## **ABNM Begins Search for New Executive Director**

he American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM) announced in December the opening of a search for an executive director to succeed William Blahd, MD, who, after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the ABNM, will be stepping down in 2004.

"Leading one's specialty certification board in a position such as this is clearly an honor," said Lawrence Holder, MD, chair of the ABNM. "In these times of change, such a charge also carries significant challenges and rewards. Working with a committed board and talented staff should provide the new executive director with great personal satisfaction and lasting professional accomplishments."

The executive director is responsible for the management of the board offices and activities, serves as the designated representative of the board to a variety of organizations such as the American Board of Medical Specialties, and attends meetings and conferences important to the ABNM mission and operation. The executive director works closely with the administrator, who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the board office. The executive director works with the board of trustees to determine the focus and direction of the ABNM and develops and recommends policies to the board for approval.

A candidate who has served previously on the ABNM board is strongly preferred. However, ABNM diplomates with significant experience in other national nuclear medicine organizations will be considered. He or she will be a nonvoting member of the board. The term of office is 5 years, with an opportunity for a second 5-year term. An appropriate honorarium is available. A time commitment of 35–50 days per year is projected.

Interested candidates or those who would like more information should contact Dr. Holder at P.O. Box 3216, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 32004-3216, or via email at leholder@earthlink.net.

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