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ABPANC Elects Mary K. Paskewitz, RN, CPAN® as President-Elect

NEW YORK (February 3, 2010)—The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC) announced today that Mary “Kathy” Paskewitz, RN, CPAN® was elected as President-Elect, filling the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Patrick Jones, PhD. Kathy will serve in this role until June 30, 2010 and then assume the ABPANC Presidency on July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012.

“Kathy has been a dedicated volunteer for our organization and our community of nurses as a whole,” Phoebe Conklin, BS, RN, CPAN®, ABPANC President, said. “She is experienced and passionate about certification, and her insights will continue to help support our future goals.”

Paskewitz currently serves as Nurse Recruiter and Consultant for Perioperative and Maternal Child Health areas at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson, MD. In this role, she is responsible for working with managers and administrative directors to manage the ongoing recruitment and retention of the nursing staff. Previously she held Staff Nurse/Charge Nurse positions caring for perianesthesia patients in PACU, Ambulatory Surgery and the Department of Radiology, as well as working in ICU and CCU. She has served on the Maryland Board of Nursing’s Sedation Task Force and is currently a member of its Procedural Sedation Committee.

Paskewitz has volunteered with ABPANC for nearly eight years in a variety of positions including item writer, Chair of the Exam Construction Committee and Director on the Board.

“I have obtained a great understanding of what the certification process is all about and the fiduciary duties of a Director on the Board,” Paskewitz said. “I have always felt that CPAN® and CAPA® certification is nursing passion in action. It is my passion to encourage others to take the challenge and become certified, to encourage currently certified nurses to maintain their certification and to market CPAN®/CAPA® certification, and its professional value, to all qualified perianesthesia nurses.”

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In both her professional and volunteer capacities, Paskewitz is recognized for her integrity, dedication and knowledge.

“Ms Paskewitz is visionary, self-motivated, charismatic and versatile,” Sally Bashaar, RN, BS, CPAN®, Clinical Manager of the General PACU at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, said. “Kathy is an example of the professional nurse who motivates others to do their best, continue to learn and promote the culture of the professional Perianesthesia nurse.”

Jody Porter, RN, BSN, MBA, CNOR, Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services & Chief Nursing Officer, Greater Baltimore Medical Center notes that “Kathy understands the value of giving back to the profession that she loves so much by sharing her knowledge of her specialty - perianesthesia nursing. She is also one of the most caring individuals I have ever met.”

The American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc., (ABPANC) is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1985 by the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) for the purpose of sponsoring certification programs for qualified registered nurses caring for patients who have experienced sedation, analgesia, and anesthesia. APBANC sponsors the Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN®) and the Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse (CAPA®) programs. ABPANC's programs and services are focused on achieving its mission and vision. Currently there are nearly 9,000 CPAN® and CAPA® certified nurses.

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