

# Certification UPDATE

Keeping BONENT Members Informed

## Board of Directors Elections This Summer

### Nominations Deadline June 30, 2010

The annual election of members of the BONENT Board of Directors is upon us once again. BONENT is seeking qualified candidates who wish to run for two available positions on the BONENT Board (one technician and one nurse).

### Qualifications

#### 1. Nurse's position requires:

- One year of managerial or administrative experience in either a nursing area;
- Must be registered by BONENT as a Certified Hemodialysis Nurse (CHN) or a Certified Peritoneal Dialysis Nurse (CPDN) and shall have a minimum of three (3) years experience in Nephrology Nursing;
- Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited college or university;
- Shall be a registered nurse.

#### 2. Technologist's position requires

- One year of managerial or administrative experience in either a nursing or technical

area;

- Must be registered by BONENT as a Certified Hemodialysis Technician (CHT);
- A minimum of three (3) years experience in Nephrology Technology;
- Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

### Are You Qualified?

If you are a CHT, CHN, or CPDN, have served BONENT in the past, and wish to be considered for a position on the Board of Directors, you should ask yourself these questions:

- What do I feel I can contribute to BONENT?
- Do I have time and energy to be a working member of the Board, or will I end up being too busy to be of much assistance?
- Am I a team player?
- How do I handle work that is delegated to me? Do I get it done promptly or do I procrastinate?
- Do I need a lot of encouragement and reminders to complete a task, or am I a self-starter (and finisher)?

### Who do you know that is qualified to be a board member?

Who is the ideal Board of Directors member? They are individuals who are willing to work towards promoting BONENT's mission of quality patient care through certification of caregivers. BONENT needs members who are willing and able to serve the organization and their profession with time and energy. All Board members are required to proctor two examinations per year, perform committee functions, participate in periodic conference calls, attend two annual board meetings, and delegated assignments.

If you feel that you meet the qualifications and want to be placed on the ballot, please fax, e-mail, or mail a copy of your resume and a letter of your intent to the BONENT Executive Office by Friday, June 30, 2011. As always, we welcome your questions and requests for additional information. You may contact Peter Anas at the BONENT Executive Office by calling 202-463-1251 (ext 20), or via e-mail to [peter@bonent.org](mailto:peter@bonent.org).

## Thank You 2010 BONENT Exam Proctors!

Thank you to the following BONENT members who were Paper & Pencil Exam (PPE) proctors from January 2010 to December 2010. They gave of their time to oversee a BONENT exam and help their peers reach the status of "BONENT certified member."

\* Proctor for more than 1 exam

Martine Buck, CHT  
\* Susan Critchfield, CHT  
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\* Rosa Watson, CHT  
Sonia Wynne, CHN

Send Us Your Essay for the

## Wesley Watkins Scholarship

Deadline for submission:

September 30, 2011

**\$500** awarded annually to as many as four BONENT members in good standing.

2010-11 Essay Topic:

"What are the professional boundaries in the dialysis clinic?"

See [www.BONENT.org](http://www.BONENT.org) for:

- Submission & Selection Criteria
- Past Winning Essays

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### How Can You Get Involved in BONENT?

Spring is finally here. A time for new things. At BONENT, we will soon have a new CHT exam. It has been in the works since September. Through a process called a “job analysis” which is described more in this newsletter. A group of volunteer experts has developed a new outline for the exam that better describes what the role of a patient care technician. We are presently retooling the CHT exam to meet that new outline.



RJ Picciano  
President

### Join One of Our Committees

We are always looking for new volunteers from the BONENT membership. BONENT has a number of committees that are always looking for volunteer help. The Exam Committee is usually the busiest since there are always revisions being made to at least one of the exams. The legislative committee would ideally like to have one member from each State to keep up with any State laws. We are looking for a Regional Representative for each State where we don't have one (look on the website to see if your State is covered). If you are interested, email me at [president@bonent.org](mailto:president@bonent.org).

### Should We Have a Bio-Med Exam?

BONENT is exploring the development of an exam for Bio-Med Technicians. It is something that we have been asked about for a number of years. If you are a Bio-Med Technician or work with one and want to be involved, contact me at [president@bonent.org](mailto:president@bonent.org). We are currently putting together an exploratory committee.

### Consider Becoming a Board Member

There are 2 Board Director positions up for election this year. If you have the time and energy to become more active in BONENT, read the article on page 1 and fill in the application on the next page. The only qualification is that you are BONENT certified and your dues are up-to-date. There is one CHT position and one RN position (either CHN or CPDN) open. If you want to get more professionally involved in the future of dialysis, this is a great opportunity.

## Two Committees Involved in New CHT Exam

BONENT has just completed a “job analysis” on the CHT. This is an extensive process that we periodically do on all of the BONENT exams. In the fall, a group of “subject matter experts” convened at our testing office. They spent two full days reviewing job descriptions from numerous dialysis organizations (small and large, for-profit and not-for-profit). From this, they developed a list of knowledge, skills and tasks (KSA) that were common to all dialysis organizations.

Then, a survey was developed and sent electronically to the membership. If you didn't receive it, BONENT probably does not have your correct email address. From over 350 responses to the survey, another group of experts developed a new outline or “blueprint” for the CHT exam that gives more weight to more important aspects of the patient care technician role. We are now in the process of developing a new exam to match the new outline. It should be completed and actively being used within the next 2 months.

