Heather Gocke, RNC, CPHRM
MS, Patient Safety Leadership 2014 (Expected),
University of Illinois Medical College, Chicago, IL
BS, Excelsior College, New York State
Legal Nurse Consultant and Paralegal, University of California, Riverside, CA
AD, Long Beach Community College, Long Beach, CA

Current Position
Director, Risk Management/Patient Safety
BETA Healthcare Group
Alamo, California

NCC Involvement
Director, NCC Board of Directors, 2008 to present
Member, ICP Committee, 2005
ICP Coordinator

NCC Certification
RNC-OB, Inpatient Obstetric Nursing, 2000
C-EFM, Electronic Fetal Monitoring, 2011

Candidate Statement
For nearly a quarter of a century, my career has been committed to safe and effective clinical care in the obstetrical setting. My passion to ensure quality of care in the perinatal setting leads my actions on a daily basis.

Practicing as a registered nurse in high risk obstetrics, then providing consultative services to over 150 hospitals and healthcare entities across the state of California provides me with a view of opportunity and stimulates a visionary focus on the future of healthcare. This perspective offers long-term benefit to the National Certification Corporation (NCC) Board of Directors and to those seeking certification through the NCC which will assist in creating aims in the future.

I continue to believe in, and promote, NCC certification throughout the State of California and beyond. Accountability, personal growth and confirming competency of the frontline clinician are what I firmly consider essential as we deliver care to mothers and babies. I value ongoing education which is reflected in my educational path to attain my graduate degree.

I have enjoyed my role as a Board Member over the last two terms and serving in the office of Secretary/Treasurer. I am proud to be amongst such esteemed colleagues. With an overwhelming passion to promote safe care and excellence in our nursing specialty, I fully understand the time I will be required to commit to NCC and the NCC constituency
Patsy S. Queen, RNC-MNN, MSN
MSN, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
BSN, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
BSEd, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC

Current Position
Instructor
Department of Nursing
Gaston Community College
Dallas, NC

NCC Involvement
Director, NCC Board of Directors 2008 to present
Member, Maternal Newborn Nursing Content Team, 2004 to present
Invited Participant, NCC Item Writer Workshop, 2003

NCC Certification
RNC-MNN, Maternal Newborn Nursing, 1996

Candidate Statement
The National Certification Corporation (NCC) remains at the forefront of positive changes in practice for the nurse practicing maternal, neonatal and women's health nursing. I have been impressed during my previous six years as a director at the forward planning at NCC. Rather than being reactive on the issue of documenting continued competence in a nurse's specialty field in maternity, neonatal or women's health, NCC is proactive in this area and is seen as a model to emulate by other organizations. I am certified in the area of maternal-newborn care, one of the larger groups of nurses certified by NCC. Being a maternal-newborn nurse for over 30 years, I will bring the historical perspective of today's current issues of our care area to the director discussions. In today's healthcare environment, maternal-newborn nurses must maintain a voice in discussions and warily watchful for decisions that may be a detriment. I promise to fulfill that role as a director on NCC's board of directors.
Suzanne L. Staebler, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC
DNP, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
MSN, The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX
BSN, Baylor University, Waco, TX

Current Position
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Pediatrix Medical Group of Tennessee
Nashville, TN

Healthcare Consultant / Entrepreneur
Nashville, TN

NCC Involvement
CE Module Developer/Reviewer, Inborn Errors of Metabolism

NCC Certification
NNP-BC - Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, 1992

Candidate Statement
Since 2009, I have served the National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) and the National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners (NANNP) as the neonatal population foci practice representative in multiple Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) forums, such as the APRN Roundtable, APRN Credentialing Alliance and the LACE task force group. This experience has given me in-depth experience and understanding of the multifaceted aspects impacting APRN practice in the United States.

As the current Executive Council Chair for NANNP, I understand the necessity of the national professional association having a strong collaborative working relationship with their certification organization(s). Through my membership on the NCC board, I hope to strengthen the relationship of NCC with NANN/NANNP.
Jean-Salera-Vieira, MS, RNC-OB, C-EFM, PNS-C
Post-MS Certificate, PNS, University of Washington, Seattle, WA,
MSN, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI
BSN, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI
BA in Social Work, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

Current Position
Advanced Nurse Clinician- Perinatal
Kent Hospital
Warwick, RI

NCC Certification
RNC-OB, Inpatient Obstetric Nursing, 2002
C-EFM, Electronic Fetal Monitoring, 2002

Candidate Statement
I am interested in serving on the NCC Board of Directors for many reasons. One of which is how highly I value my own RNC-OB and C-EFM, and how important I think the RNC is to the patients we care for. I am the consummate cheerleader for the RNC, and continue to encourage other RNs to sit for a RNC exam or the C-EFM. Being part of the Board would give me an opportunity to help to shape the future of the RNC, and to be part of the discussions and decisions as we move into the future and the consensus model in advanced practice nursing. I welcome the opportunity to be at the table with so many talented and creative individuals as we work to advance the practice of nursing.

