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## **ABNS Announces New Leaders for 2010 - 2011**

**AURORA, OH (April 7, 2010)**—The American Board for Nursing Specialties (ABNS) announced today that Leslie Anne Patry, RN, BScN, MScN was elected to serve her second term as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors during the ABNS Spring Assembly in Costa Mesa, CA in March.

“I am honored to work with such a dedicated group of individuals,” Patry said. “I look forward to contributing to the ABNS mission as a member of the board and bringing my 18 years of certification experience and knowledge to the table.”

Patry currently serves as Manager of the CNA Certification Program for the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA). In this role she is responsible for the overall management of the only specialty nursing certification program in Canada. She previously worked as CNA Certification Coordinator, where she coordinated activities for the national nursing certification program managed by CNA.

Patry has been an active ABNS volunteer and a strong supporter of the specialty nursing certification community. She is as a member of the ABNS Research Committee and is the Communications Officer, Executive, for Tau Gamma (University of Ottawa). She holds both a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of Ottawa.

Patry has served as Secretary/Treasurer of the ABNS Board of Directors since 2008. “Working with the ABNS Board provides the opportunity to creatively and strategically address each of the organization’s success markers,” Patry said. “Membership on the ABNS research committee and networking opportunities in Canada will help me to bring a fresh and updated perspective to strategic planning and assist ABNS in accomplishing their future goals.”

Patry began her two-year term as Secretary/Treasurer in March 2010 and will serve in this role through March 2012.

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During the meeting, ABNS also elected Cynthia Nowicki Hnatiuk, EdD, RN, CAE and Tracy B. Lofty, MSA, CAE to serve as members of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Hnatiuk said, “As a member of the Nominating Committee, I hope to identify and nominate leaders with the types of skills that will contribute to a successful ABNS board, and therefore to the organization’s strategic intent.”

Hnatiuk currently works as Vice President, Organizational Development for Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc. In this role she is responsible for serving as the CEO/Executive Director for the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board and two specialty nursing organizations. She received her doctorate in adult education from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Tracy Lofty currently serves as Director of the Commission on Nurse Certification for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, where she is responsible for managing the organization’s daily operations. Lofty received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio/TV/Film from the University of Maryland in College Park, MD and her Master of Science degree in Administration from Trinity College in Washington, D.C.

“Serving on the Nominations and Election Committee provides me with an opportunity to ensure that ABNS will continue to fulfill its vision, mission and strategic intentions by being involved in the nomination process for the election of our leaders,” Lofty said. “I will collaborate with committee members to prepare a slate of candidates of the highest caliber.

Hnatiuk and Lofty will serve as members of the Nominations and Elections Committee until 2012.

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***Editors Note:***

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is a membership organization whose mission is to promote the value of specialty nursing certification to all stakeholders. Currently, 33 ABNS Regular Member represent nearly half a million specialty certified registered nurses. Its 10 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 [bniebuhr@nursingcertification.org](mailto:bniebuhr@nursingcertification.org).

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