

The second year of the Join Action Group in the administration of the National Network ABEn

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In the second year of the “Join Action” Group in the management of the National Network ABEn, it was sought to advance the development of the ABEn Political Participatory Project, particularly with the debate about “Changing the Social Bylaws. Why and what for?”

The need to “rethink the Bylaws of ABEn” took as its frame of reference the diagnosis of relevance and interestingness on the theme, when confronted with new legal, juridical and administrative claims that arose in the course of the last seven years. The certification as a beneficent entity of social care, which points to new possibilities for social participation of ABEn, requires the expansion of its social nature beyond the gregarious and representative of a professional group; consistency between the management model and the administrative practice, an imperative of legal and accountancy order, to ensure the longevity of the organization and to keep the desire of the associate to BE a leader of ABEn; changes in relationships between government agencies and civil society organizations; and the continued appropriateness of the Bylaws to the new legislative interpretations, such as the Code of Consumer Rights.

Advancing in the professionalization of the administrative acts of the entity, we sought, in this second year, to compose a more cohesive and qualified technical team to meet the growing internal demands. The financial and project management administrative unit was an element created to confer organic and ordering process to the work of ABEn.

Another initiative of great importance was the patenting of products, symbols and historical emblems of ABEn, aiming to protect the immaterial heritage of the entity. With the registration at the National Institute of Intellectual Property, the name ABEn and its logo are preserved.

In the process of protecting the nonphysical heritage of the entity, it is worth to mention the registration of the intellectual property, with all rights reserved to ABEn, of the software *Support System to the Systematization of Nursing Care (SI-ABEn)*, in which construction it was included several sources of classification of the elements of professional practice, aiming to facilitate critical thinking, clinical decision making and, most especially, the documentation, indispensable aspects for Nursing to achieve autonomy and visibility.

Among the actions of continuing education we must highlight the work of the TV ABEn, a partnership with Vertice Educational, which has began the production of video classes about the Systematization of Nursing Care, of importance in the qualification of Nursing care to women in maternity environments; and, the Program on Nursing Update (PROENF), in partnership with Artmed. The PROENF familial tree expanded with the launch of a new title, PROENF Primary Care and Family Health. At the end of 2012, the program had grown to six titles, with the expectation of launching the PROENF Urgency and Emergency, in 2013.

The events promoted in 2012 provided, for more than twenty thousand people, including students and workers of Nursing, the opportunity to update themselves on issues of primary health care, education, Nursing and social control. These events resulted in the publication of three official ABEn documents – the Letters of Belém, Fortaleza and Porto Alegre – representing perspectives of the entity about the new professions which provide interfaces to Nursing; about the participation of Federal Council of Nursing in regulating acts of teaching and training; and, about the performance of Nursing in social control.

In the international politics area, ABEn was included, as of November 2012, the new Board of Directors of

the Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals, as a member of the Committee on Nursing Education, along with Peru and Colombia.

ABEn worked, together with the other nursing organizations, at public hearings in the House of Representatives, at public events, in parliamentary restricted hearings, integrating work groups and rounds of negotiations in favor of the approval of Bill 2295 / 2000, which regulates the 30 Hours of Work per week for nursing professionals. The National Network ABEn was present at the *National Forum 30 Hours Now: Nursing United by a goal* and, in various State Forums functioning in the country, in the sense of intensifying actions that aim at improving nursing working conditions.

As an instance of social control, ABEn regained, in 2012, its position as a member of the National Health Council, taking the titular status in the representation of workers between twelve vacancies of this segment.

Finally, in this second year of the "Join Action" Group in the management of the National Network ABEn, a high point were the celebrations, on May 15, in the House of Representatives, of the 85-year ABEn and of the 80 years of REBEn, two milestones that emphasize the political strength and the scientific knowledge of nursing as a profession in Brazil, through the paths of the Brazilian Nursing Association.