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American Board of Nursing Specialties Elects New Secretary/Treasurer to the Board of Directors

AURORA, Ohio, April 1, 2006 | The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is pleased to announce that Louise S. Miller, MA, was elected **Secretary/Treasurer** of the ABNS Board of Directors at the biannual Assembly meeting of ABNS, held March 4, 2006, in Phoenix, Arizona. Miller will assume the office beginning July 1, 2006, and will serve a two year term of office.

Ms. Miller is currently Executive Director of the American Board of Neuroscience Nurses (ABNN). Previously to that Miller was Executive Director and Director of Education of the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses. “As a non-nurse, Louise brings to ABNS a slightly different viewpoint of both certification board administrator and member of the consuming public to the Board of Directors. In conjunction with her nursing and public member colleagues on the board, her viewpoint will contribute to well-rounded strategic discussions,” noted Bonnie Niebuhr, CEO of ABNS.

“With the momentum nursing certification boards are currently experiencing as a result of the Magnet program, wonderful opportunities exist to market and promote certification via the united voice of ABNS. I’m also interested in new ways that the member groups can share best practices, and perhaps establish a “buddy” system whereby the more established programs can mentor the newer/smaller programs,” said Miller upon announcement of her election.

“With more than 17 years’ experience in association management, I know well the responsibilities and expectations of the volunteer board members, as well as the role of the volunteer board member as it relates to strategic thinking versus administrative management. As an executive director, I am highly experienced in drafting meeting minutes, developing, interpreting and tracking budgets and financial statements, and would serve as a resource for

ABNS staff as required. I am also well versed in not-for-profit board operations, policies and procedures, and parliamentary procedure,” Miller added. “As a member of ABNS for the last four years, I believe I have a good sense of the organization’s culture and vision, and am excited at the potential opportunity to contribute to both over the next two years as a member of the board.”

“Her leadership skills will further position 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-seven ABNS Regular Member and one Associate Member Organizations represent nearly half a million specialty certified registered nurses. Its twelve 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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