The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
Welcomes New Board Members

Chicago, IL— *March 2024 —* The 2024 Board of Directors celebrating the theme *Train the Brain: Advancing Neuroscience Nursing Education* following the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) Neuroscience Nursing Annual Conference which was held in Salt Lake City, UT from Sunday, March 17 to Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Kimberly S. Meyer, PhD ACNP-BC CNRN, begins her term as President. She previously served as Director-at-Large. Dr. Meyer also served on the Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) Editorial Board, was an author for the *Core Curriculum*, and President of ABNN. She is a Assistant Professor in Neurosurgery at the University of Louisville. President Meyer is joined by new and returning leaders dedicated to serving the AANN membership:

Mona Stecker, DNP NP-BC CNRN SCRN, passed the gavel and will serve the next year as Immediate Past President. Mona began her volunteer service with AANN as a subject matter expert on the Task Force for the CNRN self-assessment exam. She served as Director-at-Large from 2012-2015 where she was the Board Liaison to the Educational Products Committee. She was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation from 2013-2016 and later, President of AMWF from 2016 to 2018. Mona also served as a contributor to the Clinical Practice Guideline: *Care of the Patient with Seizures and Epilepsy* and most recently, was the editor of the Seizure and Epilepsy Certificate Program for Healthcare Professionals. Mona is a Nurse Practitioner at the Fresno Institute of Neuroscience.

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

Rachel Malloy, DNP RN CNRN SCRN, begins her term as Secretary/Treasurer after serving on the Finance Committee. She previously served on the AANN Board of Directors as Director-at-Large. Rachel is the Clinical Application Manager for Neurocritical Care at Natus. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Wake Forest School of Medicine, teaching advocacy and media engagement to DNP scholars.

Katie Archer MSN, FNP-C CNRN, begins her term as Director at large. She is a Neurosurgery nurse practitioner in Louisville, Kentucky. She has worked on the AANN Neuro-APP Symposium Planning Committee and is an author for the Cervical and Thoracolumbar Spine Surgery Clinical Practice Guidelines. She is dedicated to advancing neuroscience nurses education and professional development.

Kiffon M. Keigher, DNP MSN ACNP-BC RN BSPA, continues her term as Director-At-Large. She is an acute care nurse practitioner with 20 years of experience in neurosurgery and neuroscience nursing. In her

current role at Advocate Health she works as the System Stroke Program Manager, serves as the Integrated Medical Group Council APC Co-Chair, and also as the Lead APP for the Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery team. In addition to her clinical work, Kiffon is an Assistant Professor at Rush College of Nursing in Chicago working with Adult Acute Care MSN and DNP students. She worked for many years as a Joint Commission stroke program reviewer. Kiffon is a longtime member of AANN who served as previous chair of AANN Annual Stroke Conference and currently is an editor on AANN Clinical Practice Guidelines committee.

Wendy Miller, PhD RN CNS CCRN FAAN FAES, continues her term as Director-at-Large. Dr. Miller is a long-time member of AANN. She is an Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist with a clinical background in neuro ICU. She is a Professor of Nursing at Indiana University School of Nursing where she is also the Executive Associate Dean for Research and is co-director of their NIH T32 Advanced Training in Self-Management Interventions for Serious Chronic Conditions. Her program of research focuses on self-management in epilepsy.

Julie Pagel, DNP RN CCRN SCRN CNE-cl, continues her term as Director-at-Large. She served as previous chair of AANN Annual Planning Committee. She also is a previous chair for the Charlotte Chapter of AANN and continues to be involved at the local level. Pagel is the Neurocritical Care Clinical Applications Specialist at Natus Medical Incorporated. She is committed to educating, encouraging, and energizing neuroscience nurses.

Michael Rogers, BSN RN CCRN CNRN SCRN, begins his term as Director-at-Large. He will also serve as the Board Liaison to the ABNN Board of Trustees. Michael has a clinical background in neurocritical care and currently works in Nursing Professional Development at University of California at San Francisco Medical Center. Michael has been an author for the *Core Curriculum* and contributor for the CNRN online review course.

Julie Smith, MSN CNRN, continues her term as Director-at-Large. She previously served as the President for the South Synapse Chapter in Arizona. Julie is the Clinical Nurse Manager of the Neuro Acute & Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ashley Gomez, BSN RN PCCN, begins her term as the Board Mentee. She became a nurse 6 years ago at a step-down/intermediate ICU, where she fell in love with neuroscience nursing. She moved to St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and Barrow Neurological Institute, where she now is a Charge Nurse of one of Barrow's neurotelemetry units focusing on caring for patients with strokes and migraines. She is also working towards becoming a nurse practitioner and will graduate in May 2024.

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.