

Certification UPDATE

Summer 2011

Keeping BONENT Members Informed

New BONENT Website Allows Members to Access & Update Information!

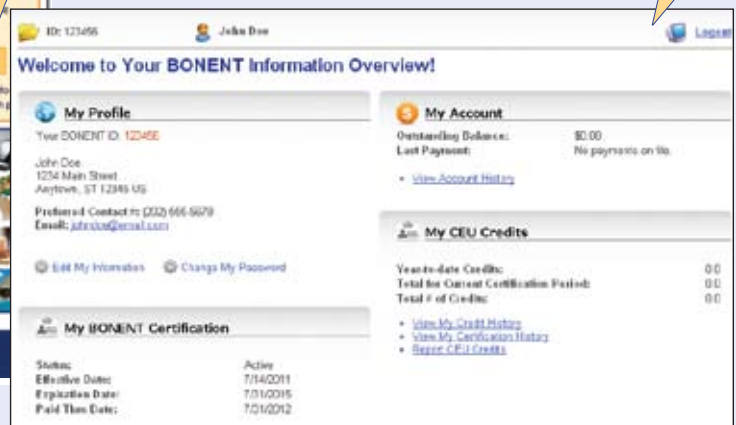
The BONENT website is in the final stages of becoming even more user-friendly than before! We've added new sections to make it easier to find information and also allow you to do more via online instead of by mail, fax or phone. Watch for it on or before September 1.

A Cleaner Design

Our goal was to clean up the design to match our new brochure and display booth (that you'll be seeing at conferences around the US), increase legibility and flow, without drastic changes to the current look.

New "Members Only" Elements Added

- **Member Log-In** (*My Info*) section gives you access to your personal information that's in our database. You can update your address, phone, email and you can pay your Annual Certification Fee online and much more!
- **Employer Verification** section allows employers to verify your BONENT certification with your BONENT ID# and the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- **Continuing Education** section allows you to enter and track your CE course names and number of hours. You will not be able to recertify through this section.
- **Member Benefits** section gives you access to hundreds of items for your entertainment, home, office and pets – all at reduced prices.



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 for:

- Submission & Selection Criteria
- Past Winning Essays

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Busy, Fruitful Days at BONENT

Hopefully, everyone is having a great summer. It is horribly hot in most of the US, but it is summer!!! There are major things happening with BONENT. We are holding elections for two of the Board Director positions this summer. We continue to work on a new version of the CHT exam. We are nearing the start of the process to develop the long needed certification for Dialysis Bio-Med Technicians. And there is the day-to-day operation of an organization that has grown so much in the past 2 years.



RJ Picciano
President

Board Elections (Your Ballot is on Page 3)

There are 2 positions open on the BONENT Board of Directors. There are 3 candidates for the 2 positions. A short summary of their qualifications and ballot are on page 3 of this newsletter. Nominations for the ballot have closed. You will see there is the opportunity to write-in for someone else that you feel would be a great asset to BONENT. Remember they must be BONENT certified and current with their Annual Certification Fees. There will be 2 seats of the BONENT Board open in 2012. So, start thinking about running or convincing a colleague who you think would be good to run.

Updated Website & a Member Benefits Program

As you read on page 1, we have an updated BONENT website, where you can now access your personal contact information, keep track of your CE credits, pay your annual certification fee and more. The new BONENT Member Benefits program gives you bulk buying power to save a lot on electronics, insurance, groceries, restaurants and so much more!

Updated CHT Exam Coming – We Need Your Help

We have been going through the process of updating the CHT exam from the ground up for nearly a year at this point. We started in August 2010 culminating in a new outline of the essential tasks of the patient care technician. We are now asking all certified BONENT members who are interested to help us write questions for this new exam. **Contact the Exam Chair, Lyle Smith, at lyle_bonent@msn.com if you are interested in writing questions.** Please let him know in which topics you feel most qualified.

Bio-Med Exam?

