



BOARDROOM NOTES

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The Board of Directors met on October 15, 16 & 17, 2008 at NANB Headquarters in Fredericton.

The meeting commenced with an afternoon orientation session welcoming five new directors effective September 1, 2008 through to September 1, 2010. The following are newly appointed directors:

Mariette Duke RN, Director – Region 1
Darline Cogswell RN, Director – Region 3
Margaret Corrigan RN, Director – Region 5
Deborah Walls RN, Director – Region 7
Robert Thériault, Public Director

Linkages with Stakeholders

A briefing occurred with the Provincial Mental Health Strategy Task Force, Judge Michael McKee, Chair, Joy Bacon and Bernard Paulin. The Board provided input to assist in drafting a report on mental health programs due to the Minister of Health in February 2009.

Clinicians are shaping New Brunswick's electronic health record system. Colleen Benson, Project Director with the Department of Health provided an update on the progress of One Patient One Record project in NB.

A financial update was provided by NANB investment advisor Larry Sheppard, RBC Dominion Securities.

Ruth Rogers, Director of Practice provided the Board an update on the revision of the joint NANB/ANBLPN document *Working Together: A Framework for RNs and LPN's*, as well as the development of the NANB *Medication Standards* document.

Strategic Planning Process

NANB will embark on a strategic planning process with support from Anne Marie Atkinson, RN. An overview of the planning process and key events will be posted on the NANB web site. The Strategic Plan will be presented to members during the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Policy Review

The Board reviewed and approved the 2008-09 Board Planning Cycle, as well as the following policies:

- *Governance Process*
- *Governance Style*
- *Board Job Contributions*
- *General Executive Constraint*
- *Treatment of Staff*
- *Financial Planning*

Policy Monitoring

The Board approved monitoring reports for the following policies:

- *Executive Limitations*
- *Governance Process Policies*

Nominations

Board members approved the appointment of Deborah Marks RN, Sussex Chapter as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for the NANB 2009 Elections.

Denise Tardif RN was appointed Chief Scrutineer for the NANB 2009 Election and Annual Meeting by the Board.

Nancy McKay, Consultant, Management Dimensions Inc., Bathurst was supported by the Board for submission as a CNA Public Representative nominee.

NP Therapeutics Committee

The Board approved the Therapeutics Committee's recommendations for changes to the ordering schedules concerning the *Rules Respecting Nurse Practitioners*. The recommendation has been sent to the Minister of Health for his approval. Once approved, the schedules will be circulated to stakeholders and posted on the NANB web site.

Federal Election 2008

The Board received an overview of election activities which included a description of the package circulated to all candidates and an update from the various scheduled meetings around the province.

The Association will conduct strategic follow-up meetings with various MPs over the coming months to pursue our priorities and build a relationship with members of parliament ensuring our interests remain a priority of the federal government.

Next Board

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at the NANB Headquarters on February 17, 18 & 19, 2009.

Staff Recognition Ceremony

The Board of Directors recognized five NANB staff who collectively have dedicated over 70 years of service including:

- Stacey Vail, Administrative Assistant celebrating ten years with the Association.
- Roxanne Tarjan, Executive Director celebrating ten years with the Association.
- Jacinthe Landry, Executive Assistant celebrating 15 years with the Association.
- Ruth Rogers, Director of Practice celebrating 15 years with the Association.
- Lynda Finley, Director of Corporate & Regulatory Services celebrating 20 years with the Association.



2008-2009 NANB Board of Directors

President – Monique Cormier-Daigle
 President-Elect - Martha Vickers
 Director, Region 1 – Mariette Duke
 Director, Region 2 – Ruth Alexander
 Director, Region 3 – Darline Cogswell
 Director, Region 4 – Linda LeBlanc
 Director, Region 5 – Margaret Corrigan
 Director, Region 6 – Rose-Marie Chiasson-Goupil
 Director, Region 7 – Deborah Walls
 Public Director – Robert Stewart
 Public Director- Robert Thériault
 Public Director – Vacant / awaiting appointment

