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American Board of Nursing Specialties Elects New Representative to the Accreditation Council of ABNS

AURORA, Ohio, April 1, 2006 | The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is pleased to announce that Karen S Niven, MSL, BSN, RN, CPAN, was elected to the Accreditation Council of ABNS at the biannual Assembly meeting of ABNS, held March 4, 2006, in Phoenix, Arizona. Niven will assume this position beginning July 1, 2006, and will serve a three year term of office.

Ms. Niven is currently a member of the American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC), serving as its immediate Past President as well as Assistant Director of Perioperative Services at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. Previously to that Niven was Nurse Manager and Clinical Coordinator of the PACU at Presbyterian Hospital. "Karen Niven has served on the ABPANC Board of Directors for three years. During this time ABPANC has obtained their ABNS accreditation. This experience has prepared Karen to do the work necessary of the Accreditation Council. She has learned first hand the value of meeting the standards set by ABNS and has learned how the ABNS standards strengthen and validate the certification program for the applying organization," noted Bonnie Niebuhr, CEO of ABNS.

"I bring my passion for nursing certification and the need to demonstrate in an objective way that a specialty nursing program meets the highest standards set by the industry," said Niven upon announcement of her election to the Accreditation Council.

"Karen Niven brings a wide range of experience to our Accreditation Council given her membership in many other organizations and her work experience. She will be a strong advocate to further the 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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