



## News Release

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### American Board of Nursing Specialties Elects New Member to the Nominations and Elections Committee of ABNS

**AURORA, Ohio, April 1, 2006** | The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is pleased to announce that Mary Walden was elected to the **Nominations and Elections Committee** of the ABNS at the biannual Assembly meeting of ABNS, held March 4, 2006, in Phoenix, Arizona. Walden will assume this position beginning July 1, 2006, and will serve a two year term of office.

Ms. Walden is a member of the Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nursing Society (WOCN), the Mississippi Nurses Association, the American Nurses Association, and Sigma Theta Tau.

“As a past-president of the WOCN Certification Board, Mary Walden is an experienced leader in the certification process. She is committed to specialty nursing certification and the accreditation of certification examination programs. Her work with the WOCN Certification Board has increased her awareness of nursing certification issues.” noted Bonnie Niebuhr, CEO of ABNS.

“I am committed to the vision and mission of ABNS. I personally believe this organization has an obligation to promote the importance of nursing certification to the public, nurses, and decision makers,” said Walden upon announcement of her election.

“Mary Walden’s experience in nursing certification is a great asset for ABNS and it will further our position to achieve our vision - ***Specialty nursing certification is THE standard by which the public recognized quality nursing care***,” noted Niebuhr.

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#### ***Editors Note:***

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is a membership organization that maintains a national peer review program for nursing specialty certification. The mission of ABNS is to promote the value of specialty nursing certification to all stakeholders. Currently, twenty-seven ABNS Regular Member and one Associate

Member Organizations represent nearly half a million specialty certified registered nurses. Its twelve Affiliate Members include providers of key certification–related testing products and services. One Public Member represents the consumer’s perspectives on issues about specialty nursing certification. For further information about ABNS, visit [www.nursingcertification.org](http://www.nursingcertification.org) or email Bonnie Niebuhr, MS, RN, CAE, Chief Executive Officer, at [ABNSCEO@aol.com](mailto:ABNSCEO@aol.com).

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