



**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION  
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## **BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY NURSING ANNOUNCES 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**OAK BROOK, IL** (December 27, 2018) – The [Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing](http://www.bcen.org) (BCEN), the benchmark for emergency nursing specialty certification, today announced its 2019 board of directors and recognized outgoing members.

“BCEN’s board brings together nurse leaders from every region of the country whose clinical subject matter expertise spans the emergency nursing spectrum, whose experience includes bedside care, education and administration, and whose proficiency in professional credentialing guides and contributes to the superior quality of BCEN’s certification programs,” said BCEN Board of Directors Chairperson Lorie Ledford, MSN, RN, CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, TCRN, CCRN, of Mayo Clinic Arizona Hospital. “Their dedication and generous service advances board certification for nurses to the benefit of emergency patients and the nursing profession.”

The following **new and reelected members** will begin their terms on January 1, 2019:

**Steven P. Talbot**, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN, trauma program manager and operations administrator manager, Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center in Houston, Texas, was elected to his first board term as a member at large. “Steven has been an EMT, a flight nurse, an adult and pediatric emergency nurse, an administrator, and is currently developing Memorial Hermann’s new trauma center from the ground up,” said Ledford. “In short, he is a wealth of knowledge and experience.”

**Rebecca Steinmann**, MS, APN, CPEN, CEN, TCRN, CCRN, CCNS, FAEN, of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, was reaffirmed to serve a second one-year term as secretary/treasurer.

**Sean M. Elwell**, MSN, RN, NE-BC, TCRN, EMT, of Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, Delaware, was reelected to a second two-year term as the Society of Trauma Nurses representative.

The following **outgoing board members** were recognized:

Member at Large **Kathleen Albert**, MSN, RN, CNS, CEN, CPEN, TCRN, of Lowell General Hospital, Lowell, Massachusetts, began her BCEN service 10 years ago as an exam item writer. “Kathy’s skill base in patient care and evidence-based care and her understanding of the development and knowledge of emergency nurses as they grow through their career brought invaluable perspectives to our board,” said Ledford.

**Karen Wiley**, MSN, RN, CEN, of CHI Health Immanuel, Omaha, Nebraska, who served a one-year term as the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) representative, enhanced communications between BCEN and ENA. The new ENA representative will be elected by early 2019.

BCEN board members **returning in 2019** to complete their current terms are:

Chairperson **Lorie Ledford**, MSN, RN, CEN, CFRN, CPEN, CTRN, TCRN, CCRN, of Mayo Clinic Arizona Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona

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Chairperson-Elect **Kyle Madigan**, MSN, RN, CEN, CFRN, CTRN, CCRN, CMTE, of Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, New Hampshire

ASTNA Representative **Allen Wolfe**, MSN, RN, CFRN, CTRN, CCRN, CMTE, of Air Methods Corporation, Greenwood Village, Colorado

Member at Large **Andrew Veitch**, BSN, RN, CFRN, CTRN, CCRN, of Stanford Health Care, Stanford/Palo Alto, California

Public Representative **Robert Corrao** of LAC Group, Los Angeles, California

Immediate Past Chairperson **Mary Whelan**, MSN, RN, CEN, of Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, Pennsylvania

BCEN Executive Director **Janie Schumaker**, MBA, BSN, RN, CEN, CENP, CPHQ, FABC, of Kansas City, Kansas, also serves on BCEN's board of directors.

BCEN board members serve on a volunteer basis for two-year terms, and with the exception of the industry association and public representatives, must have served as a BCEN certification exam [item writer](#) and as a member of a BCEN Exam Construction Review Committee (ECRC). Individuals serving as the Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association (ASTNA), Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), and Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) representatives must be actively involved in the professional association they represent.

More details and photos are available at <https://bcen.org/board-of-directors/>

#### **About the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing**

The nonprofit Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN®) develops robust certification exams fostering empowered nurses across the emergency spectrum who contribute noticeably to patient care, safety and outcomes. Over 49,000 BCEN certifications are currently held by registered nurses (RNs) who specialize in emergency, flight, critical care ground transport, pediatric emergency and trauma nursing. BCEN offers the Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN®), Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN®), Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN®), Certified Transport Registered Nurse (CTRN®) and Trauma Certified Registered Nurse (TCRN®) certifications. The CEN, CFRN, and CPEN certifications are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), the only accrediting body specifically for nursing certifications. Learn more at [bcen.org](https://bcen.org). Follow BCEN on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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