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## **Press Release**

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### **Tina Filoromo, Robert G. Hess and Carol Toussie Weingarten Appointed to Board of Trustees**

**Brooklyn, NY. September 3, 2014.** The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) is pleased to announce the appointment of the following nurse leaders to the FNSNA Board of Trustees: Tina Filoromo, BS, RN; Robert G. Hess, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Carol Toussie Weingarten, PhD, RN, ANEF.

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#### **Robert G. Hess**

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert G. Hess, PhD, RN, FAAN, to serve as Trustee on the FNSNA Board of Trustees. Dr. Hess is currently Executive Vice President, Education Content and Credentialing, ContinuingEducation.com, Gannett Healthcare Group (formerly Nursing Spectrum/NurseWeek). He leads the world's largest full-service CE providerships for nurses and dietitians, which provided three million contact hours to nurses last year, as well as providerships for physicians, pharmacists, and 14 other healthcare professions.

As a renowned nursing leader, Dr. Hess has received many honors and recognitions, including the NJ Governor's Merit Award for Excellence as Nurse Educator of the Year, the Seton Hall University (SHU) Many Are One Alumni Service Award, and SHU's College of Nursing Hall of Honor. With over 100 published works, he is a celebrated author and presenter of scholarly writing and empowerment topics.

Each year at the NSNA Annual Convention, he speaks about career development and, in recent years, has served as sponsor representative for the annual NSNA Essay Contest.

Dr. Hess is also the founder of the Forum for Shared Governance, a clearinghouse for promoting and disseminating research about shared governance and other organizational innovations that empower nurses and other healthcare professionals in their workplaces, and creator of its website, [www.sharedgovernance.org](http://www.sharedgovernance.org). He is the author of the only valid and reliable instruments for measuring governance in healthcare organizations all over the world. In November 2008, Dr. Hess was inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing for his work in shared governance.

“I have participated in numerous boards over the span of my career, but there’s not one that has spared my enthusiasm as much as the FNSNA. I am absolutely delighted to participate.”

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## **Carol Toussie Weingarten**

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses’ Association (FNSNA) is pleased to announce the election of Carol Toussie Weingarten, PhD, RN, ANEF, to serve as Trustee on the FNSNA Board of Trustees.

Dr. Weingarten has 35 years of experience as a nurse educator. She currently teaches professional nursing, parent-child nursing, independent studies in nursing and more as a tenured associate professor at Villanova University College of Nursing in Villanova, Pennsylvania. She also serves as an advisor for the Villanova University chapter of the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP).

When meeting Dr. Weingarten for the first time, it becomes clear that nursing education and student nurses are her passion. She has been honored four times as SNAP's Advisor of the Year. In 2013, the Villanova University student population selected her as Advisor of the Year for her role as the Villanova SNAP advisor (from over 200 other student organizations at Villanova).

Her involvement with, and dedication to, student nurses extends to NSNA on the national level. In 2007-2009, she served as consultant to the NSNA Board of Directors (appointed by the National League for Nursing). In 2012, she was recognized as an NSNA Honorary Member, NSNA's highest honor. In 1991 she was the recipient of NSNA’s first annual Leader of Leaders Award. She also helped establish the Michael S. and Carol Toussie Weingarten and Robin Weingarten Leadership Endowment through the FNSNA.

“I was delighted to accept appointment as an FNSNA Trustee,” says Weingarten. “Through the years, I have been fortunate to witness students get involved in the student nurses’ association, develop leadership skill and then continue to grow in their careers as leaders in nursing, in health care and in their communities.”

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## **Tina Filoromo**

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association (FNSNA) is pleased to announce the election of Tina Filoromo, BS, RN, to serve as Trustee on the FNSNA Board of Trustees. Ms. Filoromo is currently the Chief Human Resources Officer/Vice President of System Office HR Operations for CHE Trinity Health in Livonia, Michigan.

Ms. Filoromo is an expert in human resource management with over 40 years of experience in the field. She brings a wealth of expertise to the FNSNA, having led numerous workshops and spoken for various nursing, human resource, and hospital association groups at annual meetings and special programs on general healthcare human resource management topics and nurse recruitment and retention.

As a founding member of the National Association for Health Care Recruitment (NAHCR), Ms. Filoromo has worked on various committees since its inception. Additionally, she has served two terms as President of NAHCR. She is a published author on the subject of nurse recruitment and retention. Before moving into human resources, Ms. Filoromo worked as a staff nurse and charge nurse in critical care. She is currently a member of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Healthcare Core Competencies Consortium Advisory Board and the Health Professions Pathways Consortium Board.

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