



American Board of Nursing Specialties

Promoting Excellence in Nursing Certification

Member at Large (2 candidates; vote for 1)

Larry Simmons

Senior Director of Credentialing, National League for Nurses

Professional memberships and affiliations:

- American Board of Nursing Specialties Conference Planning Committee, Award Review Committee
- Sigma Theta Tau, Inter.
- American Nurses Association
- American Association of Nurse Leaders
- ASAE

Describe the specific ways you would contribute to the vision, mission, and strategic intents of ABNS?

I bring a career history of experiences of being a member of professional organizations. I also am very in tune with nursing today and a champion of nursing specialties. I also bring a perspective of international experiences of nursing certification having made the NLN certifications global nurse educator available.

Sheryl Traficano

CEO, Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education

Professional memberships and affiliations:

- ICE
- ASAE
- Association Forum
- Public Member, Elgin Community College Physical Therapy
- Assistant Program Advisory Board Member, Board of Trustees, Immanuel Lutheran Church

Describe the specific ways you would contribute to the vision, mission, and strategic intents of ABNS?

Having association experience prior to my knowledge of certification boards, I hope to continue to support ongoing efforts to identify strategic priorities and ways in which ABNS can become an even stronger organization, both operationally and as an avenue for supporting nursing certification. I would be honored to have the opportunity to continue the work of the Board from when I began my first term. I feel the leadership has been working diligently to set up the organization for even more success and would gladly give time and energy to help those efforts.

Public Member (1 candidate; vote for 1)

Brian D. Vivona, EdD; Associate Professor of Human Resource Development, Northeastern Illinois University

Brian is an Associate Professor at Northeastern Illinois University, where he teaches courses in adult learning and teaching, foundations of human resource development, and organizational needs assessment. He is also a research affiliate at the University of Wisconsin Center for Research on College-Workforce Transitions. Much of his work has focused on formal and informal learning in the workplace. His research has appeared in Teaching & Learning in Nursing, European Journal of Training and Development, Advances in Developing Human Resources, and PAAACE Journal of Lifelong Learning.

Brian has served on the ABNS Board of Directors as a Public Member since July 2019, where his service has been invaluable, providing leadership with strategic planning and development of investment policies and award submission and review policies.