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### **ABTC Announces Inaugural Board of Governors President Emeritus**

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan.** (March 29, 2021) – The American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC) announces Rob Teaster, MBA, RN, CPTC as its inaugural President Emeritus. This new position on ABTC’s Board of Governors was approved during its November 2020 meeting and Rob was unanimously voted in during the Board’s March 2021 meeting. The President Emeritus designation is considered one of honor and distinction; and recognizes a Board member who has provided outstanding service to the organization. As President Emeritus, Mr. Teaster will serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Committee of the Board and it’s Executive Director. Throughout Rob’s tenure on the Board, he has made significant contributions to the advancement of ABTC’s mission and vision, strategically propelling ABTC into the future. We are excited for him to continue to represent ABTC in this new role.

Mr. Teaster is currently serving at UVA Health as the Transplant Service Line and Digestive Health Administrator; his tenure at UVA has also included the leadership oversight of Surgical Services- the associated Critical care/Intermediate care/Acute care units; Trauma Program, Hyperbaric Treatment Center, Inpatient and Outpatient Endoscopy Units, as well as the Emergency Department.

“I am honored to have Emeritus status conferred upon me by the Board and I feel greatly privileged to continue my service in such an esteemed role. I truly believe ABTC has elevated the donation and transplantation practice through certification and afforded our practitioners the opportunity to distinguish themselves in our field. Keeping in alignment with this rapidly advancing industry, we look forward to expanding our transplant certification offerings in the very near future.”

On behalf of ABTC, I am proud to welcome Mr. Teaster to the role of President Emeritus and can’t imagine a more suited individual than he as our inaugural Emeritus member. Rob exemplifies all which ABTC represents. I am excited to see how he uses his wealth of donation and transplant experience in this new role to help further our focus on offering more certification options for the donation and transplant professional. -Sheila Alston, ABTC President, Gift of Life Michigan.

#### **About ABTC**

Since 1988, American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC) has promoted excellence in organ transplantation through specialty certification. As the only accredited certifying body for organ donation and transplant professionals, ABTC establishes education and competency standards while promoting continued professional growth. ABTC is an

independently incorporated, not for profit organization managed by a volunteer governing board, a group of fully certified organ donation and transplantation professionals who strongly believe all patients deserve safe, high quality care. With experts at the helm and a mission driven by the importance of lifelong learning, ABTC certification is a mark of true excellence in organ donation and transplantation. Learn more at [abtc.net](http://abtc.net).

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