

Welcome the New ABNM Associate Executive Director and Administrator *David A. Mankoff, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman*



The ABNM is pleased to welcome two new executives to the Board - Tony Parker, the new ABNM Associate Executive Director (AED), and Maria Watts, the new ABNM Administrator.

The AED position was created starting in December, 2011 to help with ever-expanding work of running the ABNM carried out by the Executive Director (ED), Henry Royal. The task for the new part-time position of AED is to share the work of running the Board with the ED and Administrator, and also to provide continuity at transitions of the ED. The term of the AED is 5 years, with an additional 5-year term possible at the agreement of the AED and the Board. The term is designed to overlap transitions in the ED position, which also has an up to ten-year term, ending in 2014.

The AED will split the work of supporting the many ABNM Committees with the ED and serve as the lead in some key areas, for example maintenance-of-certification. The Board had a number of very strong candidates apply for the position, and a Search Committee composed of the current ED, current Chair, and current and former Board members reviewed a substantial number of applications and conducted phone interviews of a group of finalists to select the final candidate. We are very pleased to welcome back Tony Parker of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston as the inaugural ABNM AED. Tony will be well known to ABNM diplomates for his work as a scientist and clinician in Nuclear Medicine, particularly for his work in quantitative imaging, image processing, and image analysis.

Tony has been the President of the Computer and Instrumentation Council for the SNM, a member of the Nuclear Medicine RRC, and recipient of the 2007 Holman/Kaplan Award from the Greater New York and New England Chapters of the SNM. Tony has an illustrious history with the ABNM, having served as its Chair in 2007 and the Chair of a number of ABNM committees, including the Examination Committee. We are very pleased to have Tony as the new AED, and we are excited to have him back working with the Board.

The ABNM Administrator directs the ABNM Office and oversees the many and varied tasks of the office, including production of the certifying and maintenance-of-certification examinations, managing exam applications and collecting credentials for exam applicants, planning and organizing Board meetings, and managing finances together with the ED. The Administrator also manages the office staff, currently 4 in number (including the Administrator). With the planned retirement of the Board's former and highly regarded Administrator, Cindi Ade, in early 2012, the Board took on a search for a new Administrator in 2011. Selecting from a number of very strong candidates, the Board is very pleased to welcome Maria Watts as the new Board Administrator.

Maria hails from the greater St. Louis area. She has an MBA from Lindenwood University and comes with great experience in management and in imaging, having served as the office manager for the Belleville Memorial Hospital Radiology Department. Maria is off to a fast and strong start with the very successful completion of the winter 2012 ABNM meeting in Santa Monica.

Please join us in welcoming Tony and Maria to their new positions. We are looking forward to working closely with them in the coming years.



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