American Nurses Association Honors Extraordinary Leadership at 2014 Membership Assembly

Carol O’Meara Receives American Nurses Association President’s Award

SILVER SPRING, MD- The American Nurses Association (ANA) will present Carol O’Meara, MSN, RN, C-NP, with the 2014 President’s Award at ANA’s Membership Assembly meeting June 13-14 in Washington, D.C.

O’Meara, a member of the Colorado Nurses Association (CNA), is being honored for her role in leading ANA’s governing body to streamline the organization’s structure, thereby making it more efficient and responsive to today’s nursing issues.

“Carol’s leadership during ANA’s organizational transformation was steadfast and unwavering, a true testament to her strong support of our mission and strategic goals,” said ANA President Karen A. Daley, PhD, RN, FAAN. “She was key to the approval of sweeping organizational changes.”

The changes, adopted in June 2012, included replacing the 650-member House of Delegates with a smaller Membership Assembly and transitioning to a smaller ANA Board of Directors.

O’Meara served in the ANA House of Delegates from 1980-2012. She also served on the ANA Committee on Bylaws as a member (2007-2009) and chair (2009-2012). Today, she serves as an ANA Membership Assembly representative from Colorado.

On the state level, O’Meara is a founding member of the Colorado Nurses Foundation and a member of the advisory council of the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence.

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At the CNA, she has been a board member, held three officer positions, and served as chair of multiple committees and task forces. She has been honored with the Colorado Nurses Association’s Virginia Paulson Award and the Sustained Contributions to Colorado Nurses Association Award.

Additional awards include the Advanced Practice Nurse/Physician Assistant of the Year Award and the Summit Award from Kaiser Permanente Colorado, where she works as an OB-GYN nurse practitioner. O’Meara also serves as a clinical preceptor for the University of Colorado at Denver and Regis University.

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