



difficult questions that must be tackled if public safety is to remain at the forefront of care both in the U.S. and around the world. Carmen dedicated his professional life not only to NABP but also to the wider community of health practitioners and for-patient-centered teams.

Significantly, he has been an enduring ally to NCSBN for many decades and across a range of issues. It is for that reason that Carmen joins an exclusive group of honorees who have been given the Founders Award.

- [Carmen] Good afternoon, NCSBN board of directors, staff, and members. My special thanks to the NCSBN board of directors, the staff, and individuals responsible for bestowing on me this prestigious and meaningful award. I was fortunate to know and work with NCSBN's first executive director, Eileen Dvorak, and every NCSBN executive director since up to and including NCSBN's present-day CEO, David Benton.

What a pleasure and incredible learning experience those relationships, collaborations, and friendships have been to me. Dr. Dvorak, when reflecting on the founding of NCSBN, noted that an important part of that future are the relationships the national council develops with other organizations.

That statement aptly describes how I personally and NABP as an organization were able to work with and grow together with the NCSBN. It was an impetus to the founding of the tripartite collaboration between NCSBN, the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), and NABP.

I sorely miss my interactions with the NCSBN and the talented and dedicated leadership of the NCSBN board of directors and staff with whom I've had the pleasure of interacting with on a regular basis. Individuals such as Lori, and Cathy, and Philis, and Gloria, Vera, Joyce, Julie, and so many others.

And of course, David. Since NCSBN's founding in June of 1978, the organization has grown under the steady leadership of the board of directors, staff, and watchful eyes of its dedicated members. What was