



BOARDROOM NOTES

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The Board of Directors met on June 1 & 2, 2015 at NANB Headquarters in Fredericton.

Policy Review

The Board reviewed policies related to:

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

Rule Amendments:

- Registered Nurse Re-entry Program:

The Board approved the utilization of the bilingual re-entry program delivered by the Registered Nurse Professional Development Centre (RNPDC), Halifax, NS, for both English and French international and domestic applicants.

- Nurse Registration Examination:

Rule amendments consequential to the adoption of the NCLEX-RN as the registration examination for registered nurses as of January 1, 2015, were approved.

- Nurse Practitioner Registration Examination:

The Board approved Rule amendments which reflect the current NP exam process.

Board Policy EL-7, Compensation and Benefits was amended to more accurately reflect that the policy is intended for NANB employees only.

Organizational Performance: Monitoring

The Board approved monitoring reports for the Executive Limitations; Governance Process; and Board-Executive Director Relationship policies.

Board of Directors & Committee Vacancies

2015 Election:

An election was held for a Director in Region 6, candidates for president-elect and regions 2 & 4 were elected by acclamation.

President-elect: Karen Frenette, RN

Region 2 Director: Jillian Ring, RN

Region 4 Director: Jenny Toussaint, RN

Region 6 Director: Annie Boudreau, RN

Public Director Vacancies:

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, Edward Dubé, will expire August 31, 2015. 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, 2015.

The Board approved the following three nominees:

- Edward Dubé, Edmundston, NB
- Joanne Sonier, Tabusintac, NB
- Rebecca Butler, Fredericton, NB

Executive Committee:

The President and President-Elect are members of the Executive Committee along with two region directors and one public director. The Board appointed the following directors for a one-year term, effective September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 and are as follows:

- Jillian Ring, RN, Director – Region 2
- Amy McLeod, RN, Director – Region 3
- Edward Dubé, Public Director

Nursing Education Advisory Committee

appointments: September 1, 2015- August 31, 2017:

- Nancy Sheehan, experienced clinical nurse, Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Center, Moncton (new)
- Dawn Haddad, staff educator, Miramichi Regional Hospital, Miramichi (re-appointment)
- France Chassé, nurse educator, Université de Moncton, Edmundston (re-appointment)
- Claudia McCloskey, nurse educator, University of New Brunswick, Moncton (re-appointment)

Complaints Committee appointments: September 1, 2015- August 31, 2017

- Michelle Cronin, staff nurse, Bobby's Hope House- hospice, Saint John (re-appointment)
- Solange Arseneau, staff nurse, oncology unit, Centre hospitalier universitaire Dr. Georges- L.- Dumont, Moncton (re-appointment)
- Gail Dupéré, clinical systems coordinator, Campbellton Regional Hospital, Campbellton (re-appointment)
- Edith Tribe, retired health care director, Bathurst (new)
- Albert Martin, retired educator, St-Basile (re-appointment)

Discipline/Review Committee appointments: September 1, 2015- August 31, 2017

- Marlene Sipprell, community health nurse, extra-mural Perth-Andover, Perth-Andover (new)
- Rhonda Reynolds, education coordinator, Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, Douglas (new)
- Line Savoie, community health nurse, St-Joseph Community Health Center, Dalhousie (new)
- Ghislain Ouellet, operating room staff nurse, Edmundston Regional Hospital (new)
- Sharon Benoit, staff nurse, Neguac Community Health Centre and Miramichi TeleNephrology Unit, Tracadie (new)
- Jacqueline Gordon, clinical nurse specialist family medicine, Fredericton (new)
- Edith Peters, retired pharmacist, Moncton, Public Member (new)

NP Program Approval Review Teams

The Board approved the appointment of Laura Johnson NP, MN, DNP(c), University of Manitoba and Janet Luimes NP, MN, University of Saskatchewan as team members for the UNB Nurse Practitioner Program Review Approval Team. Jennifer Wellborn, NP, MN, University of Manitoba was selected as an alternate team member and Laura Johnson will serve as team leader.

The Board approved Roger Pilon, NP, MN, PhD(c) Laurentian University and Julie Miclette, NP, MN, Université du Québec be selected as team members for the Université de Moncton (UdeM) Nurse Practitioner Program Approval Review Team. Alain Scalabrini, NP, MN, University of Ottawa was selected as an alternate team member and Roger Pilon will serve as team leader.

