



## **Board of Directors Overview and Meeting Expectations**

The Board of Directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing supports the association's vision and mission, advances AACN's Strategic Goals, and embraces the organization's Values:

**Vision:** Nurses are transforming health care and improving health.

**Mission:** As the collective voice for academic nursing, AACN serves as the catalyst for excellence and innovation in nursing education, research, and practice.

### **Strategic Goals:**

- AACN is the driving force for innovation and excellence in academic nursing.
- AACN is a leading partner in advancing improvements in health, health care, and higher education.
- AACN is a primary advocate for advancing diversity and inclusion within academic nursing.
- AACN is the authoritative source of knowledge to advance academic nursing through information curation and synthesis.

**Values:** Leadership, Innovation, Diversity and Inclusion, Integrity

### **Board Governance**

The Board of Directors governance model is one of high-level strategic policy setting, which focuses primarily on generative governance, along with strategic and fiduciary governance. The AACN Board maintains the highest level of integrity and is committed to the legal duties of Board service, including the duty of loyalty (primary loyalty to AACN), duty of care, and duty of obedience.

The Board of Directors includes 13 elected members and the President/CEO. Board Committees include the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Governance Committee, and Audit Committee.

### **Board Meetings**

AACN conducts four Board of Director meetings annually, and Board members are expected to attend these meetings in person. Interim calls may be held, as needed, for items requiring immediate Board action. Board members should hold the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm eastern time for this possible call.

### January

- Monday-Tuesday prior to the Doctoral Education Conference.
- Meeting includes Board development topic and a joint meeting with the CCNE Board.
- Board dinner on Monday evening – guests are invited.
- Hotel reservations are made by AACN with 2-3 nights direct billed to AACN account.
- Travel/ground transportation is reimbursed by AACN.
- Attendance at the Doctoral Education Conference is optional.

### March

- Friday (full day), Saturday (am), Sunday (am) prior to Spring Deans Annual Meeting.
- Board dinner on Friday evening – Board members only.
- Hotel reservations are made by AACN with 2 nights direct billed to the AACN account.
- Travel expenses are on your own.
- The registration for the Deans Annual Meeting is covered and done by AACN.

### July

- Friday (Board retreat), Saturday (Thought Leaders), Sunday am (Board Meeting) prior to Summer Seminar.
- Board dinner on Friday evening – guests invited.
- Hotel reservations are made by AACN with 2-3 nights direct billed to AACN account.
- Travel/ground transportation is reimbursed by AACN.
- Attendance at the Summer Seminar is optional.

### October

- Friday (full day), Saturday (am), Sunday (am) Academic Nursing Leadership Conference.
- Board dinner on Friday evening – Board members only
- Hotel reservations are made by AACN with 2 nights direct billed to the AACN account.
- Travel expenses are on your own.
- The registration for the Academic Nursing Leadership Conference is covered and done by AACN.

### **Agenda/Board Materials**

Board agendas are developed by the Board Chair, Board Chair-Elect, and President/CEO. Materials are posted to the secure online Board site and made available 2 weeks prior to the meeting. AACN is paperless, and hard copies of the materials are not provided other than the agenda.

### Consent Agenda

Items are included on the Consent Agenda if they are routine procedural reports and decisions that are not expected to need full Board discussion. Board members may pull items off the Consent Agenda for further discussion during the Board meeting. However, if Board members only need a simple clarification, have editorial suggestions, or have a question about an item, please notify staff in advance of the Board meeting.