



Celebration of Charter Fellows

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Abstract

This was one of the early interviews conducted of charter fellows of the American Academy (Association) of Nurse Practitioners. In this interview Dr Schober discusses the emergence of the fellowship and being part of a group recognizing leaders in policy, education, practice, and research adding credibility to the role of nurse practitioners. She discusses the positive impact of the merger of the American College of Nurse Practitioners and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners to form the American Association of Nurse Practitioner. She describes her journey as an educator and researcher in many nations and her enjoyment in living in many nations. She balances her life with healing practices of mediation and yoga and stresses the importance of a balanced life.

Short Bio

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Our phone interview took place at her loft in Bloomington, Indiana, where she is enjoying a brief respite from her many travels.

JSL: Madrean, where do I start? What a life you have chosen for yourself. Is it as glamorous as it sounds?

MS: As you know, all careers have their different aspects. I love living abroad most of the time but it does get tiring. I have made adjustments to lighten the exhaustion of travel by always allowing myself recovery days and traveling only business class.

JSL: Let’s talk for a minute about how you first encountered the Fellowship?

MS: I remember a meeting many years ago where I heard about a new group being formed, a kind of “think tank”. It was the inspiration of some of the early leaders, including Barbara Resnick and Barbara Sheer.

JSL: How did you feel when you learned that you would be in the Charter group?^[L]_[SEP]

MS: I could not believe that I would be included in such an auspicious group. I was, and continue to be, honored and privileged to count myself among members of such an innovative entity.

JSL: What has the Fellowship meant to you professionally and personally?

MS: I think that FAANP emphasizes pride in the role of nurse practitioners both nationally and internationally. I have a great sense of pride to place those initials after my name. The Fellowship contributes to numerous health care systems with its many programs and provides a professional perspective to the entire advanced nursing field.

JSL: What do you see as the future of the Fellowship?

MS: I see professional nurses wanting to become members of this exclusive group that emphasizes mentoring and networking. Being a member stimulates academic thinking and adds to the recognition of nurses as professionals in the health care delivery system. FAANP also identifies leaders who will continue to lead health policy discussions and increase the visibility of NPs in the national arena. Of course, I hope that FAANP will begin to reach out to international communities.

JSL: How do you feel about the merger between the Association (Academy) and the College of NPs?

MS: I believe that the merger will be of great benefit to NPs in the United States. It was not in our best interest to have divisiveness in our organizations and this merger eliminated that issue. It can only strengthen our organizational abilities.

JSL: With all your travels, how do you have time for a personal life?

MS: I have lived abroad for many years and have become consciously alert to balancing my life choices. I actively meditate daily, stay engaged in the present, exercise self-care, and attempt to live a healthy life. I attend yoga retreats annually. I schedule recreation time to visit art galleries, museums, and music events. My brother was an artist leading me to regularly acquire original pieces and I collect many types of art from my travels. One of my favorite places to visit is New York City with its many museums and concerts. I also love reading and can become lost in music. My two daughters and their families, especially my four grandchildren, provide a great deal of joy to my life. I am also soon taking a six week sabbatical to live in Florence, Italy, to learn

Italian and to rest.

JSL: Thank you for your time Madrean! It has been a pleasure to connect with you after all this time. Be safe on your travels!

MS: Thank you as well – please, live life to the fullest!

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