As a member of the Board of Directors, I will carry my passion for perinatal nursing, for the coaching of other nurses, and for providing the very safest care to our patients with me in any decisions that need to be considered and acted upon.
Catherine L. Witt, MS, NNP-BC
Ph.D in Education, Projected completion 2013
Post-Masters in Nursing Education, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO
MS, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO
BSN, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

Current Position
Assistant Professor/Coordinator, NNP Program
Loretto Heights School of Nursing
Regis University
Denver, CO

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
P/SL Medical Center
Denver, CO

The Children’s Hospital
Denver, CO

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Per Diem, NICU
Exempla Lutheran Medical Center, Wheat Ridge, CO

NCC Involvement
Director, NCC Board of Directors, 2008 to the present
Vice President, 2012
Member, Maternal Newborn Nursing Test Committee,
Member, NCC Nominating Committee, 2004-2005, 2008 and 2011

NCC Certification
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, 1987

Candidate Statement
I am interested in serving on the NCC board of directors as a continuing director. I have been involved with NCC in various capacities since 1994 when I began as a member of the Maternal Newborn test committee. I have served on the NCC nominations committee and most recently as a member of the board of directors.
and as Vice President. Each role has provided invaluable opportunities and it has been a pleasure to serve in with my fellow Board members.

Nursing and health care have faced many challenges over the years and will continue to face challenges in the future. As nurses we have a responsibility to provide safe care that draws on scientific evidence as its foundation. We cannot do things only based on what we have learned in the past. Rather, we must find ways to stay current in our field and be able to demonstrate to the public that we have made every effort to keep abreast of new evidence and new changes. Nursing is one of the most trusted professions. It is important to make sure that trust is not misplaced. Certification demonstrates that we have achieved that knowledge. Continued competency shows that our knowledge is not stagnant, but has kept up with new discoveries and best treatments. This will be even important in the future, as nursing strives to demonstrate our commitment to safety, evidence based practice, and professional growth. I believe strongly that nursing is a profession, not just a job. As professionals, we must meet the highest standards to provide quality patient care and improved public health.

NCC has always been diligent about making sure knowledge is current by developing test questions and education modules based on recent evidence and input from experts from around the country. The rigor involved in developing exams, modules, and teaching tools is extensive. Many volunteers spend a great deal of time and thought into developing these products. In addition, the board members work hard to make sure that policies are developed and enforced in a fair manner and that the financial operation of NCC remains sound. I am honored to work with colleagues who are willing to give so much of their professional time and energy. It speaks highly of NCC as an organization that so many talented individuals are willing to devote so much. I would be honored and delighted to continue to serve in such an esteemed organization.
Certified Nurse Representative to the Nominating Committee

Margaret Conway-Orgel, MSN, NNP-BC
MSN, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
BSN, Daemen College, Amherst, NY
Neonatal Transport Nurse Clinician, Children's Hospital of Buffalo, 1983
Diploma in Nursing, Clara Maass Memorial Hospital of Nursing, Belleville, NJ

Current Position
Clinical Faculty: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Medical University of South Carolina
College of Nursing
Charleston, SC

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Medical College of South Carolina
Children’s Hospital
Charleston, SC

NCC Certification
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, 1985

Candidate Statement

As a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner who has been very active in my professional nursing association and has an understanding of the need to identify reliable, active nursing representatives, I feel that I would be able to serve in this role well. I have a strong track record of serving on a variety of committees both at my institution as well as nursing organizations and completing work in a timely fashion.

If chosen, I will make every effort to reach out to the members of NCC who would represent their nursing subspecialty well and to encourage younger members to begin to take on a leadership role as part of their professional growth. I also believe that I can look at applications objectively and make recommendations based on what the board and directors identify as needing to best serve others.

I look forward to having the opportunity to become more involved in NCC in a variety of ways.