

Annual General Meeting of WFCCN

27 October 2018



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 2017-2018. WFCCN is registered as a company in Australia, with Marion Mitchell as its appointed 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 2017-2018 financial year. All meetings have been minuted and emailed to all members and associates.

At the annual general meeting in November 2017, two new directors stepped down from their roles: Ruth Kleinpell (USA, Immediate Past President) and Belle Rogado (Philippines, Secretary). I would like to thank them for their years of service and support to WFCCN, and would like to note that Belle was one of the original founding members of WFCCN. In their stead, two new directors were appointed: Susan Yeager (USA) and Marcelo Morales (Argentina). Both took on roles within the Media and Communications portfolio, with Violeta Lopez taking on the vacated Secretary role.

Director attendance at Board meetings was: Paul Fulbrook (President) 8/8; Adriano Friganovic (Vice President) 7/8; Ruth Kleinpell (Past President) 1/3; Belle Rogado (Secretary) 2/3; Kathleen Vollman (Director of Finance) 6/8; Sandra Goldsworthy (Director of Media and Communications) 6/8; Violeta Lopez (Director of Media and Communications/Secretary) 8/8.

At the close of the 2017-2018 financial year, WFCCN had 18 full members and 35 associate members. It is noted that there continues to be some communication difficulties with some associate members. The following new members were approved during 2017-2018: Mexican Association of Nurses Specialized in Critical Medicine and Intensive Care (Full Member); Forum of Senior Anaesthetist Critical Care Technicians for Health Promotion, Republic of Burundi (Associate Member) and Bosnia and Herzegovina's Medical Intensive Care Society Section of Critical Care Nurses (Associate Member). Thanks are extended to WFCCN Secretaries Belle Rogado and Violeta Lopez for their key roles and oversight of WFCCN's membership. Further work was progressed on individual membership, which is planned to be introduced in 2019.

WFCCN maintained its membership of the International Council of Nurses and the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine (WFSICCM). I would like to extend my thanks to Ruth Kleinpell who has formally represented the interests of WFCCN with WFSICCM and Elizabeth

Papathanassoglou who has represented WFCCN with the Global Sepsis Alliance. WFCCN continues to maintain its strong relationships with the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations, the Latin American Federation of Critical Care Nurses, and the newly formed African Federation of Critical Care Nurses. In Africa, WFCCN has actively supported the development of the new African Sepsis Alliance. WFCCN Board members also attended the Emirates critical care congress, which was held in Dubai, in April 2018. This was partly in relation to a site visit for the WFCCN World Congress 2020, which will be held in Dubai. WFCCN also established a strong international nursing program in collaboration with the WFSICCM World Congress, which was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil in November 2017. The Board re-appointed two Honorary Ambassadors (Anne Alexandrov and Kathleen Vollman) and appointed Belle Rogado and Susan Yeager as a new Honorary Ambassadors. Belle's outstanding contribution to WFCCN was also acknowledged with a special award, which was presented in February 2018.

I am pleased to report that WFCCN has maintained its good financial position in the 2017-2018 financial year. Its financial stability provides a strong platform for the financial year ahead. A new US currency bank account has been opened, which helps to reduce WFCCN bank charges, as WFCCN finance is managed in US dollars. 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 but not limited to: development of a new three-year strategic plan; development of the new WFCCN website; contracting with Springer to produce the Federation's journal Connect; progressing several documents articulating WFCCN governance procedures; contributing to several international task forces; participating in the Belfast and Kampala Declarations; planning the WFCCN World Congress in Serbia in 2018; drafting publication of the WFCCN 2017 world survey of critical care nursing associations; supporting establishment of the South East Asian Federation of Critical Care Nurses; negotiating with the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses regarding WFCCN's involvement in the 2019 WFSICCM World Congress in Melbourne, Australia; and review and revision of WFCCN Declarations. I would like to acknowledge Adriano Friganovic's leadership in the latter area.

In the strategic area of media and communications, WFCCN has established a much improved and consistent approach to communication with members and associates (including regular press releases), developed a new WFCCN website, and commenced revision of its critical care nursing e-book (which is available for free download via the WFCCN website). My thanks are extended to WFCCN directors Sandra Goldsworthy, Susan Yeager and Marcelo Morales for their significant roles in these achievements. In particular, I would like to extend special thanks to Kathleen Vollman for her leadership of the website development. I would also like

to acknowledge the key role Marcelo Morales has played with regard to translation of various WFCCN communications.

WFCCN continues to provide its international peer-reviewed journal – *Connect: The World of Critical Care Nursing* - free of charge to all WFCCN full members. Sek Ying Chair and Elizabeth Papathanassoglou are the chief editors and work closely with the editorial board. WFCCN has included redevelopment of the Connect website within its strategy, and this will become available via a weblink within the WFCCN website for full members in the next financial year.

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 special thanks to Belle Rogado, who stepped down from the Board in 2017, for her leadership in roles as Secretary and as a Past President. Belle was a founding member of WFCCN and has provided continuity and expertise to 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