The BONENT Board, at its November meeting, will conclude discussions on developing a Bio-Med exam. We hope to begin the process before the new year. **Contact the Exam Chair, Lyle Smith, at lyle_bonent@msn.com if you are interested in being part of this process.** We will need experts who know what the essential knowledge and skills are to be an excellent Bio-Med technician in dialysis.

CMS Says You Must Remain Certified

Finally, as a reminder, the new CMS conditions for coverage (cfc) require that you not only become certified, but that you remain certified. So, keep up on your Annual Certification Fee and get the continuing education you need to recertify (40 Hours of CE over 4 years). Soon, you will see opportunities to get some of the credits that you need on the BONENT website at BONENT.org, free to current members.

Our Newest 25 Year Members



Congratulations for Maintaining Certification for 25 Consecutive Years Since 1986!

Hlebovy, Diana, CHN - *Elyria, OH*
Lockman, Carl, CHT - *Whitestone, NY*
McCormick, Sara, CHN - *Somers Point, NJ*
Schoellkopf, Cheryl, CHT - *Cherry Hill, NJ*
Tasker, Nadine, CHN - *Plymouth, ME*



BONENT Board of Directors 2011 Election Information & Ballot

Currently there are two positions on the BONENT Board that need to be filled – one CHT and one CHN or CPDN. The current list of board members is shown on page 2. The three candidates who have submitted their board application (published in the Spring newsletter) to the Nominating Committee are shown below with their biography. You are also able to add a “Write-in Candidate’s name,” who must be a BONENT member in good standing, meet the same published criteria and subject to board approval.

CHN/CPDN



Kimberly A. Kerns
BSN, RN, CHN
Lugoff, South Carolina

I would like to be considered for membership with the Board of Directors, for the chair that is available for a CHN. I have been a member of BONENT for many years, since the late 90s. I first was a member of BONENT upon successful completion of the CHT examination. Since then I have completed a Diploma nursing program at Aultman School of Nursing in Canton, Ohio, then received my BSN from Malone College, also of Canton, Ohio. I then achieved successful completion of my CHN, via BONENT. I am currently working towards my completion of my MSN/ MBA/HC degree from the University of Phoenix; graduation date is projected for May of 2012. Upon becoming CHN certified with your organization, I have proctored many examinations; have held the SC representative position since moving to SC in 2009-10.

I previously worked for FMC a for profit provider for several years, and currently work for Dialysis Clinic Inc. a non profit provider. I have experience, from technician, staff nursing, vascular access coordinator, nurse manager and currently facility administrator. I have supported BONENT in an area which is heavily saturated by ANNA. I lead by example and always look for ways to increase my technicians and nurses knowledge. I feel BONENT is a very important organization, and would like to be more involved. I feel that with the new CMS guidelines it is more important than ever to be involved in organizations which support our field of expertise.



Lyle Smith RN, BSN, CPDN
Umatilla, Oregon

Lyle Smith RN BSN has been a nephrology nurse for nearly 30 years, working hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and transplant. He has held a number of management positions with FMC, RCG and DaVita. Presently, he is working as a staff RN, Chronic and Acute. He is an active member of NKF and the Cascade chapter of ANNA. He has had his CNN for 21 years and CPDN for 17 years. He has been a BONENT Board Director since 1997, chairing the following committees:

- BONENT Exam Committee Chair since 1998 – present
- BONENT Legislative Committee Chair 2001-2010
- BONENT International Committee Chair since 2002 - present
- BONENT Continuing Education Committee Chair since 2010 - present

He organizes a regional seminar every year in the Pacific Northwest for nurses and technicians in October, attended by about 125 individuals from 4 states. He has spoken at many seminars including the Annual Dialysis Conference, European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses’ Association in Birmingham UK and the International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis in Istanbul, Turkey.

As chair of the exam committee, he has gained knowledge of test development and design. This past year he led a group that revised the CHT exam from its outline back up, making it current to conform to present practice. Through his efforts, the BONENT exams remain the gold standard in Nephrology.

His goals for BONENT are simple.

