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Regulating Nursing in the Public Interest NANB Welcomes New President-Elect & Three Region Directors

FREDERICTON, September 15, 2009 – Registered nurses of New Brunswick continue to elect strong advocates to represent them on the Board of Directors of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB). Newly elected, France Marquis (Edmundston) assumes the position of President-elect, representing the 8,900 member Association. Joining Mrs. Marquis, Ruth Alexander (Sussex) re-elected Region Director (zone 2), Noëlline Lebel (Edmundston) elected Region Director (zone 4) and Marius Chiasson (Bathurst) elected Region Director (zone 6).

President-elect:

France Marquis obtained a baccalaureate in nursing from the Université de Moncton (UdeM) and a master's in nursing (community health) from the Université de Montréal, in 1979 and 1993 respectively. Marquis is a Professor, Director and Clinical Course Coordinator of Nursing department with Université de Moncton (Edmundston Campus).

Active in professional affairs, Marquis is President of the New Brunswick Nursing Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC); member of the New Brunswick Nursing Education Stakeholders Group (NESG); and member of the NANB Recruitment Committee.

In this role as President-elect, she intends to help guide the future of the nursing profession. "During the years to come, nursing will have to overcome some sizeable challenges, including among others the recruitment and retention to ensure the continued delivery of nursing services as well as maintaining a high standard of care in a changing economic, political and social climate," expressed France Marquis,

President-elect of NANB. "We will also have to work together, across the entire healthcare field to establish a better quality of life in all work places and to ensure that patients continue to receive safe, competent and ethical nursing care in a health system in constant flux."

Region Directors appointed to the Board:

Ruth Alexander was re-elected for a second term Region Director (zone 2). Alexander graduated from the Saint John School of Nursing (1984) and later received a baccalaureate of nursing from Athabasca University in 2005. Alexander is employed as a full-time Nurse in the Emergency Department at the Sussex Regional Hospital.

Noëlline Lebel was elected Region Director (zone 4). Lebel graduated from Edmundston School of Nursing (1978) and later received a baccalaureate of nursing (1983) and a master's in nursing (2007) from the Université de Moncton. Lebel is employed as Manager, Patient Quality & Security Services, Zone 4 and has worked as a clinical instructor at the, Université de Moncton (Edmundston Campus).

Marius Chiasson was elected Region Director (zone 6). Chiasson graduated from Rimouski CEGEP in 1988 and is currently pursuing a bachelor of nursing from the Université de Moncton. Chiasson is employed as a full-time Nurse at the Chaleur Regional Hospital in Bathurst.

All appointments are effective for a two-year term beginning September 2009 through to September 2011.

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