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Dear Colleagues,

In 1975, the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) was formed to standardize and administer the Certified Clinical Perfusionist (CCP) credential as a neutral entity. The ABCP Directors have been supported for many years by DEMS management services, readily known to our perfusion community as "The National Office." Located in Hattiesburg, MS, they have been the ABCP's management company since 1980.

After more than forty years of outstanding service and extreme dedication, American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) Co-Executive Directors Beth Richmond, PhD and Steve Oshrin, PhD will be retiring at the end of this year.

On behalf of the ABCP Directors, I am pleased to announce that the ABCP has begun a partnership with association management company, Executive Director Incorporated (EDI), to manage the organization.

We used a systematic and thorough search process over many months to select EDI. I want to acknowledge and thank our ABCP Directors for their time and dedication in bringing the search process to a successful conclusion. Our emphasis and goal for the CCP community is a seamless transition that preserves current processes with the intent to maintain and enhance our credential's high standard. In our search, we also emphasized the personal attention to and support of CCP's we expect from a management company. We owe Beth, Steve, and the National Office personnel a great debt of gratitude for their support and perspective throughout their service to the ABCP and CCP's everywhere.

EDI, located in Milwaukee, WI, was founded in 1962 and currently has a staff of over 300 professionals serving 40 national and global societies with a focus on medical, health and scientific associations. EDI is one of the top five association management companies in the US and is preeminent in the field of medical society management.

Guiding us through the transition are EDI's Vice President, Tara Withington CAE, and our new Executive Director, Jeanne Rhodes. Collectively, they bring nearly 60 years of diverse leadership, operational, and association management experience to the table. We are looking forward to the possibilities and breadth of expertise the EDI team will bring to the ABCP. With that said, be assured that the following established processes will remain in place as we transition to EDI.

- Recertification timeline and requirements both for clinical and professional activity.
- Certification and examination application and requirements.
- Perfusion meeting CEU application submission and review.
- Simulation Center recognition.
- Liaison relationships with perfusion professional organizations, the perfusion education accreditation committee, and the perfusion program director's council.
- Continued collaboration with state perfusion licensing organizations for requirements and verification.

While this is a significant change for the ABCP, I am convinced it will continue to advance the ABCP and the important work we do toward our mission and in serving the perfusion community. I appreciate your patience and support through the transition process. Please feel free to reach out to the National Office (abcp@abcp.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Starting December 1st, the ABCP will begin the formal relocation of the National Office. The following is the new ABCP contact information:

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We will continue to reach out to the perfusion community, perfusion education programs, and perfusion organizations with further information and details throughout the transition.

We appreciate your dedication to patient care and excellence in perfusion. The contribution you make to patients and communities every day is invaluable.

Warm regards,



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