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NANB Welcomes New President-Elect and Region Directors

FREDERICTON, October 13, 2011 – 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, Darline Cogswell (Rusagonis) assumes the position of President-Elect, representing the 8,900 member Association. Joining Mrs. Cogswell are: Terry Lynne King, RN (Saint John) incoming Region Director (zone 2); Noëlline LeBel, RN (Edmundston) returning Region Director (zone 4); and Marius Chiasson, RN (Bathurst) representing Region Director (zone 6). Dawn Torpe, RN (Oromocto) will complete the term vacated by Darline Cogswell as Region Director (zone 3).

President-Elect:

Darline Cogswell, RN graduated from the AJ McMaster School of Nursing (1977) and later received a baccalaureate of nursing from the University of New Brunswick (1992) as well as CNA Certification in Emergency Nursing (1995). Cogswell is currently employed as Facility and Emergency Manager at the Oromocto Hospital.

Active in professional affairs, Cogswell is President of NANB Nurse Manager Interest Group, former Chair of the Oromocto NB Cancer Society Relay for Life, former Chair of NB Telecare Advisory Committee, longtime NANB Board of Director (zone 3) and York Chapter President as well as, past member of the Executive Committee of the New Brunswick Nurses Union.

As President-Elect, Cogswell hopes to influence healthy public policy by continuing to set high standards for nursing practice. "New Brunswick's health care system faces significant challenges, challenges that require transformational change nurses' can be the strong force in shaping these changes," says Darline Cogswell, President-Elect of NANB.

Re-elected and Term Region Directors:

Terry-Lynne King, RN was elected Region Director (zone 2). King graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing from University of New Brunswick, Saint John (2000) and Healthcare Management Degree from McMaster University (2003). King most recently received a Diploma Teaching Certificate from the University of New Brunswick in 2006. King is employed as a Staff Nurse, UNB Student Health Clinic and part-time educator with the faculty of Nursing, UNBSJ.

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Noëlline Le Bel, RN was re-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 the Director, Nursing Professional Practice (zone 4) and has worked as a clinical instructor at the, Université de Moncton (Edmundston Campus).

Marius Chiasson, RN was re-elected Region Director (zone 6). Chiasson graduated from Rimouski CEGEP (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.

Dawn Torpe, RN was appointed by the Board of Directors to complete the one-year term vacated by Darline Cogswell as Region Director (zone 3). Torpe received a Nursing Diploma from Vanier CEGEP (1981) and later received a baccalaureate of nursing (1988) and a master's in nursing (2005) from the University of New Brunswick. Torpe is employed as a Director of Nursing Professional Practice (zone 3).

Appointments are effective for a two-year term beginning September 2011 to August 2013. The Board of Director's are meeting today through Friday October 14th at NANB headquarters in Fredericton.

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