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American Board of Nursing Specialties Announces Election of Mary O’Neale as President-Elect of ABNS

AURORA, Ohio, April 25, 2007 | The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) is pleased to announce that Mary O’Neale, RN, MN, CNOR, was elected as President-Elect of ABNS at the spring 2007 ABNS Assembly Meeting, held March 2-3, 2007, in Costa Mesa, California. O’Neale will assume this position beginning July 1, 2007, and will serve a two year term of office before becoming President.

Ms. O’Neale is Director of Credentialing and Education for the Competency and Credentialing Institute in Denver, Colorado, and is a member of the Association of perioperative Registered Nurses, a member of the Specialty Assembly of AORN – RN First Assistant, the American Nurses Association, the Colorado State Nurses Association, the American Society of Association Executives, and the National Organization for Competency Assurance.

“As a member of the ABNS Accreditation Council from 2000 to 2006, Chair of ABNS Accreditation Council from 2004 to 2006, and a member of the ABNS Board of Directors from 2004 to 2006, Mary O’Neale is an experienced leader in the certification environment. She is committed to certification and the accreditation of certification Boards. Her work with ABNS and the Competency and Credentialing Institute, as well as her experience with AORN has increased her awareness of nursing certification issues.” noted Bonnie Niebuhr, CEO of ABNS.

“I have over 20 years of diverse experience in nursing as well as high-level healthcare policy-making. As a member of ABNS I am familiar with the issues effecting nursing, credentialing and continued competence. For two years I was a member of the ABNS Board of Directors through my position as Chair of the Accreditation Council. I will use my past experience as a member of the board in the position of President-Elect and I will listen to the issues of our members. When attending other certification or credentialing meetings on behalf

ABNS I will represent the membership in a professional manner,” stated O’Neale. “Using the vision and mission statements of ABNS, future direction and goals identified by the board ensure that ABNS will be recognized as a leader in the nursing and credentialing industry,” she added.

“Mary O’Neale’s experience in nursing certification is a great asset for ABNS and it will further our position to achieve our 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-eight ABNS Regular Member and one Associate Member Organizations represent nearly half a million specialty certified registered nurses. Its thirteen 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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