



ABNS 2016 Spring Assembly Business Meeting

March 3, 2016
Four Seasons Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

MINUTES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

1. **Call to Order** – President Leslie Anne Patry called the 2016 ABNS Spring Business Meeting to order at 5:00 pm, Pacific Time, and welcomed participants to the meeting. She noted that as had been previously announced to members via email, this is an atypical annual business meeting given that the ABNS sponsored *National Convening – The Value of Certification: Building the Business Case for Certification* would follow with a Welcome Dinner and Convening on Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5, 2016. The main business to be conducted includes ABNS and ABSNC elections and recognition of retiring board members, the ABNS Awards and Recognition Committee Report, and Succession Planning Report

2. **Review/Approval of Agenda**

Motion/Action

Motion was made by Bette Case DiLeonardi (HPCC), and seconded by Lisa Thiemann (NBCRNA) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3. **Introductions**

ABNS Board and Staff

The ABNS Board of Directors was introduced: Leslie Anne Patry, ABNS President (NBCRNA); C. Lynne Grief, President-Elect (BCEN); Rick Meadows, Secretary/Treasurer (AANPCP); Chris Hunt, Member at Large (INCC); Carol Zupancic, ABNS Public Member; Jim Stobinski, ABSNC President and Ex-Officio member of the ABNS Board. Staff were also introduced: Bonnie Niebuhr, CEO; Melissa Biel, ABNS Deputy Director; Monika Cornelius, Meeting Planner; Barbara Glennon, Administrative Assistant.

ABSNC Board and Staff

The ABSNC Board of Directors was introduced: Jim Stobinski, President (CCI); Bette Case DiLeonardi, Vice-President (HPCC); Sally Ann Irvin, Secretary/Treasurer and Public Member (not in attendance); Directors: Shelly Cannon (ABPANC) (not in attendance); Kathryn Gomez (AANPCP); Marianne Horahan (ANCC); Dottie Roberts, also former ABSNC President (ONCB); Lisa Thiemann (NBCRNA); Kurt Taube, Lead Volunteer Psychometrician (not in attendance); Leslie Anne Patry, ABNS President and Ex-Officio Member of ABSNC. Staff was introduced as above.

1st Time Participants

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4. **Appointment of Tellers** – Larry Fabrey from PSI/AMP and Pat Muenzen from ProExam were appointed to serve as Election Tellers.
5. **ABNS and ABSNC Organizational Reports and FY15 Financial Reports** – It was reported that these reports will be posted after this meeting.
6. **ABNS Elections** – Karen Nason (RNCB), a member of the ABNS Nominations and Elections Committee, provided an update on the nominations process. Elections were held and Laurie Ellefson, BSN, RN, CWOCN, CFCN, President of WOCNCB, was elected ABNS Member At Large.

Adele Foerster, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC/AC, Chief Credentialing Officer of PNCB and Denise Knoblauch, BSN, RN, COHN-S/CM, Executive Director of ABOHN, were elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee. All terms of office begin July 1, 2015.

7. **ABSNC Elections** – Bette Case DiLeonardi (HPCC), Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee for ABSNC, provided an update on the nominations process. Elections were held and Bridget Wilson, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, CNRN (ABNN) and Patricia Kurz, RN, BSN, MPS, CMSRN (MSNCB) were both elected to Director positions.

8. **Committee/Liaison Reports**

- a. **Awards and Recognition Committee** – Mary Alexander, a member of the Awards and Recognition Committee, announced the following:

ABNS Award for Nursing Certification Advocacy

Americare EMS Critical Care Transport, Dumont, NJ, was selected to receive the ABNS Award for Nursing Certification Advocacy. The University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, North Carolina received an Honorable Mention.

Janel Parker President's Award

The Competency and Credentialing Institute (CCI) received the Janel Parker President's Award for its long-standing contributions to advancing nursing certification and credentialing research, including the widely used Perceived Value of Certification Tool (PVCT). In addition, CCI has hosted research conferences on continuing competence in nursing and patient safety. In collaboration with ABNS, CCI convened the Nursing Certification and Competency Research Summit in 2009.

- b. **Celebrating Milestones and Anniversaries of ABNS Member Organizations – representatives from the following organizations accepted a certificate for the following:**

- The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC) Celebrating the 30th anniversary of its CPAN credential
- The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) celebrating –
 - the 40th anniversary of the following certification programs:
 - Adult Clinical Nurse Specialist
 - Family Nurse Practitioner
 - Adult Nurse Practitioner
 - Medical-Surgical Nursing
 - the 15th anniversary of the Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist program
- The Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) celebrating its 30th anniversary!

9. Recognition of Retiring ABNS and ABSNC Board members

ABNS President Leslie Anne Patry recognized Chris Hunt, Member at Large for this service to ABNS over the course of two terms of office and presented him with a clock as a memento from ABNS. ABSNC President, Jim Stobinski, recognized Dottie Roberts for her many years of board service, both on ABNS and ABSNC Boards, and having served as President of each board. She was presented an engraved piece of statuary.

10. ABNS/ABSNC Succession Planning Report – Chris Hunt spoke on behalf of ABNS and ABSNC about the work of the Succession Planning Committee, comprised of members of each board. RFPs for management service have been received and are being evaluated.

11. Honoring Bonnie Niebuhr, ABNS and ABSNC CEO and President of the Niebuhr Consulting Group – both Leslie Anne Patry and Jim Stobinski recognized the work of Bonnie over the last 14 years. In honor of this work, Leslie Anne announced the development of a new award – The Bonnie Niebuhr Innovation Award. The Awards and Recognition Committee will design the award over the next few months.

Bonnie thanked both organizations and their members for their ongoing support and recognized some of the many highlights of her role which began in 2002.

12. Adjournment – before adjourning the meeting, Leslie Anne Patry reminded the group that as we move forward with the Convening, that we have many interprofessional partners joining us and encouraged the group to make them feel welcome.

Hearing no objectives, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm, pacific time.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Meadows, Secretary/Treasurer