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University of Pittsburgh Nursing Associate Professor Elected to Board of Directors of Leading National Nursing Association

WASHINGTON, D.C.– The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) today announced that Susan Albrecht, Associate Professor of Maternal-Child Health Nursing and Associate Dean for Student/Alumni Services and Development of the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, has been elected to serve on the 2007 AWHONN Board of Directors.

Albrecht has served on the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh for 30 years and is also a staff nurse in the Emergency Department of the South Hills Health System in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania.

"I have been an AWHONN member for more than a decade and have had the privilege of working on numerous AWHONN projects," said Albrecht. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Board and with the AWHONN staff to continue our proud history of improving the health of women and newborns."

Albrecht serves on the Board of Directors for the American Academy of Pediatrics Cleaner Air for Healthy Children and on the Governing Board for the University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development Early Head Start/Family Foundations. She also chairs the American Academy of Nursing, Adolescent and Young Adult Expert Panel.

"Susan has already assumed several leadership roles with AWHONN, including chairing advisory panels and serving as team leader on our smoking cessation project," said AWHONN Executive Director Karen Peddicord. "We are delighted that she is bringing her dedication, her expertise and her passion to our Board of Directors."

Albrecht holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, a Masters in Maternity Nursing, and PhD in Curriculum and Supervision from the University of Pittsburgh. She also received a Master of Public Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University.

A leader among the nation's nursing associations, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) serves and represents more than 22,000 health care professionals in the U.S., Canada and abroad. AWHONN members are committed to delivering superior health care to women and newborns in hospitals, in

home health and ambulatory care settings. AWHONN members' rich diversity of skills and experience make AWHONN the voice for women's health and neonatal nursing. AWHONN received a 2005 Associations Advance America Award from the American Society of Association Executives for Promoting Health Among Hispanic Women through Toda Mujer, a Spanish language publication distributed free of charge to over 500,000 women through their nurses.

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