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TO: AACN Board of Directors

FROM: Deborah Trautman, President and CEO

RE: Discussion and Potential Topics for 2020 Thought Leaders Assembly

Since 2016, AACN has conducted the annual Thought Leaders Assembly, which is held just prior to the Summer Seminar. The purpose of this convening is to invite a small number of respected leaders from across the health and higher education arenas to engage in open and frank conversation about issues impacting the future of nursing education, research, and practice. This dialogue helps to stimulate ideas and better position AACN to serve as a catalyst for innovation in academic nursing. The thought leaders selected to present to the Board are chosen for their unique vision and perspectives, which informs the Board's work to identify opportunities and overcome challenges facing the organization.

Previous Thought Leaders Topics:

- 2019 – Transforming Academic Nursing through Partnerships & Innovation
- 2018 – Global Nursing Workforce: Examining International Trends to Combat the Nursing Shortage
- 2017 – Healthcare 2040: Match or Mismatch in Supply and Demand
- 2016 – Emerging Trends in Health Care and Technology Influencing Higher Education

Possible Topic Idea for 2020:

- Future of Nursing 2020-2030 - topic focused on health and wellness, capitalizing on Vail Health, CO, named by Becker's Healthcare as Great Places to Work in Healthcare

Process:

- Annually the Board engages in a generative discussion to identify potential topics of interest.
- Invitations are extended to members and non-members for a maximum of 25-30 people, including the AACN Board of Directors.
- Invitations are extended to thought leaders located near the site of the summer meeting, individuals who bring different points of view, and leaders who are committed to breaking new ground and making a difference. This approach promotes inclusivity of the membership and other stakeholders, while minimizing funded travel expenses to participate.
- The Thought Leaders Assembly is conducted using an outside facilitator. Discussions are framed by invited guests who present remarks on a topic to provide background and set the stage for conversation.
- Discussion questions are prepared in advance to frame the discussion.
- The budget for convening the Thought Leader Assembly is approximately \$25,000 for the facilitator, catering, and select travel for invited guests and speakers.