### Survey Award Winners

Congratulations to the following three members and participants in the Job Analysis Survey, who were random winners of a prize.

- Cheryl Ann Jeffries, CHT – *Mason City, IA*
- Fylena Gayle Kell, CHT – *Seaman, OH*
- Fredy Vicente Mendoza, CHT – *Silver Spring, MD*

Left: Fylena Gayle Kell, CHT

Right: Fredy Vicente Mendoza, CHT, (middle) is given a new Kindle book reader by BONENT Executive Director Peter Anas (left) and Certification Director Laikisha Jeffries (right).



## MEMBER INTERVIEW

### Where do you get contact hours for recertification?



**Tittu Kuriakose, CHT**  
Suffolk, NY  
• NANT – New York Chapter



**Joan Ula, CHT**  
Madison, WI  
• NANT Conference  
• Internet  
• Local conferences



**Audie Ballucanag, CHT**  
Yorktown Heights, NY  
• Attending NANT seminars  
• NKF Online



**Jason Marcle, CHT**  
Jackson, TN  
• ANNA  
• Online  
• NANT  
• Our corporate education modules



**Regina Alcantar, CHT**  
Skokie, IL  
• NANT  
• Online Contact ours – Fresenius



**Renise Smith, CHT**  
Denver, CO  
• NANT Conference  
• My hospital-sponsored courses

### Plan Ahead!

Note your recertification date and research how many seminars & programs you need to achieve 40 contact hours.



Left: BONENT member Diana Shelkov CHT of Weehawken NJ is congratulated by RJ Picciano, BONENT President on her presentation at the NANT conference. Right: RJ Picciano with NANT Guest Speaker, former dialysis patient and actor Stephen Furst (Animal House, Babylon 5, St. Elsewhere).



BONENT Board member Zelma Griffin shows BONENT marketing materials to BONENT member Rena Rozell CHT of Chicago IL.

### Welcome New Regional Representative



Zelma Griffin, BS, CHT, Chair of the BONENT Regional Representatives welcomes the newest Regional Representative Regina Alcantar, CHT of Richton Park IL.

## Application for Board of Directors

Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2011

Please complete the form below and mail with a copy of your CV or resume to:

**BONENT Executive Office**  
1901 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 607  
Washington DC 20006

Please type and attach a brief statement about why you would like to be a member of BONENT Board of Directors, and what qualities you feel you have which would benefit our members. Statement must not exceed 300 words.

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed to all BONENT members in the beginning of August, with a return date of September 1, 2011. Candidates will be notified of election results by mid-September, and will assume their new positions on the Board in October 2011.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

BONENT Certification #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/Director/Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number to Verify Employment: \_\_\_\_\_



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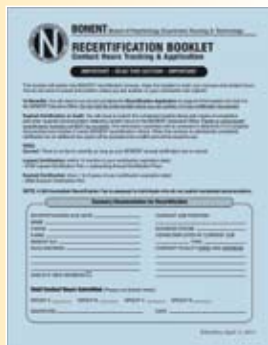
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Pay your Annual Certification Fees:

If you have not paid, BONENT cannot verify your certification to your:

- Employer • Potential Employer • State Board

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**2011 BONENT CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS**



**Paper & Pencil Exam Schedule**

*\*Schedule is subject to change. The Paper & Pencil Exam (PPE) schedule below is updated weekly. The PPE schedule below is a completely different list than the Computer-Based Testing (CBT) list.*

Exam Dates	Location	App. Deadline	Exam Dates	Location	App. Deadline
May 22	Chicago, IL - University of Chicago Medical Center	4/7/2011	Aug. 7	Warren, OH - ARA Warren Dialysis	06/16/11
May 28	Auckland, New Zealand - Auckland City Hospital	3/29/2011	Sep. 11	Toledo, OH - University of Toledo Medical Center	07/21/11
May 29	Lancaster, CA - Antelope Valley Kidney Institute	04/14/11	Sep. 25	Chicago, IL - University of Chicago Medical Center	8/11/2011
May 29	Mountlake Terrace, WA - Puget Sound Kidney Centers - South	04/14/11	Oct. 2	Uniontown, OH - 1575 Corporate Woods Pkwy, Suite 200	8/18/11
Jun. 5	Uniontown, OH - 1575 Corporate Woods Pkwy, Suite 200	04/21/11	Oct. 30	Mountlake Terrace, WA - Puget Sound Kidney Centers - South	9/15/2011
Jun. 21	Spartanburg, SC - DCI West Spartanburg	5/7/2011	Nov. 6	Cleveland, OH - CDC East	09/22/11
Jul. 10	Cleveland, OH - CDC East	05/26/11	Dec. 4	Toledo, OH - University of Toledo Medical Center	10/13/11
<b>Note: Exam list is updated weekly.</b>					



**Computer Based Testing Locations**

*The CBT list of locations is updated weekly. Please check [www.BONENT.org](http://www.BONENT.org) for updates to the list. The CBT list of locations is completely different from the Paper & Pencil Exam (PPE) schedule above.*

For more information, please visit our website at [www.bonent.org](http://www.bonent.org) to download a Candidate Handbook, an Application, or Host Forms.

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