

# ABSNC ACCREDITATION OVERVIEW

Marianne Horahan, MBA, MPH, RN, CPHQ, NEA-BC, CAE  
**President**  
**Assembly Meeting**  
**Friday, March 5, 2021**




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**Mission**  
 To promote excellence in health care through the application of rigorous accreditation processes.

**Vision**  
 To be universally recognized as the pre-eminent accrediting organization for all specialty nursing and nursing associated credentialing programs.

**Core Values**

- Excellence
- Education
- Service
- Integrity
- Leadership




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 ABSNC President Marianne Horahan MBA, MPH, BSN, RN, CPHQ, CAE American Nurses Credentialing Center	 ABSNC Vice President John Preston DNSc, CRNA, FNAP, APN National Board of Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists
 ABSNC Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Kurz MPS, RN, CMSRN Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board	 ABSNC Director and Lead Volunteer Psychometrician Kurt Taube PhD

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ABSNC Director  
Sandi Delack  
M Ed, BSN, RN, NCSN,  
FNASN  
National Board for  
Certification of School  
Nurses

ABSNC Director  
Margaret Erickson  
PhD, RN, MN, CNS,  
APRN-BC  
American Holistic  
Nurses Credentialing  
Corporation/ABSNC  
Director

ABSNC Director  
Amy Grand  
MSN, RN  
Board of Certification  
For Emergency Nursing

ABSNC Public Member  
Joy Redmon  
LJ  
Office of Administrative  
Hearings

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ABSNC Director  
Dawn Whiteside  
MSN-Ed, RN, CNOR,  
NPD-BC, RNFA  
Competency &  
Credentialing Institute

ABSNC Director  
Cindy Beckett  
PhD, RNC-OB, LCCE,  
LSS-BB, CHRC  
The Ohio State  
University College of  
Nursing

Ex-Officio  
Janie Schumacher  
ABSNC President  
MBA, RN, CEN, CENP,  
CPHQ, FABC

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ABSNC President  
Marianne Horahan  
MBA, MPH, BSN, RN,  
CPHQ, CAE  
American Nurses  
Credentialing Center

- Director Position
- Terming off June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Replacement to be announced next week

ABSNC Director and  
Lead  
Volunteer  
Psychometrician  
Kurt Taube  
PhD

- Lead Volunteer Psychometrician Position
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President: **John Preston**

Vice President: **Sandi Delack**

President Elect: **Margaret Erickson**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Patricia Kurz**

**New Officers Elected**  
Term to begin July 1, 2021

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**ORGANIZATIONS WITH ABSNC ACCREDITED PROGRAMS**

- AACN (American Association of Critical-Care Nurses)
- AANPCB (American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board)
- ABCGN (American Board for Certification of Gastroenterology Nurses)
- ABNN (American Board of Neuroscience Nursing)
- ABPANC, Inc. (American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc.)
- AHNCC (American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Center)
- ALNCCB (American Legal Nurse Consultant Certification Board)
- ANCB (Addictions Nursing Certification Board)

**ABSNC** Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification

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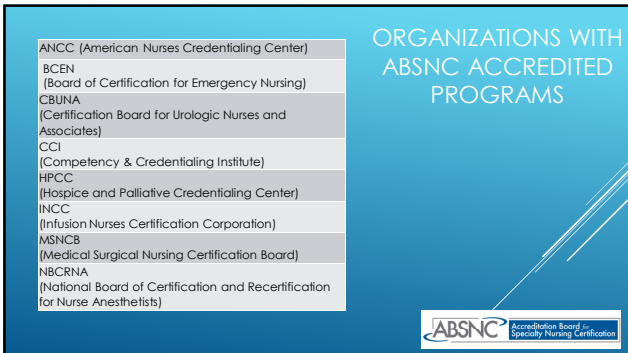
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**ORGANIZATIONS WITH ABSNC ACCREDITED PROGRAMS**

- ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center)
- BCEN (Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing)
- CBUNA (Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates)
- CCI (Competency & Credentialing Institute)
- HPCC (Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center)
- INCC (Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation)
- MSNCB (Medical Surgical Nursing Certification Board)
- NBCRNA (National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists)

