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**President**

As with every ISPN election changes have occurred in the organization. Firstly, I would like to recognize our current board members and most importantly introduce you to our new board members. I have now taken on the role of President, and am *very fortunate* to have Dr. Steven Prymachuk transition into the Past President position and will benefit from his insights. I am supported by the enthusiasm and creativity of Ms. Julie Bertram, and Dr. Ukamaka Oruche as continuing Board Directors.

Secondly, our new members to the Board are *Dr. Deborah Johnson* as President Elect and *Dr. Shawn Gallagher* as Treasurer.

Dr. Johnson is the Associate Health Sciences Clinical Professor and Vice-Chair at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Johnson participates actively as a member of the California Association of Nurse Practitioners and has a strong history of leadership and service in other organizations, and in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, which funds educational capacity for California's public mental health system. She states that "I joined ISPN last year and discovered the unique niche that the organization provides for advanced practice psychiatric nurses, new and seasoned. As President-Elect, my objective would be to (continue to) increase the organization's impact on professional psychiatric nursing practice and global community mental health."

Dr. Gallagher is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona and is both an advanced practice psychiatric nurse and a family nurse practitioner. Dr. Gallagher has an excellent history in finance. He was a member of a strategic working group that

planned for and implemented a residential substance use program projected to recapture more than \$3M per year in care outsourced to other facilities, among other accomplishments. Dr. Gallagher states that "My practice of implementing evidence-based health care, mentoring DNP students, enhancing personal scholarship activities, and participation in health policy initiatives dovetails into the International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing organization's mission to promote mental health care, literacy, and policy".

ISPN is very fortunate to have professionals of this caliber working as part of the team in collaboration with each of our stellar committees/taskforces and their Chairs to move the organization into the future.

Various innovative initiatives are under way some of which focus on addressing social determinants of mental health and social justice, raising the profile of our members and PMH Advanced Practice Nursing student development. One unique ISPN collaboration is with the UK Royal College of Nursing and the Mental Health Nurse Academics joint conference in London September 12-13, 2019. ISPN will be recognized as a co-sponsor of the conference and several ISPN members will be presenting at the program entitled *From Global to Local: Mental Health in a Connected World - The 25<sup>th</sup> International Mental Health Nursing Research Conference*.

We are entering a very exciting time and we are looking forward to sharing that with you through a variety of venues *and* we invite you to join us in these initiatives.



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