

BOARDROOM NOTES

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The Board of Directors met on February 17 & 18, 2010 at NANB Headquarters in Fredericton.

Healthy Public Policy

The Board of Directors was provided with an update concerning recommendations from the New Brunswick Poverty Reduction Plan Co-chair, **Gerry Pond**. The plan follows an extensive public consultation. *Overcoming Poverty Together*, the consensus report from the consultation and analysis is available at <http://www.gnb.ca/0017/Promos/0001/pdf/Plan-e.pdf>. The board will use this report to support its work in advancing health public policy in New Brunswick.

The Deputy Minister of Health, **Don Ferguson** accompanied by the newly appointed Chief Nursing Officer and Nursing Resources Advisor, **Mary O'Keefe-Robak** provided the Board of Directors an overview of the challenges and issues New Brunswick is facing in ensuring the *Sustainability of Health Services*.



Pictured left to right: France Marquis, President-Elect; Martha Vickers, President; Mary O'Keefe-Robak, Nursing Resource Advisor; and Don Ferguson, Deputy Minister of Health.

Stakeholder Linkages

The Board of Directors welcomed **Roger Cole**, Director of Finance and Operations, of the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation. Mr. Cole provided an overview of the foundations mandate and vision as well as strategic goals. The foundation is committed to the development of nursing research capacity in New Brunswick and working collaboratively with the NANB and its board to advance this goal.

Policy Review & Monitoring

The Board approved revisions to the Ends (E-2, E-3 and E-4) and reviewed policies related to:

- **Governance Process**
- **Executive Limitations**

Board Elections

The Nominating Committee reported on the nominees for election to the four director positions. Candidate information will be published in this edition of *Info Nursing* and on the NANB web site. Election results will be announced at the June 2rd Annual General Meeting.

Representation

Public Director Vacancies:

NANB Board of Directors requires nominations to fill a vacancy and replace public directors once terms have been completed. Two public Directors are willing to let their names stand for a second term. Four nominees must be submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor in-Council who will select and appoint two new public directors.

The Board also approved recommendations from its Ad Hoc Committee that reviewed the process for the recruitment and replacement of public representatives to amend the current By-law to extend the mandate of an outgoing public member until such time as a replacement is named. This amendment will be forward to the 2011 Annual General meeting for member consideration.

NANB Committee Vacancies:

The NANB Nursing Education Advisory Committee (currently recruiting a nurse educator for UNB Saint John and one recent nurse graduate); Complaints Committee; and the Discipline/Review Committee all require nominations to fill vacancies and replace members completing their terms.

*For further information and to submit nominations for consideration, members can refer to the NANB web site or call toll free 1 800 442-4417.

The Board appointed the following Directors to the NANB Awards Selection Committee:

- Mariette Duke RN, Director – Region 1
- Ruth Alexander RN, Director – Region 2
- Darline Cogswell RN, Director – Region 3
- Margaret Corrigan RN, Director – Region 5

The Board supported the nomination of **Nancy Savage** to the CNA Committee on Nominations.

The Board approved the retirement of NANB's Position Statement: *The Nurse as Discharge Planner*.

Endorsement of CNA position statements:
Nursing Leadership; Financing Canada's Health System; and Determinants of Health

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

Nursing Education Advisory Committee (NEAC)

The Board approved a motion to grant the University of New Brunswick Nurse Practitioner program approval status for three (3) years; to accept the revised 2010 terms of reference; and appoint a nurse refresher approval team consisting of: Dr. Suzanne Harrison and Linda LePage-LeClair.

Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Audit

Results from the first CCP Audit concluded that all members met the necessary requirements for 2009. This CCP Audit will be conducted on an annual basis.

National Nursing Week 2010 – May 10- 16, 2010**Nursing – You can't live without it!**

The Board approved recommendations based on efforts to maximize last year's theme and poster by refreshing the colour, adjusting the date and stylizing the excerpts. The poster will be re-printed and mailed province-wide via workplace representatives, chapters, board and staff.

For a third consecutive year, NANB and ANBLPN will coordinate a declaration signing with the Premier to be published province-wide in the daily newspapers during National Nursing Week.

Finally, the Association will profile National Nurses Week events coordinated by Chapters using our website and the *Virtual Flame* (May 2010).

Finances

The Board reviewed the 2010 budget. Planned expenditures for 2010 are approximately \$3,368,037 with a surplus of \$6,916. This represents a balanced budget in accordance with board policy.

NANB Staff Retirement

The Board of Directors paid tribute to Ruth Rogers, Director of Practice on her retirement after 16 years of service to the Association.



Next Board

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at the NANB Headquarters on June 2nd, 2010 prior to the Annual General Meeting.

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.

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