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4 NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS START TERMS IN JANUARY

PITTSBURGH, PA, JANUARY 21, 2013—The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is pleased to announce four newly elected members to its Board of Directors **Joy Buck, RN, PhD; Marian Grant, DNP, ACHPN[®], CRNP, RN; Barbara Anderson Head, PhD, RN, CHPN[®], FPCN, ACSW;** and **Karen A. Kehl, PhD, RN, ACHPN[®], FPCN**. Each began their serve on the HPNA Board on January 1, 2013.

Joy Buck, RN, PhD of West Virginia returns to the HPNA Board for a second term. She is an ELNEC Award recipient and has extensive clinical experience in chronic and end-of-life care. Joy currently teaches research, health policy, and communication at West Virginia University and mentors interdisciplinary students with hospice/palliative care research interests. Her research investigates barriers to integrated palliative care in rural complex chronic illness. Dr. Buck has also been named an HPNA Research Scholar.

Marian Grant, DNP, ACHPN[®], CRNP, RN of Maryland begins her first term on the HPNA Board. Dr. Grant is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland, School of Nursing in Baltimore, MD and works on the Palliative Care consult service at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She has worked with HPNA as a State Ambassador, as a reviewer for the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine / HPNA Annual Assembly abstracts and as a reviewer for the Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing (JHPN). Dr. Grant has also been identified as an HPNA Content Expert in the area of communication.

Barbara Anderson Head, PhD, RN, CHPN[®], FPCN, ACSW of Kentucky also returning for a second term is an Assistant Professor, University of Louisville School of Medicine in the Interdisciplinary

Program for Palliative Care and Chronic Illness. Additionally, she is Adjunct Faculty at the University's Kent School of Social Work. Dr. Head has served as ELNEC faculty both nationally and internationally in India and Malaysia. She has served on the Editorial Advisory Board for JHPN since 2005 and represented HPNA as the Scientific Committee co-chair for 2012 AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly. She was a previous member and chair of the National Board of Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses. Barbara is currently co-investigator on a National Institute of Health funded project on the Development of an Interdisciplinary Oncology Palliative Care Curriculum.

Karen A. Kehl, PhD, RN, ACHPN[®], FPCN of Wisconsin begins her first term on the HPNA Board of Directors. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a palliative care nursing consultant. Karen has served as a reviewer for the Core Curriculum for the Generalist Hospice and Palliative Nurse and for our journals. From 2007-2011, she was a member of the Scientific Committee for the AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly. Current research is focused on using iPads for Symptom Management Data Collection.

“Today, HPNA welcomes four exceptional HPNA members to the Board of Directors,” said **Sally Welsh, MSN RN NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of HPNA**. “I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the HPNA membership, who participated in the 2012 election and selected such an outstanding group of HPNA members to join the Board in 2013.”

About HPNA

Celebrating its 27th anniversary, with nearly 11,000 members, the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is a national non-profit organization of nursing professionals specializing in the specialty of palliative nursing across the life span continuum. Its mission is to lead the way to promote excellence in the provision of palliative nursing care through leadership development, education and the support of research in the field. Established in 1986, HPNA is the only nursing organization of its kind. It is part of the Alliance for Excellence in Hospice and Palliative Nursing which includes the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation and the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses. Together, the organizations are working to lead the way in the advancement of the rapidly growing and increasingly important palliative care nursing specialty. To learn more, visit HPNA at www.hpna.org, call 412.787.9301, or email hpna@hpna.org.

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