



Association for the Bladder Exstrophy Community

May 28, 2010

Barbara Ward has made the difficult decision to step down from the Presidency of the ABC effective June 15, 2010.

She has served as the President since 2005. This decision is motivated by career demands and Barb's desire to spend more time with her family. Barb will continue to contribute to the organization in the role of Past-President and will be a member of the Executive Board. Barbara's main vision for the organization was to establish a worldwide conference to allow families from all over the world to meet. Since then the ABC has hosted four very successful conferences in Milwaukee, Toronto, Seattle, and most recently in Pittsburgh.

"I have had the pleasure of working with and meeting many extraordinary people from all over the world as our family journeyed through our lives living with bladder exstrophy. Helping others has helped me tremendously in dealing with the many hurdles that we have experienced as a family. I wanted to give to others the support that they needed, as a result of not having a lot of support when my son was first born in 1994. The internet has been an incredible resource for disseminating information and providing a medium for people to finally talk with each other and giving them the sense that they are not 'alone' in their journey." Although I am stepping down from the Presidency, my involvement with the ABC will not be ending and I look forward to giving my support to the organization for many years to come in any way that I can. I am excited to welcome new board members and executives to the organization to help bring new excitement to the organization in the up and coming years."

It has been a pleasure to work with Barbara as the Vice President and as Executive Director. Since Barb has gotten involved with the ABC she has taken the ABC up several levels. Barbara thank you for everything you have done for the ABC.

Now I call for nominations to elect a new board. Positions open are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations will be accepted until June 15, 2010. All members will be able to cast their vote via the ABC website. Please send nominations to Cindy Buckley at admin@bladderexstrophy.com.

I look forward some new faces to the ABC.

Sincerely,

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