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**ORGANIZATIONS WITH ABSNC ACCREDITED PROGRAMS**

NBCSN (National Board of Certification of School Nurses)
NCC (National Certification Corporation)
NIFA® (National Institute for First Assisting)
NNCC (Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission)
ONCB® Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board
Ohio State University - Helene Fuld Health Trust National Institute for Evidence-based Practice
RNCB (Radiologic Nursing Certification Board)
RNCB (Rehabilitation Nursing Certification Board)
WOCNCB (Wound, Ostomy, Continence Nursing Certification Board)



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**WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON:**

1. Evaluating online application/accreditation management system feasibility



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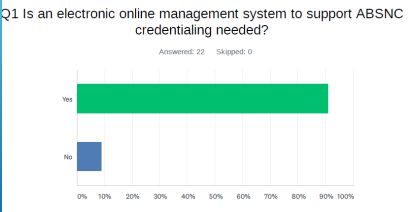
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**SURVEY RESULTS**

Q1 Is an electronic online management system to support ABSNC credentialing needed?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



Response	Percentage
Yes	90%
No	10%



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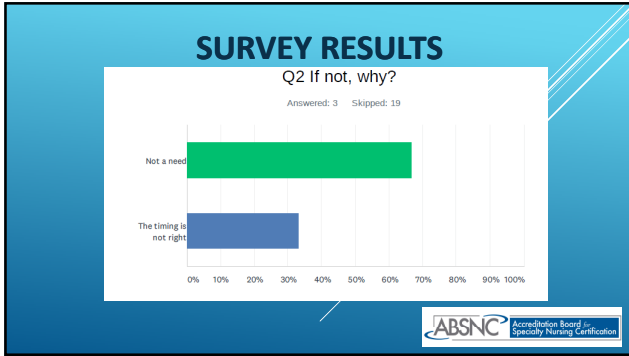
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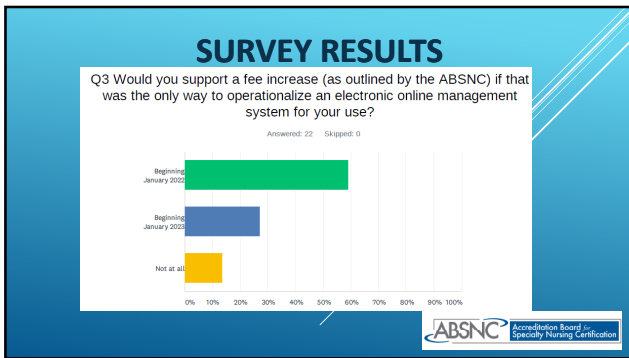
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### WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON:

2. International Candidates:
  - Candidates educated, living, and working outside the US
  - Candidates educated outside the US and are living/working in the US

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**WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON:**

3. Standard 13: removed highlighted section below:

**Standard 13**  
Standard 13.3 states the following: Discuss the rationale for EACH recertification requirement, including how it contributes to the certificants' continuing competence. **Each requirement should be supported by at least one source of evidence from the literature.**



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**WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON:**

4. Remote Proctoring: **discontinue fee**

The draft standards have been modified to reflect organizations' observations. The board has approved a final version of the standards and they have been posted to the website. The following have been determined:  
•ABSNC will communicate with organizations previously approved for temporary Remote Proctoring to determine intent to continue with Remote Proctoring as a more permanent method of test delivery by January 1, 2021.  
•Organizations continuing with Remote Proctoring will be required to submit additional documentation as indicated in the updated standards by April 1, 2021.  
•**ABSNC will assess a \$50 fee for organizations submitting an addendum for their accreditation status**  
•The Remote Proctoring Task Force will provide a checklist to organizations that were approved for remote proctoring to identify what additional information is needed to meet the permanent standards to avoid duplication of documentation previously submitted.



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**WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON:**

5. Inter-rater Reliability



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### COMMON REVIEWER FINDINGS

- Broken links!
- "Submit documentation" = provide reference documentation vs. narrative



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### PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- Applicant guidance
- Continued discussion on International candidates
- And more!



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### QUESTIONS?



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