



BOARDROOM NOTES

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The Board of Directors met on February 16 & 17, 2011 at NANB Headquarters in Fredericton.

Policy Review

The Board reviewed policies related to:

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

Proposed By-Law and Rule Amendment(s)

The Board of Directors approved two by-law amendments relating to: the term of office of public members on the Board and the terms of reference of the Nominating Committee. The proposed amendments will go to membership for approval at the Annual meeting on June 8, 2011.

Rule amendments included: a change in the accepted language proficiency tests and scores and an application fee increase for internationally educated nurses.

Organization Performance: Monitoring

The Board approved monitoring reports for the Executive Limitations.

Healthy Public Policy

The Board of Directors was introduced to the Virtual Learning Community of Stilwell which is an on-line clinical simulation teaching tool to be piloted by the UNB/Humber Nursing program in the spring of 2011 and by UNB Fredericton in the winter of 2012.

Bronwyn Davies, Director and Lyne St-Pierre-Ellis, Acting Associate Deputy Minister, both from the Department of Health delivered a presentation 'Improving Access and Delivery of Primary Health Care Services in New Brunswick on behalf of the Primary Health Care Steering Committee. A discussion paper is expected to be released in March 2011 with a primary health care summit planned for the fall.

Board Elections

The Nominating Committee reported on the nominees for election to the four director positions. Candidate information will be published in Info Nursing and on the NANB web site.

Election results will be announced at the 95th Annual General Meeting, June 8, 2011.

Board of Directors & Committee Appointments

Public Director Vacancies:

The NANB Board of Directors requires nominations to replace public directors once terms have been completed. Three nominees must be submitted to the Minister of Health by March 31, 2011 who will then select and appoint a public director.

NANB Committee Vacancies:

The NANB Nursing Education Advisory Committee (currently recruiting a nurse educator for UdeM and one experienced clinical nurse); 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.

Nurse Practitioner Therapeutic Committee

(NPTC) is composed of six members: two family physicians; two pharmacists; and two nurse practitioners. The Board approved the appointment of Janet MacDonnell, pharmacist to the NPTC.

The Board appointed the following directors to the **NANB Awards Selection Committee:**

- France Marquis RN, President-Elect
- Linda Lepage-LeClair RN, Director – Region 5
- Lucie-Anne Landry RN, Director – Region 1
- Noëlline Lebel RN, Director – Region 4
- Darline Cogswell RN, Director – Region 3

NANB Documents

The Board approved the following documents:

NANB position statement(s):

- *Nurse's Role in Pronouncing Death when Death is Expected*(revised)

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NANB standard(s):

- *Standards for the Therapeutic Nurse-Client Relationship* (revised)

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NANB document(s):

- *The Recognition and Management of Substance Abuse in the Nursing Profession* (revised)

The Board approved the retirement of NANB's Position Statement: *Registered Nurse First Assistant*.

Endorsement of CNA position statements:

Taking Action on Nurse Fatigue; Evidence Informed Decision Making and Nursing Practice; Problematic Substance Use by Nurses.

*All [documents & position statements](#) are available on the NANB web site or call toll free 1 800 442-4417.

Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Audit

Results from the first CCP Audit concluded that all members met the necessary requirements for 2009. This Audit will continue annually. The next CCP Audit will be conducted in the fall of 2011 on the 2010 practice year. A random sample of 2% of RNs and 10% of NPs will be audited.

Long Range Fiscal Plan (2012-2015)

The Board accepted a recommendation from the Long Range Fiscal Plan Committee to bring a resolution for a registration fee increase to the 2011 Annual General Meeting. Members will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on the resolution. The proposed fee reflects a \$100 increase over four (4) years. (2012, \$30; 2013, \$30; 2014, \$20; and 2015, \$20).

Complete details are available on the NANB web site www.nanb.nb.ca.

National Nursing Week 2011 – May 9- 15, 2011

Nursing: the Health of Our Nation

NANB will launch a uniquely NB NNW poster competition February 28th inviting all members and NB nursing students to submit digital images depicting nursing linked to the social determinants of health. Visit NANB's website for details. Posters will be distributed province-wide prior to NNW.

For a fourth consecutive year, NANB 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 2011).

Finances

Reviewed the 2010 Auditor's Report which reflected a **\$169,733** operating surplus. The audited financial statements will be presented at the 2011 Annual General Meeting. The Board reviewed the 2011 budget. Planned expenditures for 2011 are approximately **\$3,556,503** with a deficit of **\$9,710**. This represents a balanced budget in accordance with board policy.

Next Board

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at the NANB Headquarters on the afternoon of June 6th and 7th, 2011 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 call (506)459-2858 / 1 800 442-4417.

2010-2011 NANB Board of Directors

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