Message from the Chair



Getting to Know the ABNM Staff

Experience, Commitment, and Service

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Dear Colleagues,

Behind the work of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM) is a small staff that keeps the board moving every day. Their work may not always be visible, but it is essential. Like the roots of an olive tree, their support is steady, quiet, and strong. While the Board of Directors sets policy and direction, the staff makes sure that the work can actually get done.

The Operational Backbone of Certification

Board certification involves many details: credentials, exams, deadlines, and continuous certification. For candidates and diplomates, these steps can be complicated. The ABNM staff helps make the processes clear, organized, and manageable.

They are often the first people diplomates contact when they have a question or need guidance. They track deadlines, coordinate materials, answer emails, and help carry out board policies in a consistent way. In doing so, they reduce the administrative burden on physicians and help the board maintain its standards.

Meet the ABNM Staff

Each member of the ABNM office brings something important to the board's daily work. Together, they support communications, examinations, continuous certification, and the practical needs of the Board of Directors.

Maria Muelchi MBA, Administrator. Maria is truly the beating heart of the ABNM administration. She keeps the office organized and moving, and she carries the kind of institutional knowledge that only comes from years of careful, committed work. Much of what the Board of Directors is able to accomplish depends on her coordination and follow-through.

Monica Frye, Communications and Diplomate Relations Coordinator. Monica is the voice that keeps the ABNM community informed and connected. Her work is essential because candidates and diplomates depend on timely, accurate information about exams, deadlines, and certification requirements. Through email and social media, she helps ensure that no one is left uncertain about what comes next.

Patrick Murphy, BS, RT (R) (CT), Exam and CC Program Coordinator. Patrick is central to the integrity and reliability of the exam and CertLink process. His careful work with the question sets helps make the assessments smooth, consistent, and fair. In many ways, he is one of the quiet guardians of the certification process.

The Board of Directors could not function in the same way without them. Their preparation, communication, and follow-through give board members the structure they need to focus on governance, standards, and the future of the specialty. Their steady daily work is the quiet current that carries the board forward.

Excellence Through lLngevity and Expertise

One of the ABNM office's greatest strengths is experience. Medical board work requires familiarity with ABMS guidelines, secure exam processes, and changing training requirements. That knowledge is built slowly, through years of doing the work well. The ABNM staff bring more than 40 years of combined service to the Board, with individual tenures of 20, 14, and 9 years. Through their decades of experience, they are adept in the essential work required of board staff and provide the continuity and expertise necessary to support the Board's mission.

Long-serving staff also bring something that is hard to replace: institutional memory. Their stability helps the board update technology, improve digital tools, and manage certification changes without losing continuity.

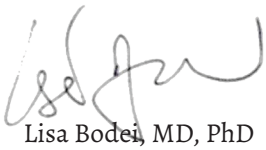
Fostering a Culture of Support and Collaboration

The staff also helps create a culture of trust. They work with program directors, department leaders, physicians, and diplomates with patience, professionalism, and practical judgment. This is especially important during busy exam and recertification periods, when people need clear answers quickly. Because they understand both the board's history and its daily operations, they also help the ABNM move forward without losing what already works.

Looking Ahead: Innovation in Administration

As nuclear medicine changes, the administrative work of the ABNM changes with it. The staff helps improve workflows, digital verification, and the continuous certification experience in practical, meaningful ways.

The ABNM succeeds because of the partnership between the Board of Directors and its staff. The directors provide vision and leadership; the staff gives that work form, continuity, and life. Their contribution deserves to be seen and appreciated: steady, generous, and enduring, like deep roots that sustain growth year after year.



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