



BOARDROOM NOTES

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The Board of Directors met on June 1st and 2nd, 2009 at NANB Headquarters in Fredericton.

Healthy Public Policy

Following the screening of the video, 'Lawn and Garden Pesticides: Reducing Harm' provided by the Canadian Association for Physicians of the Environment (CAPE) and a teleconference with Gideon Foreman, Executive Director of CAPE, who answered questions and further discussed the issue of cosmetic pesticide use; the Board unanimously supported urging the provincial government to legislate a ban on the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides. The association's press release can be viewed on our web site.

A formal announcement of this decision by the President was delivered to members during the AGM & Conference.

Ends Review

The Board reviewed strategic ends and confirmed the Association's *Vision, Mission* and *Board Ends / Goals*. NANB staff will integrate the newly identified strategic directions into current ends for the Board's consideration this fall.

Executive Committee Appointments

The Board appointed two region directors and one public director to its Executive Committee for a one-year term, effective September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 and are as follows:

Ruth Alexander RN,

Director – Region 2

Rose-Marie Chiasson-Goupil RN,

Director -Region 6

Robert Stewart,

Public Director

Policy Review & Monitoring

The Board reviewed policies and approved monitoring reports related to:

- *Governance Process*
- *Executive Limitations*
- *Board-Executive Director Relationship*

Public Director Nominations

The Board of Directors is composed of 12 members, three of whom are members of the public. The role of the public director is to provide the Board with a public, non-nursing, consumer perspective on issues as they relate to nursing and health care in New Brunswick.

The term of one public director, Robert Stewart, will expire August 31, 2009. This public director position is appointed by the Minister of Health from a list of candidates submitted by the NANB. The appointment is for a two year term effective September 1, 2009.

Board members approved the following four nominees for the Minister's consideration: Robert Stewart, Miramichi; John (Jack) MacKay, Bathurst; Normand Clavet, Edmundston and Roland Losier, Moncton.

2009 Elections

Elections were held for the President-Elect and Director positions – Regions 2, 4 & 6. A total of 2,188 votes for the President-Elect position were cast, representing approximately 30 per cent of all registered members. Election results were announced during the 2009 Annual Meeting. Terms of office for these newly elected Directors are effective September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2011, inclusive.

Congratulations and thank you to all candidates. Candidates are listed below:

President-Elect: Darline Cogswell, France Marquis (elected) and Bonnie Matchett

Directors:

Region 2 - Ruth Alexander RN (acclaimed)

Region 4 - Noëlline Lebel (acclaimed)

Region 6 - Marius Chiasson (acclaimed)

Committee Appointments

The Board approved the following appointments to NANB Committees:

Education Committee:

Cynthia Roy Legacy, RN (new)
 Patricia Seaman, RN (new)
 Mary Lue Springer, RN (new)
 Suzanne Harrison, RN (re-appointment)
 Sherry Williston, RN (re-appointment)

Complaints Committee:

Marise Auffrey, RN Chair (new)
 Alice Firth, RN (new)
 Sylvie Friolet, RN (new)
 Carol Ann Thériault, RN (new)
 Édouard Allain, Public Member (re-appointment)
 Brian Stewart, Public Member (new)

Discipline / Review Committee:

Claire Cyr, RN (new)
 Mariette D'Amboise, RN (new)
 Shirley Bellevance, RN (re-appointment)
 Sharon Smith O'Kana, RN (re-appointment)
 Nancy Waite, RN (re-appointment)
 Louisel Pelletier-Robichaud, Public Member (re-appointment)
 Wayne Trail, Public Member (re-appointment)
 Solange Haché, Public Member (new)

Nursing Program Review/Approval

The Nursing Advisory Committee proposed two review teams of two candidates each to serve on the University of New Brunswick (UNB) and the Université de Moncton (UdeM) Nurse Practitioner Approval Teams. They are as follows:

- Dr. Ruth Martin-Misener, team leader & Dr. Shirley Hiebert (UNB). Dr. Faith Donald, alternate team member.
- Dr. Kimberley Lamarche, team leader & M. Roger Pilon (UdeM). Ms. Suzanne Lebeau, alternate team member.

NANB Document Review/Approval

The Board approved the following:

New Document(s)

- *Medication Standards*

This document was created to support RN practice. The new document emphasizes the main principles nurses need to ensure safe medication administration.

Revised NANB Document(s):

- *Working Together: a framework for the Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse*

Revised NANB position statement(s):

- *Employment of Student Nurses*

The Board also approved the removal of two position statements: *School Health* and *Nursing Workload Measurement*.

*All documents / position statements referenced above are available on the NANB Web site or call toll free 1 800 442-4417.

2009 NANB Awards

The Board accepted recommendations of the 2009 award recipients from the Awards Selection Committee.

Awards were presented during the 2009 Gala Awards Banquet, June 3rd, 2009. Pictured below (left to right) are:

- **Nancy Doiron-Maillet, Fredericton**
Award of Merit: Education
- **Linda LeBlanc, Edmundston**
Award of Merit: Administration
- **France Martin, St. Basile**
Entry-level Nurse Achievement
- **Jeanne Breau, Miramichi**
Excellence in Clinical Practice
- **Sylvie Robichaud-Ekstrand, Moncton**
Award of Merit: Research
- **Suzanne Cole, Rothesay**
Award of Merit: Nursing Practice





National Nursing Week – May 11- 17, 2009

Nursing – You can't live without it!

Approximately 20 members' submitted written descriptions of this year's theme for the Nurses Week Poster Competition. Excerpts from all entries were taken and designed to appear in the 2009 Nursing Week Poster which was distributed across the province to the Board, Chapters and stakeholders.

Congratulations to **Katherine Brinson of Moncton**, NANB's Grand Prize Winner, and thank you to all members who contributed to this successful initiative.

93rd Annual General Meeting & Conference

The 93rd Annual General Meeting & Conference Day occurred on June 3rd & 4th, 2009 at the Delta Hotel, Fredericton. Approximately 200 RNs were in attendance over the two days of meetings. An overview of the Auditor's Report and highlights of activities current and future were presented as well as the outcome of NANB's strategic plan.

For interested members, the 2008 Annual Report including the 2008 Auditor's Report is available on the NANB Web site under Publications/Info Nursing (www.nanb.nb.ca).

Monitoring Ends

The Board approved monitoring reports for both the Executive Limitations and Governance Process Policies.

Next Board

The October Board of Directors meeting will be held at the NANB Headquarters on October 14, 15 and 16, 2009.

2008-2009 NANB Board of Directors

President – Monique Cormier- Daigle RN
 President-Elect - Martha Vickers RN
 Director, Region 1 – Mariette Duke RN
 Director, Region 2 – Ruth Alexander RN
 Director, Region 3 – Darline Cogswell RN
 Director, Region 4 – Linda LeBlanc RN
 Director, Region 5 – Margaret Corrigan RN
 Director, Region 6 – Rose-Marie Chiasson-Goupil RN
 Director, Region 7 – Deborah Walls RN
 Public Director – Robert Stewart
 Public Director- Robert Thériault
 Public Director – Aline Saintonge