

## ABEn strengthening the chains and buiding the future

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Since its creation in 1926, the Brazilian Nursing Association (ABEn) is dedicated to the development of Brazilian Nursing. And since 1986, is defending the profession as a social practice with insertion in social movements that are compromised with life, democracy and citizenship.

We understand the need for continuing this process and mobilize all the category to face current challenges in a complex, dynamic and uneven society.

The elected board members for the period of 2007-2010 is presented to Brazilian Nursing with courage in preserving the tradition of ABEn, and to articulate new action strategies for the recognition and visibility of the profession both in the social national and international context.

It is needed to keep on strengthening the chains and to build new ones, fighting with the users and allied workers of the National Health System for their rights, valuing for political enhancing and re-affirming the need of an associative life.

We must evoke the participation, to pluck up courage for the defense of nursing spaces, to dare in the empowerment of an alliance with the users and in the solidification of a relation of respect with other professionals, managers, health system's authorities and with parliament members as well as with justice ones.

This is our commitments:

- To maintain ABEn as nursing articulator and interlocutor with the formulating instances of social public policies in the field of health, education, science, and technology;
- To defend the actuation of nursing workers in their context of partnership with other healthcare professionals, contributing to consolidate nursing work as a social practice, essential for assistance to health system's users and for the management of health services across the country;
- To adopt the integrality and collective competence as strategies for care qualification in health;
- Re-think nursing care as a citizenship tool, investing in training processes to make nursing professionals capable in the building of a paradigm of centered-care in quality of life – "People who cares people";
- To stimulate the application of different theory-methodological slopes in the activity of knowing and knowledge production, from what result nursing or health professional knowledge;
- To support the initiatives of state, regional sections, as well as ABEn's centers that contribute to seek its finalities and to increase the visibility of the socio-cultural, scientific, and political scope of the Association.

Attending those commitments, we must guarantee the maintenance of the political professional project of Brazilian Nursing, investing in political, pedagogical, and techno-operational empowerment of ABEn. In special, to understand that the action power of the entity is made by associate's power in defining its destination, enhancing the union and stimulating the debate on health themes as they are present in the national agenda of social inclusion.

Those tasks will be accomplished by maintaining partnership with the National Federation of Nurses, the National Council of Health, the Pan-American Health Organization and its Permanent Education in Nursing Initiative, the Parliament Health Front of the Brazilian Health Ministry, and intensifying the network, specially with the Health Reform Defense Forum, the National Forum of Entities and Health Workers in conjunction with the Brazilian Society for Science Progress, Brazilian Public Health Association, scientific societies, nursing schools vinculated to ABEn, also the Latin-American Association of Nursing Schools and the Pan-American Federation of Nursing Professionals.

In addition to those partnerships, the proposal of affiliation to the Health Feminist Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, whose deliberation have occurred during the National Summit of Delegates, held in 2008, December 3. This affiliation approaches nursing of Brazilian women's movements that value their right for health and citizenship.

Specially about the REBEn, the main goal is its indexation in international databases. For that, a short time

challenge is to modernize its office, with investments in infrastructure and human resources, as well as the increase in number of articles published per issue, reduction of submission-publication time interval with online evaluation according to SciELO methodology. We intent to assure national and international visibility of REBEn, by amplifying its editorial board and also by publishing researches from other countries.

We also want to re-affirm our commitment with the irreplaceable loss of our colleagues Marcos and Edma Valadão, of not quit and keep fighting against the authoritarian practices of the systems of the Federal and Regional Councils of Nursing, investing our power and energy to make Nursing free of the shaming actions they have caused.

We will honor the ideals, the ethic and democratic principles and the commitment of this young lady named ABEn, with her 80 years of history and permanent construction of our daily practice.

Without forgetting the past, we will live the present in the perspective of overcoming the challenges that we will face in the future.