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Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)

Notice of Commissioner Election August 19, 2016

Ballot of Nominees

The Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) commissioner election will be conducted on Monday, August 29, 2016. Voting will be done electronically through www.simplyvoting.com and end at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Commissioner Nominating Committee met and developed the following slate of candidates for the one Educator in Specialty Area seat:

Nancy Last, RN, CMA, RMA
Ameritech College of Healthcare - Draper, Utah
Program Director - Online/Distance Education
Medical Coding and Reimbursement
Health Information Technology
Instructor for Medical Coding and Reimbursement Program
Program Director - Medical Assisting On-ground

Ms. Nancy Last is a CMA (AAMA), an RMA (AMT) and a Registered Nurse with over 20 years of medical clinical experience and 26 years of education experience as an instructor and program director of medical assisting programs as well as other allied health fields. She is currently an evaluator and has served on many committees for ABHES, as well as having previously served as a Commissioner. As an on-ground and online instructor and director, she feels she can represent faculty and students and is committed to being the voice of educators in the Commission.

Ravi Rathnam, MD, MBA
Stratford University - Falls Church, Virginia
Director for the School of Health Sciences - Online and Residential

Dr. Ravi Rathnam serves as a director of Health Sciences at Stratford University since October 2010. Dr. Rathnam holds a degree in Medicine, Master's in Business Administration, and registered as a pharmacy technician by the Virginia Board of Pharmacy. His research focuses on "Enhancing Affective Learning Outcomes through the Use of Objective Structured Clinical Examinations" and "The Effects of Role Play on Team Training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation." He holds a great appreciation in the peer review process to ensure accreditation standards are met and to evaluate an institution's mission, effectiveness, and educational outcomes. Additionally, he is a current member of the ABHES Appeals Panel and Standards Review Committee and looks forward to the opportunity to continue to assist ABHES and its membership.

Seat Requirements

Must be currently or recently directly engaged in a significant manner in an academic position at a postsecondary institution accredited by an agency recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education in a health-care related field for which ABHES is recognized as a programmatic accreditor by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

Election Process

Only institutions and programs accredited by ABHES are eligible to vote for elected commissioners. The number of votes that may be cast is as follows:

Accredited Institutions: Each main campus or non-main campus receives two (2) votes.

Accredited Programs (programmatically accredited medical assisting, medical laboratory technology, and surgical technology): Each address identified on record as having one or more accredited programs receives one (1) vote.

The elector ID and password will be emailed to the primary contact of each accredited institution/program from abheselect@simplyvoting.com (On Behalf of ABHES/elections@abhes.org). Please add abheselect@simplyvoting.com to your safe recipients list so that the email does not end up in your spam folder. If you are unsure who the primary contact of your institution/program is please check the ABHES Directory of Institutions and Programs <http://ams.abhes.org/ams/onlineDirectory/pages/directory.aspx>.

If you will not be casting the ballot for your institution/program, please forward the email to the designated person. ABHES will not be able to provide one person with all the Elector ID and passwords. It is up to the individuals listed as the primary contact to forward the information if necessary. We urge you to review the information on each candidate carefully and cast your vote timely. Once a ballot is cast, it cannot be changed.