1. Establish a series of continuing education opportunities for BONENT members and others including on-line and regional meetings;
2. Expand the BONENT international reach globally, especially Latin America with an exam in Spanish.

CHT



Dennis Schell CHT, OCDT
Maumee, Ohio

My name is Dennis Schell and I have served on the BONENT Board for the past 8 years.

Serving on the BONENT Board has helped me to continue to use the skills and the training that I have gained to advance the profession of the hemodialysis technician.

On the BONENT Board, I serve as the Policy and Procedure Committee Chair where I help to write policies and procedures as they are needed for BONENT. I am also a Bylaw committee member. As a member of the Examination Committee, I help write test questions for all BONENT and CHT exams, as well as work on the review of the CHT exams every two years. In addition to serving on various BONENT Committees, I proctor BONENT Exams in Detroit, Toledo and help in the Cleveland area as needed.

The dialysis profession is an ever changing field. It is important that dialysis professionals continue to keep up with the many changes, both in the clinical setting and in legislation. To help ensure that dialysis technicians continue their professional development, I have taught a number of training classes in Detroit and Toledo. I have spoken the last three years at the Cleveland Kidney Foundation meeting on Water Purification, Quality Assurance, and the History of BONENT. I was a presenter at the NWO Kidney Foundation meeting on Water Purification.

Beyond the BONENT board, I have helped to expand a hemodialysis program from three stations to ten stations at the Roosevelt Hospital in Guatemala City. I am currently working with Rotary International to expand the current hemodialysis program at the hospital in Abuja, Nigeria.

I would like to continue to serve on the BONENT Board for another term. My goal is to enhance the role of the hemodialysis technician and the biomedical technician in the dialysis profession.

VOTE HERE

You must be a member in good standing (your certification has not lapsed or expired and your Annual Certification Fee must be paid to date).

CHT Position (choose one)

- Dennis Schell CHT, OCDT
- Write-in Candidate Name: _____

CHN/CPDN Position (choose one)

- Kimberly A. Kerns, BSN, RN, CHN
- Lyle Smith, RN BSN
- Write-in Candidate Name: _____

Your Information

Name _____ CHT CHN CPDN

BONENT ID# _____ Exp. Date _____

Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

- I am interested in becoming a BONENT Regional Representative in my area.

Please mail this ballot to the BONENT Executive Office by September 15, 2011.

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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
Aug. 2	Eau Claire, WI - Chippewa Valley Technical College	06/18/11	Oct. 1	Auckland, NZ - Auckland Hospital	08/02/11
Aug. 7	Warren, OH - ARA Warren Dialysis	06/16/11	Oct. 2	Uniontown, OH - 1575 Corporate Woods Pkwy, Suite 200	08/18/11
Aug. 7	Ocean Side, NY - South Nassau Communities Hospital	06/23/11	Oct. 23	Lancaster, CA - Plush Systems	09/08/11
Aug. 15	Egg Harbor Twp., NJ - Star Career Academy of Egg Harbor Twp.	07/01/11	Oct. 30	Mountlake Terrace, WA - Puget Sound Kidney Centers - South	9/15/2011
Aug. 21	Lancaster, CA - Plush Systems	07/07/11	Nov. 6	Cleveland, OH - CDC East	09/22/11
Sep. 11	Toledo, OH - University of Toledo Medical Center	07/21/11	Nov. 10	Eau Claire, WI - Chippewa Valley Technical College	09/26/11
Sep. 25	Chicago, IL - University of Chicago Medical Center	08/11/11	Dec. 3	Coburg, Victoria, AU - Coburg Satellite Dialysis Unit	10/04/11
Sep. 25	Lancaster, CA - Plush Systems	08/11/11	Dec. 4	Toledo, OH - University of Toledo Medical Center	10/13/11

Note: Exam list is updated weekly at www.bonent.org.



Computer Based Testing Locations

The CBT list of locations is updated weekly. Please check 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 to download a Candidate Handbook, an Application or Host Forms.

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