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American Board of Nursing Specialties Elects Sandra Lee Schafer a Member at Large of ABNS Board

AURORA, Ohio, April 25, 2007 | The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is pleased to announce that Sandra Lee Schafer, RN, MN, AOCN[®], was elected as a Member at Large of the Board of Directors of ABNS at the spring 2007 ABNS Assembly Meeting, held March 2-3, 2007, in Costa Mesa, California. Schafer will assume this position beginning July 1, 2007, and will serve a two year term of office.

Ms. Schafer is currently the Director of Certification at the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Previously to that Schafer was Quality Improvement Manager at the Select Specialty Hospital in Pittsburgh, and a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Cancer Care and Pain and Symptom Management. "Sandra Lee Schafer has served a wide range of organizations in a variety of responsibilities and brings to the ABNS Board a broad view of certification and the value it brings in relation to quality patient care," noted Bonnie Niebuhr, CEO of ABNS.

"Pursuing education, certification, and leadership positions demonstrates my ongoing commitment to professional development and my passion for nursing. These opportunities provide me with current and relevant knowledge and skills within nursing practice and experiences within the organizations that support the profession. I have embraced the ABNS core values of integrity, consumer protection, quality, collegiality, inclusion, mutual respect and excellence throughout my career. Active involvement is the key to being nurtured and nurturing those who come after to affirm the important role of nursing in healthcare," said Schafer upon announcement of her appointment to the ABNS Board of Directors.

"I will strive to make certification more visible to all stakeholders: individual nursing team members, employers, colleges and universities and the public, emphasizing the importance of

having a certified nurse be a caregiver throughout the health/illness trajectory of every patient. I will maintain and promote ABNS and will work to continue to “delight” our members.” Schafer added.

“Sandra Lee Schafer will be a strong advocate to further the position of ABNS to achieve its 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-eight ABNS Regular Member and one Associate Member Organizations represent nearly half a million specialty certified registered nurses. Its thirteen 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 or email Bonnie Niebuhr, MS, RN, CAE, Chief Executive Officer, at ABNSCEO@aol.com.

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