

Annual General Meeting of WFCCN

10 November 2017



President's Report

I am pleased to provide a report of the activities of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) for the financial year 2016-2017. WFCCN was registered as a company in Australia in June 2016 and has appointed Marion Mitchell as Company Secretary. The Board of Directors has strived to follow the objectives of the Federation as set out in the 2016 Constitution. It held 8 meetings during the 2016-2017 financial year. All meetings have been minuted and emailed to all members and associates.

Director attendance at Board meetings: Paul Fulbrook (President) 8/8; Adriano Friganovic (Vice President) 7/8; Ruth Kleinpell (Past President) 6/8; Belle Rogado (Secretary) 3/8; Kathleen Vollman (Director of Finance) 8/8; Sandra Goldsworthy (Director of Media and Communications) 5/8; Violeta Lopez (Director of Media and Communications) 6/8.

Annual subscriptions were introduced for full members in 2016. All previous members that did not elect to become full members have been deferred to associate membership status. At the end of June 2017, WFCCN membership was comprised 18 full members and 31 associate members. It is noted however, that there has been minimal communication from several associate members. It is planned to introduce individual membership in the near future. The following new members were approved during 2016-2017: Bosnia and Herzegovina Medical Intensive Care Society Critical Care Nurses Section (Associate Member); Emirates Nursing Association, Critical Care Nursing Professional Section (Member); Indian Critical Care Nurses Society (Associate Member); Japan Academy of Critical Care Nursing (Associate Member); Spanish Society of Intensive and Coronary Care Nursing (Associate Member); Sri Lankan Society of Critical Care Nurses (Associate Member); Zambian Critical Care Nursing Network (Associate Member). Thanks are extended to WFCCN Secretary Belle Rogado for her key role and oversight of WFCCN's membership.

WFCCN maintained its membership of the International Council of Nurses and the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine (WFSICCM), and has applied to become a member of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Emerging Diseases Clinical Assessment and Response Network (EDCARN). I would like to extend my thanks to Ruth

Kleinpell who has formally represented the interests of WFCCN with WFSICCM. WFCCN continues to maintain its strong relationships with the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations and the Latin American Federation of Critical Care Nurses, and has commenced discussions with the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (Nursing Section) about potential collaboration. In Africa, WFCCN has actively supported the development of a new federation. This endeavour has been driven by Ged Williams and I would like to thank him for his tremendous work. The African Federation of Critical Care Nurses (AFCCN) was constituted during a meeting held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and will hold its inaugural meeting in late 2017 in Kampala, Uganda.

I am pleased to report that WFCCN has improved its financial position in the 2016-2017 financial year. The Board noted the financial success of the WFCCN World Congress in Brisbane, Australia in 2016, hosted by the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses, and congratulates the conveners for their hard work and a wonderful achievement. Its financial success contributed to the good financial position of WFCCN in 2016-2017. New bank accounts have been opened in Australia, although we continue to report our finances in US dollars. We have also opened a PayPal account, which will help us to manage international transactions more effectively, whilst helping to reduce currency exchange fees. Our financial governance has been strengthened considerably, and new claim forms and report templates have been developed. My thanks are extended to our Director of Finance, Kathleen Vollman, for her leadership in this area. The profit and loss accounts are reported fully as part of the annual report, which is presented at the Annual General Meeting.

The Board has been engaged in many key activities, including: establishment a wealth-based membership subscription process; development of a corporate partnership program (to be introduced in the next financial year); written key documents about WFCCN director roles and member benefits, and membership subscriptions; revision of the WFCCN World Congress host guidelines; contribution to international sepsis guideline developments; establishment of a key nursing presence in the form of an international nursing program in collaboration with the forthcoming WFSICCM World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil; commenced advanced planning of the WFCCN World Congress in Serbia in 2018; and undertaken the 2017 world survey of critical care nursing associations.

In the area of media and communications, WFCCN has established a much improved and consistent approach to communication with members and associates, developed a new WFCCN website, and produced a critical care nursing e-book (which will be made available

for free download via the WFCCN website). My thanks are extended to WFCCN directors Sandra Goldsworthy and Violeta Lopez for their significant roles in these achievements.

In terms of its policies, WFCCN has commenced a review of its existing position statements and published the Brisbane Declaration on *Culturally Sensitive Critical Care Nursing* and the Belfast Declaration on *Promoting and Supporting Optimal Critical Care Nursing Practices Worldwide*. These initiatives have been strategically guided by WFCCN Vice President Adriano Friganovic.

WFCCN has been represented on a number of different international critical care task forces, and I would like to thank the following expert nurses who have represented us in this regard: Ruth Kleinpell, Elizabeth Papathanassoglou, Kathleen Vollman, Anne Wojner, and Susan Yeager. I would also like to extend special recognition to Leanne Aitken who, after several years, stepped down as WFCCN's representative to the Global Sepsis Alliance.

WFCCN continues to provide an international peer-reviewed journal – *Connect: The World of Critical Care Nursing* - free of charge to all critical care nurses worldwide, via its website. Sek Ying Chair and Elizabeth Papathanassoglou are the editors and work closely with the new editorial board that has recently been appointed. WFCCN has included redevelopment of the Connect website within its strategy, and this will commence as soon as sufficient funds are available.

As evidenced in this report, the WFCCN Board works tremendously hard, and on behalf of its members and associate members, I would like to say a special thank you for the directors' significant contributions over this past year, and the support they have given me in my role as President. In particular, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ruth Kleinpell for her inspiration and leadership who, in her role as Past President, has provided continuity and expertise to both myself and the Board. I would also like to acknowledge our WFCCN Honorary Ambassadors, who all offer their time and expertise for the benefit of WFCCN. I sincerely thank you all for your significant contributions and voluntary commitment.

To all WFCCN members, associate members, and ambassadors, thank you for being a part of this wonderful professional organisation that strives for excellence in critical care nursing.



Professor Paul Fulbrook

President