“To reflect about the Brazilian Nursing Association implies in think it as a whole, considering its associates; its political, financial and administrative management; its nature as a representative Nursing entity; its internal and external communication; its articulations and vinculations among others issues…” CENRE/2005.

This is not one more and yes one of the greatest challenges that the Assembléia Nacional de Delegados - AND (National Assembly of Delegates), has defined for our entity. The unleashment of a discussion process toward statutary reform to take ahead individual and collective reflections to guide in thinking and proposing alternatives to the critics over the organizing model and administrative management, of the expanding limits of associates as well the future of the entity, and specially, those that induce the category to reflect ABEn face the evolution of scientific knowledge, transformation or changes in the world of work, the organization of civil society and the modernization of management and communication processes(1).

The official creation of the “Comissão Especial Nacional de Reforma do Estatuto – CENRE” (National Special Commission for Statute Reform), in December, 2004, was the first step. Second step was more difficult, it was the outline of this commission, that should perform the role of propulsor engine in this process.

Thus, in the meeting of the Conselho Nacional da ABEn – CONABEn (National Council of ABEn), in March, 2005, CENRE presented a work chronogram for the year 2005, in which it is comprised its tasks as well those of regional ABEn sessions, aiming to lever mobilization around the theme.

To re-think an institution that is completing 80 years-old is a delicate, explicit and subtle process. Meanwhile, is to live the wish of ambiguity, is to have courage, strength, and patience to face the history of a young lady who is a myth for some; to others, is the reality and the political exercise of citizenship.

This is not the first attempt in reviewing the entity in its several contents. The several statutary reforms demonstrate that time-to-time ABEn is “re-thought” in some way. Thus increasing the responsibility of current time where it is not enough only to adequate them to moment needs, it is necessary to dive into the wishes of the category without loosing the dialectic view of past and future, the socio-political setting and the relations with partners and co-gender institutions.

In the AND 2005 meeting the CENRE, in presenting its final report, certainly will recognize that the efforts in carring out its tasks were abound. However, the concurrent products of those efforts and the meanings of this starting walking will be relevant.

The ABEn’s statute adequacy to Brazilian Civil Code is an emergent need to the instituted legality that is comprehended and carried out. Re-visit the statute for deep changes is, therefore, to “re-think ABEn” with serenity, clarity and comprehension of the historical moment to be lived.

Let us get involved in this fight for an Association that, once more, represents Brazilian Nursing!

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