

The paths explored by ABEn along the period from 2004 to 2007

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In the beginning of the mandate in the end of 2004, National, Sections and Regionals of ABEn (Brazilian Nursing Association) Boards found a complex and challenging scenario. Those challenges drove to the establishment of different to be accomplished. Among them, to increase the representativeness of the body of associates; to develop strategies for raising associates participation in Association daily activities; to train new board members to attend the demandas of the Association; to amplify funding sources for the maintenance of the association; to amplify Association representativeness capability among associates and partners; to promote a qualified actuation with social movements, with State and in international relationships.

Some of those projects were executed and concluded, others were partially executed. Some of them even were started due to missed funding and/or techno-operational conditions. A general analysis of this management period allows the visualization of results and products which amplified the proposing capability of ABEn in its interlocution with social and institutional movements, as well as in social control made by govern organizations.

During this management ABEn consolidated the occupation of important spaces and also conquered other ones. The actuation as elected titular counselor in the National Health Council, as a member of Inter-institutional Commissions in Education and Culture Ministry, Health Ministry and Planning Ministry and also as representative of health-related professional institutions of education and in the National Multi-professional Residence must be highlighted.

For the Publishing and Social Communication Board, this journal was object of a great challenge: to improve REBEn's indexation to better disseminate the scientific production of the category. It seemed a distant conquest, but it was possible: the Revista Brasileira de Enfermagem (REBEn) is indexed in SciELO and SCOPUS. The visibility authors now have will be expressive and will contribute to amplify Brazilian Nursing participation in international scenario.

The forthcoming ABEn's management board for the period 2007-2010 will find old challenges among new demands. The main challenge still is to increase association social representativeness.

All ABEn's management boards have specific demands to be accomplished. Some of them have ongoing projects, other projects require a start. The work is incessant; has no end. And this has been the mission of ABEn: to work continuously for Brazilian Nursing.

We thank for the support and participation along this three-years of management. The new Management Boards that are assuming for the period 2007-2010 will properly know to respond to the challenges that are ahead. We wish a good job to the colleagues who accepted the responsibility of conducting the direction of ABEn in the different levels - Regional, Sections and National.

However, as *History not only says us what we are today, as well what we are missing to be*. As Deleuze teach us: we have much to do (making it different) in the permanent re-invention of ourselves and of history, going ahead in the perspective pointed by Guilherme Arantes when says (...) *that the history has no end, it goes on each time you say yes to your imagination, to the art of smiling each time the world says no*.