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## **ABNS Selects New Public Member for Board of Directors**

**AURORA, OH (July 21, 2011)**—The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) announced today that it has selected Betty Provolt of Salt Lake City to serve as the new Public Member for the Board of Directors.

“The public member plays an essential role in the leadership of our organization by contributing to the overall mission and representing one of our most important audiences, the general public,” Jacqueline Stewart, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN, FAEN, ABNS President, said. “Betty brings not only a wealth of knowledge, but a sense of dedication for the role that certified nurses play in the healthcare arena.”

The official role of the ABNS Public Member is to champion the perspective of the health care consumer in decisions made by the ABNS Assembly and Board of Directors. The individual filling this position must have the ability to communicate and listen effectively, view specialty nursing certification as a means to protect the public and generally be interested in healthcare as it relates to the protection of the public. The public member may not be a registered nurse (RN) or involved with any nursing certification body.

“I have a tremendous amount of respect for this profession, and have many friends and family members who are nurses,” Provolt, who has a Bachelor’s degree in leadership from Bellevue University, said. “With my varying experiences and background, I believe I can effectively offer the perspective of the health care consumer.”

Provolt’s currently serves as the Regional Director-West for Elite Line Services, LLC, a company that maintains contracts for airport baggage systems, airport boarding bridges and ground support equipment. In addition to managing the company’s airport contracts, she has overseen the development of training programs and developed best practices and quality standards to earn and maintain certification from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Prior to employment with Elite Line Services, Provolt held a variety of positions with Delta Air Lines, Inc.

She has participated in a hospital survey group to assist in the development of health care services and served as a member of the Delta's Profit Improvement Team and Customer Service Planning Council Member.

Provolt began her term on July 1, 2011, and she will serve a two-year term.

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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, 32 ABNS Regular Member represent nearly half a million specialty certified registered nurses. Its 12 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 [abns@nursingcertification.org](mailto:abns@nursingcertification.org).

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