. Hepburn serves as a Nurse Educator for the Neurosciences, Inpatient Psychiatry and Rehabilitation at the NYU Langone Medical Center/Rusk Institute in New York, and is a neuroscience Clinical Nurse Specialist. She anticipates completion of a PhD in Nursing in May 2015.

Lindsey Siewert, MSN APRN CCRN-K CCNS, begins her third year on the AANN Board as a Director-at-Large. Siewert is a Clinical Nurse Specialist of Neuroscience for Norton Healthcare in Louisville, KY. Siewert is the Board liaison to the Special Focus Groups and the Awards Committee. She previously served as the President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Kentukiana Chapter of AANN and as a Co-Facilitator of the AANN Chapters from 2011-2012.

Margaret Leigh Williams, MSN RN ACCNS-AG CNL SCRN, joins the Board as a Director-at-Large. Williams is the Board liaison to the Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) Editorial Board. She is also a Director-at-Large on the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF) Board of Directors. Williams is program director of allied health at Ozark Technical Community College in Springfield, MO.

Christie E. Artuso, Ed.D. RN CNRN SCRN FAHA FACHE joins the Board as a Director-at-Large. Artuso also serves on the Continuing Education Approver Committee (EAC) and is the Board liaison to the Educational Products Committee. She previously served on the test development committee for the SCRN exam and sits on the Alaska Board of Directors of the American Heart Association. Artuso is the director of the Neuroscience Division at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Eagle River, AK.

Joan Kram, MBA RN FACHE, continues her services to AANN as Executive Director. A registered nurse, Kram has worked more than 20 years in the healthcare industry and has been with AANN since February 2010.

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About AANN

Founded in 1968, the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), an organization of more than 4,500 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 www.AANN.org.