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President's Note

The first quarter of 2014 is passing quickly and productively. In January, AANA President Dennis Bless, President-Elect Sharon Pearce, Executive Director and CEO Wanda Wilson, along with Vice President John Hanlon, who is serving as AANA's official representative to the NBCRNA Board, met with the NBCRNA Board to discuss several issues that would benefit from an exchange of views between the two organizations. As part of that conversation, we had the opportunity to brief the AANA leadership team on the progress being made on the Continued Professional Certification (CPC) program. The CPC program will guide the recertification of nurse anesthetists beginning in 2016 and help ensure that the CRNA credential continues to be seen as a hallmark of professional excellence.

One of the aspects of the CPC program that has generated significant conversation and, judging from the inquiries we receive, may be causing some confusion, is the introduction of what we termed Professional Activity Units (PAUs). In the simplest terms, a Professional Activity Unit describes an activity that enhances a nurse anesthetist's knowledge of nurse anesthesia practice, supports patient safety, or fosters the nurse anesthetist's understanding of the broader healthcare environment. These are self-directed active learning opportunities in keeping with adult learning theory.

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Sincerely,

Charles Vacchiano, PhD, CRNA, NBCRNA President

NCE Performance

Last year, the NBCRNA raised the passing standard for the National Certification Examination (NCE). The new standard took effect January 1, 2014. The percentage of applicants who have passed the NCE this year has remained at nearly the same level as it has been over the past several years, which reflects well on the students taking the NCE and the work that goes into preparing them. Congratulations to the 488 future nurse anesthetists who have already passed the NCE in 2014.

Recertification Period

Recertification begins March 1 for nurse anesthetists scheduled to recertify in 2014. Like last year, the recertification process will be completely online. All applications and payments are now submitted electronically through the NBCRNA website. The deadline for recertification is July 31, 2014.

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Ninety-seven percent of nurse anesthetists already preferred to certify online before the NBCRNA transitioned to a completely electronic recertification process. Online recertification is safer, faster and more convenient. The NBCRNA recommends that all nurse anesthetists due to recertify, particularly those who will recertify online for the first time, begin the process well in advance of the July 31 deadline.

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Emerging Leader Fellowship Program

The NBCRNA is now accepting applications for its 2014-2015 Emerging Leader Fellowship program! The fellowship is a one-year opportunity for nurse anesthetists who have been certified in the last five years, and show potential to act as future leaders in nurse anesthesia credentialing. Fellows will be exposed to board governance, high level decision making, and trends affecting the future of credentialing.

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Position opening on NBCRNA Board of Directors

The NBCRNA is seeking a qualified individual to serve on the NBCRNA Board of Directors. All Board Directors serve in a volunteer capacity. The position is for a three year term, beginning August 2014. In order to qualify, candidates for the position must be clinical practitioners.

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