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BONENT *Update* FALL 2005



Letter from the Board of Directors

The BONENT Board will meet 11-12 November in Florida to discuss the upcoming year and all of its challenges and opportunities. The Board wants to increase the participation of the membership in BONENT. BONENT is a “grassroots” organization that depends on the help of all of the membership. We are seeking “regional representatives” in many areas of the United States. To qualify you must be a BONENT member in good standing and be willing to represent BONENT in your area. You will also need to promote BONENT by hosting 2 exams per year, promoting BONENT at renal meetings and informing the BONENT Board of any legislative changes as it relates to Nephrology practice in your state or region, which would impact certification in Nephrology especially as it relates to PCT licensure. There are many “perks” to be a regional rep for BONENT. If you are interested, contact RJ Picciano, BONENT President at rjpcht@aol.com or Zelma Griffin, Chair Regional Representatives Committee, at zebbchicken@aol.com. We are also seeking members that want to get involved in our committees. The current committees include Examination committee, Bylaws committee, Policy and Procedures committee, Publication committee, Marketing committee, Finance committee, Membership committee, Website committee, Legislative committee, International committee, Credentials committee and the Examination Site committee. If you have an interest or expertise to bring to one of these committees, contact us at bonent-info@goamp.com. The President or the Chair of the Committee makes appointments to the committees.

Many new and exciting things are in the future for BONENT. We are working with a number of states as they prepare to move forward with PCT licensure. We are in discussions to expand to more countries through our International Committee. We are completing the revision of the CPDN exam this year and will revise the CHT exam next year. If you are interested in writing questions that might be included in the next CHT exam, contact Lyle Smith, Chair of the Examination Development Committee, at Lyle.Smith@fmc-na.com or by contacting the executive office at bonent-info@goamp.com.

We want to remind everyone of the Wesley Watkins scholarship fund. This scholarship provides partial funding to attend regional, national and international conferences. You must have been BONENT certified for at least 1 year and a member in good standing. There are 4 scholarships available each year- 1 for a US PCT, 1 for a US nurse, 1 for an International PCT and 1 for an International nurse. See the article in this newsletter or the BONENT website at www.goamp.com/bonent for more details.

BONENT is considering going to Computer Based Testing and would like the opinion of the membership. This would provide results sooner. It would allow us to have more frequent exam administrations or possibly offer exams over the Internet. This would also make the exams somewhat more expensive. Do you think that BONENT should move to Computer Based Testing? Would it be helpful to get results back sooner, maybe within moments of completing the exam? How much would you be willing to pay for this method of examination?

BONENT will be attending more regional, national and international conferences. We will be at the NANT Convention and the Annual Conference on Dialysis in San Francisco. Come and see us there. If there are Regional or National conferences that you think BONENT needs a greater presence, let us know.

Again, BONENT is a “grassroots” organization. Our strength is our members. Become more involved. Be part of the future of BONENT!

Any question or comments contact RJ Picciano, BONENT President at rjpcht@aol.com. ■

Lyle Smith, RN, BSN, CPDN
BONENT Board Director



News from the BONENT Executive Office

The entire BONENT organization is deeply moved by the tragic events over the last two months caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We commit ourselves to assisting those affected and encourage you to call our office if special circumstances prohibit you from recertifying your BONENT credential on time or if dues payment is not possible.

The Board of Directors will hold their semi-annual meeting November 11-12, 2005 in Jacksonville, Florida. The Board has received several recommendations on how to handle extenuating circumstances for BONENT certificants. Once a Board decision has been made, this information will be provided to the BONENT certificants likely through the BONENT website.

It is tough times like these that make all of us unaffected or slightly affected count our blessings and offer whatever assistance we can, both personally and professionally. We wish those in the hardest hit areas a quick and painless recovery as they attempt to rebuild their lives.

Please let us know if we can assist you in your professional rebuilding.

As always we welcome your questions and comments. Write to us at BONENT-info@goamp.com or visit the BONENT website at www.goamp.com/bonent for updates that may be available. ■

Best regards,
Cathy Berra, MBA
BONENT Executive Director

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Wesley Watkins Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Fanya Zalipsky, CHT, Centers for Dialysis Care, the first 2005 recipient of the Wesley Watkins Scholarship Program. Ms. Zalipsky has been a BONENT member since March 1997. Her winning essay is published below.

Fanya Zalipsky
Centers for Dialysis Care
August 16, 2005

The Wesley Watkins Scholarship Essay

Professional boundaries are of great importance when it relates to patient care. The purpose of dialysis professionals is to take care of the sick and attend to their needs. In order to establish a positive, professional, patient care relationship, the dialysis staff should follow a few guidelines by their facilities.

Every facility should have its own policies and procedures. The dialysis staff should not intentionally harm a patient, whether it is physical or emotional pain. They should listen to the patients- it is a sign of respect, and not talk over them. Confidentiality of information about patients and their medical problems should not be told to any individuals outside of the work environment. If one should have the need to discuss patient's private information, they need verbal or written permission to do so. Patients should be treated by professionals respectfully, regardless of race or ethnicity, sexual preference, and religious orientation. The dialysis professionals are teachers and should answer questions from patients but if they do not know an answer, they should refer patients to individuals who can help them. Patients may tell the dialysis staff personal information, but the professionals should not unload details to patients. If they are unhappy with a certain circumstance, they should tell a supervisor not a patient. Dialysis staff should keep things private with personal questions they ask the sick; they should not exchange money with patients, and should not have any romantic relationships with them. Friendliness and courteousness should always be exemplified towards patients. Even if a staff member has a bad day, they should put the problem aside and act friendly. The role of dialysis professionals is to represent themselves as employees with the dialysis centers. Patient care should be the top priority of the dialysis staff and by being professional, positive patient staff relationships can arise. ■

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Wesley Watkins Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is available to any BONENT member who is in good standing. Each year four scholarships may be awarded (two international and two U.S. members), based on a winning essay that is written by each applicant. The topic is determined each year by the BONENT Board of Directors.

**Topic for 2005 is
"Discuss the Importance
of Professional Boundaries
as it Relates to Patient Care"**

Criteria for selection

1. Must be currently employed in the field of nephrology.
2. Must be BONENT certified for at least one year.
3. Must include two letters of recommendation from nephrology professionals.
4. Must submit a one page essay on the current topic advertised that will be published in the *Update*.

**Submit essay and letters of
recommendation to the
BONENT Executive Office.**

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