

Annual General Meeting of WFCCN

14 October 2019



President's Report 2018-2019

I am pleased to provide a report of the activities of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) for the financial year 2018-2019. 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.

At the annual general meeting in October 2018, all directors were mid-term, and continued in their roles. I would like to thank them for their service and support to WFCCN; it has been a very busy year for the directors. The Board of directors held 7 meetings during the 2018-2019 financial year. All meetings have been minuted and emailed to all members and associates. Director attendance at Board meetings was: Paul Fulbrook (President) 7/7; Adriano Friganovic (Vice President) 4/7; Violeta Lopez (Secretary) 7/7; Kathleen Vollman (Director of Finance) 7/7; Sandra Goldsworthy (Director of Media and Communications) 5/7; Marcelo Morales (Director of Media and Communications) 4/7; Susan Yeager (Director of Media and Communications) 6/7.

At the close of the 2018-2019 financial year, WFCCN had 22 full members and 30 associate members. The following new members were approved during 2018-2019: Brazilian Critical Care Association (ABENTI) (full member); Mexican Association of Specialised Nurses in Critical Care Medicine and Intensive Care (AMEEMCTI) (full member); Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, Professional Group of Nurses and Health Technicians Anesthesiology, Intensive Therapy and Transfusion (full member); Israeli Association of Cardiac and Critical Care Nursing (associate member); Burundi Republic Forum of Senior Anaesthetist Critical Care Technicians for Health Promotion (ATSARPS) (associate member); and Zambian Critical Care Nursing Network (associate member). Thanks are extended to our WFCCN Secretary Violeta Lopez and Finance Director Kathleen Vollman for their key roles and oversight of WFCCN's membership. Individual membership is on schedule for introduction in the 2019-2020 financial year.

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 and was elected to its board.

WFCCN continues to maintain its strong relationships with the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations, the Latin American Federation of Critical Care Nurses, the African Federation of Critical Care Nurses, and the newly formed South East Asia Federation of Critical care Nurses. In Africa, WFCCN financially supported the AFCCN congress which was held in Kenya. WFCCN held its World Congress in Belgrade, Serbia which was well attended by international speakers and delegates. The Serbian association also hosted our Council meeting. On behalf of us all, I extend thanks to our Serbian colleagues for hosting this event. Our Honorary ambassadors continue to work hard to promote WFCCN throughout the world, as well as representing WFCCN on various projects and activities. Several ambassadors were reappointed for further four-year terms, and two new ambassadors were appointed: Adriano Friganovic (Croatia) and Wenru Wang (Singapore). Shelley Schmollgruber retired as an ambassador, and the Board has recognised Shelley's contribution to WFCCN as a long-standing representative of the Critical Care Society of Southern African and past Secretary of WFCCN.

I am pleased to report that WFCCN has maintained its good financial position in the 2018-2019 financial year. Its financial stability provides a strong platform for the financial year ahead. Our US currency bank account has significantly helped to reduce currency exchange costs; and use of our PayPal account has made international transactions much easier. The board has undertaken several initiatives to reduce expenditure, which are detailed in the finance report. 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, which are detailed in its three-year strategic plan (2018-2021), including but not limited to: finalisation of the new WFCCN website; commencing publication of Connect with Springer; drafting new WFCCN governance procedures; revising three WFCCN position statements; finalising the WFCCN Corporate Partnership program; finalising the Individual Member application process; contributing to international task forces; planning the WFSICCM World Congress in Melbourne in 2019 and the WFCCN Congress in Dubai in 2020; establishing a social media committee; and conducting research.

In the strategic area of media and communications, WFCCN has redesigned its press release statement and nearly completed revision of version 2 of its critical care nursing e-book (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 Marcelo Morales for his key role in facilitating translation of WFCCN communications and documents into Spanish. Special appreciation is also extended to Kathleen Vollman for her leadership of the website development.

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. New editorial board members have been appointed. Access to the journal for full members via the WFCCN members area of the website is near to completion. WFCCN has also negotiated financial benefits for its Corporate Partners to publish or advertise in *Connect*.

As evidenced in this report and our strategic plan, 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. I would like to extend special thanks to Susan Yeager, who will be stepping down from the Board when her term concludes in October 2019. She has played a key role in the development of WFCCN's media and communications strategy, as well as leading the revision of WFCCN's position statement on the rights of the critically ill patient. 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 global professional organisation that strives for excellence in critical care nursing.



Professor Paul Fulbrook

President