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**ABSNC Announces New Leadership for 2010 - 2011**

**AURORA, OH (April 7, 2010)**—The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), formerly the ABNS Accreditation Council, announced the results of the 2010 election for the Board of Directors. Nancy J. Eisemon, RN, MPH, CGRN, APN/CS and Tancy Stanbery, MSED, CAE will serve as Directors through March 2013.

“The ABSNC Board welcomes these new members,” Marilyn Ricci, RN, MS, CNS, CNRN, ABSNC President, said. “They are both knowledgeable and enthusiastic leaders who will contribute to our organization’s mission.”

Eisemon has been an active member of numerous organizations in the nursing field. She served as President of the American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses for two terms and as President, Secretary and Treasurer – Regional (Chicago) for the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates. Her other accomplishments include serving as President of the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation Inc. and Program Chair for the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates.

Eisemon currently works as the ABCGN Item Development Manager.

“My experience as an Item Development Manager has given me a greater understanding of item development as well as the process used in test construction,” Eisemon said. “My experience in these areas, as well as my recent advanced practice clinical skills, will assist in evaluating the standards for accreditation for nursing certification.”

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Also elected as Director is Tancy Stanbery. Stanbery served on the ABNS Research Committee from 2004-2009 and the Nominations Committee from 2007-2009. She also served on the Bylaws and Rules Committee for the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) and was Certification SIG Chair for the Association Forum of Chicagoland from 2007-2008.

“Growing the business of certification by promoting value and increasing awareness has always been a focal point of strategic initiatives in my professional experience,” Stanbery said. “Accreditation significantly enhances certification programs’ viabilities, and I believe that ABSNC accreditation helps specialty nursing certification programs to advance.”

Stanbery has more than 11 years of experience in the certification and accreditation industry and will focus her efforts on expanding the reach of the ABSNC and building collaborative partnerships within the certification community.

The Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC) is the only accrediting body specifically for specialty nursing certification programs. Currently ABSNC accredits 54 certification programs from 16 specialty nursing certification organizations. For more information about ABSNC and its accreditation standards, please visit [www.nursingcertification.org](http://www.nursingcertification.org) and click on Accreditation.

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