Approval visits will take place in November 2015.

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

NCLEX-RN Results

All Canadian RN regulators with the exception of Quebec began using the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) - NCLEX-RN entry-to-practice exam in January 2015. The first administration of the NCLEX-RN in New Brunswick was held at the PearsonVUE Temporary Test Centre at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fredericton from February 4 to 16, 2015. The majority of students took the exam in Fredericton; however, students can choose to take the exam in any of the PearsonVUE sites across Canada and the United States. The second administration of NCLEX-RN in New Brunswick was held from June 1–July 10, 2015.

Exam results will be reported in the fall when a more statistically significant number of candidates have taken the exam.

2015 NANB Awards

The Board accepted recommendations for the 2015 award recipients from the Awards Selection Committee.

Awards were presented during the 2015 Gala Awards Banquet, June 3rd, 2015 to the following recipients:

- **Shari Watson**, Excellence in Clinical Practice Award
- **Léoline Héту**, Award of Merit: Nursing Practice
- **Lucie-Anne Landry**, Award of Merit: Education
- **Monique Cormier-Daigle**, Award of Merit: Administration
- **Dr. Kathryn Weaver**, Award of Merit: Research
- **Stephanie Baptiste**, Entry-level Nurse Achievement Award

NANB Documents

The Board approved the following:

Revision(s):

- *Consent: Practice Guidelines*
- *Practice Standard: Documentation*
- *Guidelines for NANB Interest Groups*
- *Minding Your Business: A Guide for Establishing an Independent Nursing Practice*

Retired:

- Self-Employed Nurses (Position Statement)

*All documents & position statements are available on the NANB website or call toll free 1-800-442-4417.

Nursing Education Advisory Committee (NEAC)

The Nursing Education Advisory Committee recommended that interim reports from the UNB and UdeM Nurse Practitioner Programs dated February 3, 2015 and February 25, 2015 respectively, be accepted by the Board. The reports provided updates with respect to the recommendations from the previous approval review reports.

Nurse Practitioner Therapeutic Committee

The Board approved recommendations to re-appoint Janet MacDonnell, pharmacist, and Martha Vickers, NP, and to appoint Janet Weber, NP, to the Nurse Practitioner Therapeutics Committee for the term commencing September 1st, 2015 through August 31st, 2017.

Presentation(s)

Chris Hood, Executive Director of the Paramedic Association of New Brunswick, provided an overview of the association and the advanced paramedic role in a presentation titled: *Moving the Profession Forward*

A presentation on a Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Solution for NB Hospitals was given by **Shirley Smallwood, RN, Director of Supply Solutions and Janet MacDonnell, Pharmacist Consultant**, Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Solutions of McKesson Canada.

The Board received a presentation by **Richard Saillant, Canadian Institute for Research on Public Policy and Public Administration** titled: *Canada and New Brunswick in the Age of the Great Demographic Divide*.

Federal Election 2015 – NANB Priorities

The NANB, supports and promotes the CNA's priorities on Seniors and Healthy Aging. A letter was distributed to all 40 party candidates in NB offering the opportunity to meet and discuss health priorities with staff and region Directors. The website is used to profile the party's platforms, provide election information and highlight CNA's priorities.

NANB Staff Recognition

Employment milestones were recognized for Paulette Poirier, Executive Assistant/Corporate Secretary for 25 years; Shelly Rickard, Manager of Corporate Services for 10 years; and Erika Bishop, Administrative Assistant: Registration as well as Lorraine Breau, Regulatory Consultant: Professional Conduct Review for five years of service to the Association.

Next Board

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at the NANB Headquarters on October 15 & 16, 2015.

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.

Board of Directors 2015-2016

President – Brenda Kinney, RN
President-elect – Karen Frenette, RN
Director, Region 1 – Joanne LeBlanc-Chiasson, RN
Director, Region 2 – Jillian Ring, RN
Director, Region 3 – Amy McLeod, RN
Director, Region 4 – Jenny Toussaint, RN
Director, Region 5 – Thérèse Thompson, NP
Director, Region 6 – Annie Boudreau, RN
Director, Region 7 – Lisa Keirstead-Johnson, RN
Public Director – Fernande Chouinard
Public Director- Wayne Trail
Public Director – Edward Dubé