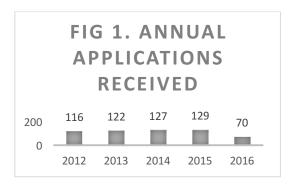
ABCN President's Report to AACN Membership

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- Migration of the ABCN Written Exam. The written examination has now been migrated to the PSI Premier Testing Center Network. We did have to delay the start of the first testing window as the migration took longer than anticipated. We are now about to enter the second exam window and are not anticipating any problems.
- 2) Our budgets are healthy year-to-date. We have modest surpluses on our Operations and Pediatric Subspecialty Budgets, and a more substantial surplus on our Written Examination Budget. These surpluses will be used to cover the cost of developing and deploying two new written exams in 2017, when we will also retire the two existing exams that are current rotation. By the end of 2017, we anticipate to just be breaking even with no surplus, once new exam expenses have been covered.
- 3) New applications continue to grow year over year (see Fig 1). Year-to-date, we are already more than halfway to last year, when we received our highest number of applications in 4 years. We expect 2016 to exceed 2015 in total applications.



- 4) **Maintenance of Certification (MOC).** ABBP Specialists can now apply for MOC once they become eligible based on the date they received certification. The ABCN opt-in rate is at about 60%, the highest opt-in percentage of any of the ABPP boards. Our specialty continues to be a stand-out in its commitment to rigorous certification standards.
- 5) **Diversity Initiative.** We have continued our efforts to better understand factors related to board certification for our colleagues in Puerto Rico. Dr. Marc Norman is spearheading the effort, with input from the Hispanic Neuropsychological Society. Our goal is to better understand our colleagues' perspectives on neuropsychology in Puerto Rico, including training opportunities, supervision, the boarding process and possible barriers, and whatever else they feel it would be

helpful for us to know. This would be the first step in improving our outreach and potentially developing modified credentialing criteria similar to those developed for Canadian candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

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