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**The Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation
Welcomes New Board Members**

Chicago, IL— April 2021 — The 2021 AMWF Board of Directors is poised for a year of *Connecting, Educating, Inspiring*, following the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) 53rd Annual Conference which was held online from Saturday, April 17 to Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Linda Littlejohns, MSN RN SCR N CNRN FAAN, begins her term as President. She previously served on the AANN Board of Directors as President from 2012-2013 and Secretary/ Treasurer from 2018-2021 and was co-editor of the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh editions of the *Core Curriculum for Neuroscience Nursing*. She also served as a Director-at-Large on the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF) Board of Directors from 2014-2018. President Littlejohns is joined by new and returning leaders dedicated to serving AMWF.

Michele Grigaitis-Reyes, DNP FNP-BC CNRN FAAN, begins her term as AMWF Secretary/Treasurer. She previously served on the AANN Board of Directors as a Director at Large and ABNN Board Liaison from 2011-2014. She is currently a Nurse Practitioner at the Banner Alzheimer's Institute.

Rebecca A. Banat MSN/Ed. BSN RN ONC CNRN, continues her term as Trustee. She also serves as the liaison to the Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF) and the CNRN Test Development Committee. Additionally, she serves as a Steering Committee Member on Michigan's Ongoing Stroke Registry to Accelerate the Improvement of Care (MOSAIC) and is a Member of the State of Michigan's "Expert Writing Committee" for Stroke Systems of Care. She is a Founding Partner for the Stroke Infrastructure and Advocacy Coalition (SIAC), a national group whose goal is to research stroke coordinator burnout and turnover as it relates to hospital finance, patient safety and quality while advocating for modifications to infrastructure standards via the accreditation/certification bodies. Banat is employed by Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, MI as the Director Clinical Service Lines: Neurosciences & Oncology.

Megan Clark, BSN CNRN RN, continues her term as Director-at-Large. She previously served as the Chair of AANN Chapters. She is a CNIII at Duke Ambulatory Clinic.

Kyna Seale, BSN RN CNRN SCR N, continues her term as Director-at-Large. She is actively involved with the Aphasia Network helping survivors of stroke with aphasia. Seale is a Clinical Specialist at Natus Neuro.

Erin Fecske, DNP APRN CNRN CPNP-PC FAES, begins her term as Director-at-Large. She previously served as the co-chair and chair of the AANN Annual Meeting Planning Committee and is a Fellow of the American Epilepsy Society. Erin is a pediatric nurse practitioner in the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Michael Salvo, continues his term as the new Public Member on the Board. He is the Senior Manager of Business Development for Pennsylvania American Water Company, a subsidiary of American Water Works Company, Inc. the largest investor owned water and waste water utility in the United States.

Leah Zamora, CAE, continues her services to AMWF as Executive Director. Zamora has been with AMWF since it was founded in 2013 and has served as Executive Director since 2015.

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About AMWF

The Agnes Marshall Walker Foundation (AMWF) was founded in 2013 as a result of a generous bequeath from Agnes Marshall Walker. The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) and the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN) serve as the sole members of the Foundation. It is an incorporated 501(c)(6) charitable organization that supports neuroscience nursing through education, research, professional development, and certification. For more information, visit AMWF.org.