



BOARDROOM NOTES

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The Board of Directors met on February 19 & 20, 2014 at NANB Headquarters in Fredericton.

Policy Review

The Board reviewed policies related to:

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

The Board also approved amendment(s) to certain Ends; Governance Process; and Executive Limitation policies.

Organization Performance: Monitoring

The Board approved monitoring reports for the Ends; Executive Limitations; and Governance Process policies.

Board Elections

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominees for election to four director positions. Candidate information will be published in *Info Nursing* and on the NANB website. For the first time, NANB's election will be conducted online and by telephone throughout the last two weeks in April, closing on April 30th. Election results will be posted on the NANB website following the election and the new officers will be presented at the 98th Annual General Meeting, May 29, 2014.

Board of Directors & Committee Vacancies

Public Director Vacancies:

The NANB Board of Directors approved the following nominees for two public director positions to be filled this year. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council will select and appoint two public directors from the nominees provided.

Nominees:

- Fernande Chouinard, Tracadie-Sheila, NB
- Wayne Trail, Moncton, NB
- Pauline Fournier, Petit-Rocher, NB
- Gérald Pelletier, Beresford, NB

NANB Committee Vacancies:

Nominations are required to replace committee members on the Nursing Education Advisory Committee, the Complaints Committee and the Discipline/Review Committee for a two-year term effective September 2014. Nominations must be received at the NANB office by March 31, 2014. The Board approved staff proceeding with recruitment activities.

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

Resolutions Committee:

The Board approved the members of the Resolution Committee including the Chair and Member from NANB Region 2 to serve on the three-member Resolutions Committee for the remainder of the 2012-2014 term. The Committee is as follows:

- Sarah Balcom, RN Chair
- Katherine Hurley, RN
- Bridget Stack, RN

CNA Call for Public Representative

The Board approved the nomination of Carole Dilworth for public representative on the CNA Board of Directors. (Ms. Dilworth has already served a one year term on the CNA Board of Directors as Public Member.)

CNPS Board of Directors

The Board supported the nomination of Monique Cormier-Daigle, RN as NANB's Representative on the CNPS Board. Her 3 year term will begin following the September CNPS Annual Meeting.

CNA & CNPS Fees

The Board approved a Resolution regarding CNA & CNPS fees to be submitted to membership at the 2014 Annual General Meeting. Details are available on page ##. Member's support of this resolution will ensure the portion of the NANB registration fee directed to the NANB is protected and not eroded by increases in CNA and CNPS fees.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Associate Membership

The Board approved NANB's application to the NCSBN for Associate Membership. Applications are considered by the NCSBN Delegate Assembly each year at its annual meeting which will occur in Chicago, IL in August 2014.

Virtual Forum(s)

Summary RN Prescribing

The Board of Directors received a report of outcomes following the virtual forum held November 15, 2013 until December 6, 2013 on the topic of RN prescribing. The forum was designed to open the dialogue with members about this emerging nursing practice. A summary article highlighting findings can be found on page ##.

National Nursing Week

May 12- 18, 2014

Nursing: A leading force for change

NANB will create a unique poster of New Brunswick RNs/NPs using photos received in past NNW competitions and highlighting the national theme: Nursing: A leading force for change. Posters will be circulated to Workplace Representatives, Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, Universities and various stakeholders prior to NNW.

Additionally, the NANB will participate for a sixth consecutive year in a declaration signing of National Nursing Week in New Brunswick with Premier David Alward. An advertisement will be placed in NNW supplements of NB daily newspapers. Additionally, the Christmas message will be edited to include a message regarding NNW and promoted via Global Television as well as Radio Canada.

The President will also deliver a NNW message recorded on YouTube, watch for the link in the NANB's e-bulletin-*The Virtual Flame* and on the NANB website.

Finally, the Association will profile National Nursing Week events coordinated by Chapters via the NANB website as well.

Strategic Planning

The Board entered into an initial strategic planning discussions reflecting on the previous Strategic Plan from 2010-2013. As identified in the Plan, both a public and membership survey was distributed in the fall of 2012 and spring 2013. The member's survey focused on identifying priorities and informing NANB's efforts to enhance RNs & NPs understanding of our regulatory role and their responsibilities as regulated health professionals. Feedback indicated NANB is on the right track and continued efforts to improve awareness of our role, supports and services to nursing practice will remain a focus in the up-coming Strategic Plan.

Provincial Election 2014 Discussion

The Board reviewed previous provincial election priorities NANB's and approved the identified strategy and priorities for the 2014 Provincial Election. Priorities and member's support tools will be introduced during NANB's Invitational Forum on May 29th, 2014. More information is available on page ##.

Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Audit

The 2012 CCP Audit resulted in all but three members meeting the necessary requirements. Education and support to comply with the mandatory CCP requirement was provided to all three individuals. Additional follow-up is required with these members to confirm compliance and continued registration prior to the defined deadline.

The next CCP Audit will be conducted in the fall of 2014 on the 2013 practice year. At that time, a random sample of 5% of all RNs and 10% of NPs will be audited.



NANB Document Review/Approval

The Board approved the following:

New Document & Position Statement(s):

- *The Contribution of Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners to Quality Patient Outcomes*
- *Becoming a Registered Nurse in New Brunswick: Requisite Skills and Abilities*

Revised Document(s):

- *Resolving Professional Practice Problems*

Revised Position Statement(s):

- *Registered Nurses Pronouncing Death*
- *Primary Health Care*

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

Endorsement of the New Brunswick Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health's Position Statement

Given NANB's Ends policy on Healthy Public Policy and the role health professionals and institutions play in promoting healthy lifestyles and choices, the Board has endorsed the New Brunswick Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health's Position Statement *Healthy Food Environments in Healthcare Facilities*.

Finances

The Board reviewed the 2013 Auditor's Report which reflected a **\$\$7,676** cash surplus. In the 2013 fiscal year, there were capital asset purchases of \$81,667 and the Board supported a transfer of \$100,000 to the Capital Fund for current infrastructure enhancements to the building. The audited financial statements will be presented at the 2014 Annual General Meeting. The Board reviewed the 2014 budget. Planned expenditures for 2014 are approximately **\$4,199,690** with a surplus of **\$31,815**. This represents a balanced budget in accordance with board policy.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at the NANB Headquarters on May 27 & 28, 2014.

Observers are welcome at all Board of Directors meetings. Please contact Paulette Poirier, Executive Assistant-Corporate Secretary at ppoirier@nanb.nb.ca or call (506)459-2858 / 1 800 442-4417

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