Mission Statement

The mission of the IBSC is to improve the quality of the care delivered by paramedics and other healthcare professionals functioning in a specialty environment by measuring and validating their knowledge and skills. This is accomplished by providing a family of specialty certification exams that are an objective, fair, and honest validation of a unique domain of knowledge.

By offering the only specialty examination process of its kind, the IBSC offers validation of the best practices in care and creates a de facto National and International standard for critical care transport, flight, tactical and community paramedic professionals.
A Message from the Chairman

I would like to sincerely thank the volunteer board of directors, all of the subject matter experts, the item writers and the staff for their dedication to IBSC examination portfolio and the work that goes into it. None of this would be possible without the tireless commitment and “knowledge, experience and excellence” that they bring to the table. I am proud to lead this Board.

To borrow a sports analogy, 2019 was a building year. Two-thousand and seventeen and 2018 were busy years with a lot of work that was designed to position us with an eye on the future. Last year we received NCCA accreditation and switched psychometric and testing vendors to Prometric, so this year was focused on new processes, policy and procedure updates and ensuring we continued to provide full attention to our candidates and certificants.

One of the major accomplishments of 2019 was the establishment of mobile testing. The new partnership with Prometric allowed us to launch our first mobile exam delivery with the College of Remote and Offshore Medicine (CoROM) in Malta. Focused on a long-term solution to reducing the number of on-site paper/pencil testing events, CoROM was a prime candidate to be the first testing site under a model that would evolve to become IBSC-MED. IBSC-MED is 15 laptops that we will bring to on-site testing events allowing for greater security and instant scoring identical to Prometric CBT testing. We will roll-out IBSC-MED completely in 2020. Another project has been our work with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). We are working collaboratively in an attempt to reimagine the way that paramedic continuing education is submitted, counted and audited. We know that much of the CEUs submitted for both NRP and any of our paramedic level exams are double counted, so we are developing a process to make it easier and more logical for certificants to recertify their IBSC and their NREMT credentials together. I am deeply convinced that partnerships like the two examples above will create significant additional value for our candidates and certificants while ensuring public protection.

Next year is the twentieth anniversary of the BCCTPC/IBSC and we plan to celebrate that success all year long. I am proud of what we have accomplished so far and look forward to what we will accomplish in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Graham Pierce, Chairman
Board of Directors & Staff

The International Board of Specialty Certification’s Board of Directors is composed of volunteers that bring a wide swath of expertise to the IBSC. The Board of Directors and the staff have worked very hard this year to bring about many of the changes and improvements that make our credentialing exams the gold standard for specialty paramedic credentialing.

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The Board and Liaisons embody the best that the EMS, critical care transport, community paramedicine and tactical medicine has to offer and bring an enormous pool of talent, expertise and energy to the table. The liaisons represent their sponsor organizations with the goal of improving transparency of IBSC activities and to increase their participation in certification activities.
2019 STANDING COMMITTEES

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Todd Vreeland

Exam Construction Committee
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Continuing Education Review Committee
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EXAM SECTIONS

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Robert Donovan: Physician Advisor
Jordan Owen: IAFCCP liaison
Cory Oaks: FP-C at large
David Cooley: CCP-C at large
John Clark: IBSC Board resource

Tactical Medicine
Andy Pennardt: Physician Advisor
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Vacant: NAEMT liaison
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Eric Anderson: Community Paramedic at large
Desiree Partain: CP Manager at Large
David Bump: IBSC Staff resource

Safety
Donna York Clark: AAMS/SMTA liaison
Colin Henry: Safety SME
Johnny Delgado: Safety SME
John Clark: IBSC Staff resource
**Activities**

The Board participated in the following community events in 2019.

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** = exam administration
CONTINUING PARTNERSHIPS

- AAMS – Association of Air Medical Services
- CPAR – Community Paramedicine Association & Registry
- EMS World & EMS World EXPO
- IAFCCP – International Association of Flight & Critical Care Paramedics
- IRCP – International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine
- NAEMT – National Association of EMT’s
- NEMSMA – National EMS Managers Association
- PAC – Paramedic Association of Canada
- PCC – Paramedic Chiefs of Canada
- THF – The Tim Hynes Foundation

2019 SPONSORSHIPS

- AAMS Community Awards - Critical Care Ground Award of Excellence Sponsor
  Demonstrating our commitment to the critical care transport community the IBSC is the sole sponsor of the AAMS Critical Care Ground Award of Excellence. This award recognizes an individual or team that has made an outstanding contribution to a critical care ground transport.
  Robert Nolan from EagleMed 797 in Great Bend, KS was the 2019 recipient of the AAMS Critical Care Ground Award of Excellence. This is the fourth year that the IBSC has sponsored this award. See entire video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awlKTCiqX1A

- AMTC- Air Medical Transport Conference Clinical Core Track Sponsor
  A continuing sponsor at AMTC, we again offered financial support to AMTC to ensure quality educational offering were possible in the clinical core track

- PACE – Paramedic Association of Canada Expo Paramedic Simulation Competition Co-Sponsor
  This was the first year that we co-sponsored the PACE Competition. Teams from across Canada displayed their skill, teamwork and compassion necessary to assess and treat a high-fidelity simulation patient in potentially dynamic scenarios and measure their ability to effectively communicate and integrate their practice while dealing with real-life stressors.
The Numbers

Pass/Fail Percentages: 2019

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197 Certificants lapsed, died or retired

Cut score: 2018

- CCP-C - 88/125
- CP-C - 93/125
- FP-C - 88/125
- TP-C - 88/125
- TR-C - 70/100

Approved Review Courses

100 education providers offer IBSC Approved Review Courses for the purpose of recertification. See them all here: [https://www.ibscertifications.org/recert/courses](https://www.ibscertifications.org/recert/courses)

15 states using IBSC exams

- Alabama
- California
- Colorado
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming
The International Board of Specialty Certification is an organized and functional specialty board that has a mission to support all specialties in paramedicine everywhere in the world. Medical professionals, employers and the public understand that paramedics holding a specialty certification have additional knowledge beyond that of an entry-level paramedic. Rather than every State or local Region creating a unique and disparate scheme to address practice in specialty areas, the IBSC is the preferred single standardized approach to competency validation that relies on a single, independent, profession-based and collaborative Board from the paramedic community. This approach serves to ensure public protection while advancing the quality of care provided by paramedics and their status amongst their healthcare colleagues. For example, the Commission for Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS) require paramedics to have a FP-C or CCP-C credential. Certification is one of the key benchmarks for measuring quality. Valid certification is key to assuring the public that the specialty paramedic is competent and current.