

Governance Committee

The Governance Committee presented to the Board for approval a Board Charter, Terms of Reference for the NANB Governance and Executive Committee, and role descriptions. This Committee continues to meet on a regular basis.

Board Election Results

The 2018 Election in regions 1, 3, 5 & 7 welcomes four new directors for a two-year mandate beginning September 1st, 2018. The successful candidates were: Joseph Gallant, RN; Nathan Wickett, RN; Laura Gould, NP; and Debbie Walls, RN.

The Board would like to thank all nurses for presenting themselves as candidates in this year's election and thank all outgoing directors for their contribution to the work of the Association.

CNA Membership Changes

Since its beginnings in 1908, CNA has been the national professional voice of registered nurses, which includes nurse practitioners. However, on June 18, 2018, voting delegates at CNA's annual meeting of members voted overwhelmingly in favour of expanding CNA's membership to include licensed practical nurses (known as registered practical nurses in Ontario) and registered psychiatric nurses (regulated in the four western provinces and Yukon). Read more at www.cna-aiic.ca/en/membership/lpnrpn.

Committee Recruitment Process

The Board approved a new recruitment strategy for committee members using targeted communications both email and social media to attract both nurses and public volunteers to sit on standing committees.

New! Entry-to-Practice Requirement

The Board of Directors approved launching a new education module as entry-to-practice (ETP) requirement for nursing graduates in the Spring of 2019. The module focuses on jurisprudence (laws which apply to nursing practice). Requirement for education/testing on jurisprudence in nursing is a standard entry to practice component used in provinces and territories across Canada.

Need to Know Files

NANB's work is focusing on developing tools/resources to assist nurses in understanding and maintaining competency as relates to legalization of cannabis, and provincial response/management of the opioid crisis. Nurses are encouraged to review information on the NANB website, in future editions of the E-bulletin, and *Info Nursing*.