

BOARDROOM NOTES

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The Board of Directors met on October 14, 15 & 16, 2009 at NANB Headquarters in Fredericton.

The meeting commenced with an afternoon orientation session welcoming a new president-elect, three directors and one public director effective September 1, 2009 through to September 1, 2011. A Director's liability presentation was delivered by Fred McElman, NANB legal counsel. The following are newly appointed directors:

France Marquis RN, President-Elect
Ruth Alexander RN, Director-Region 2
Noëlline Lebel RN, Director-Region 4
Marius Chiasson RN, Director-Region 6
Roland Losier – Public Director



Healthy Public Policy

Stéphane Robichaud, CEO, NB Health Council delivered an overview of the Health Council and provided a report on the New Brunswick Health System.

A study conducted by the UNB Faculty of Nursing indicating priority themes for the Canadian Healthcare System and the increasing demands placed on emergency departments was presented by Marilyn J. Hodgins, RN PhD, Associate Professor.

A financial update was provided by NANB investment advisor Larry Sheppard, RBC Dominion Securities.

Canadian Nurses Foundation (CNF) Nursing 4.0

CNF launched a four-year drive to raise four million dollars during the 2009 National Nurses Week. The Board approved NANB's contribution of \$36,000 to meet the goal of NB RN's.

The New Brunswick Nurse Practitioner Initiative

A report on the future direction for Nurse Practitioners within the NB healthcare system was accepted by the Board. Recommendations included sustaining the current primary health care regulatory framework.

Policy Review & Monitoring

The Board reviewed and approved the 2009-10 Board Planning Cycle, as well as policies and monitoring reports related to:

- Governance Process
- Executive Limitations

Board of Directors & Committee Nominations

Board members approved the appointment of Aline Saintonge as Public Director to the Executive Committee for a one-year term effective immediately through to August 31, 2010.

The Board established an Ad Hoc Committee, established to review the process by which NANB public directors are solicited. Members appointed are:

France Marquis RN, Chair
Marius Chiasson RN, Region Director 6
Robert Theriault, Public Director

Ruth Riordon RN, Carleton Victoria Chapter was appointed Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the NANB 2010 Elections.

Denise Tardif RN was appointed Chief Scrutineer for the NANB 2010 Election and Annual Meeting by the Board.

NP Therapeutics Committee

The Board approved the Therapeutics Committee's recommendations for amendments to the ordering schedules concerning the *Rules Respecting Nurse Practitioners*- Additions to Schedule 'B' & Additions to Schedule 'D'. Once approved, the schedules will be circulated to stakeholders and posted on the NANB web site.

NANB Document Review/Approval

The Board approved the following:

New Document(s)

- *Guideline: Working with Unregulated Care Providers*

The practice guideline on *Working with Unregulated Care Provider* outlines the responsibilities and accountabilities of registered nurses in relation to assigning or delegating tasks to unregulated care providers (UCPs).

- *Guideline: Infection Prevention and Control*

The purpose of the *Infection Prevention and Control* practice guideline is to outline the responsibilities and accountabilities of registered nurses when dealing with infection control and prevention practices in the workplace.

The Board also approved the retirement of one document and two position statements: *Career Planning for Nurses; 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.

Staff Recognition Ceremony

The Board of Directors recognized Marie-Claude Geddry-Rautio, Bookkeeper for ten years of service to the Association.

Next Board

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at the NANB Headquarters on February 17 & 18, 2010. Observers are welcome at all Board of Directors meetings, please contact Paulette Poirier, Corporate Secretary at ppoirier@nanb.nb.ca or by calling (506)458-2866.



2009-2010 NANB Board of Directors

President – Martha Vickers
 President-Elect – France Marquis
 Director, Region 1 – Mariette Duke
 Director, Region 2 – Ruth Alexander
 Director, Region 3 – Darline Cogswell
 Director, Region 4 – Noëlline Lebel
 Director, Region 5 – Margaret Corrigan
 Director, Region 6 – Marius Chiasson
 Director, Region 7 – Deborah Walls
 Public Director – Aline Saintonge
 Public Director- Robert Thériault
 Public Director – Roland Losier