



# BOARDROOM NOTES

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The Board of Directors met on February 20 & 21, 2013 at NANB Headquarters in Fredericton.

## Policy Review

The Board reviewed policies related to:

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

## New and Amended Policies and Rules:

The Board of Directors approved amendments relating to: GP-8, Code of Conduct; EL-10, Public Image; BE-5, Monitoring Executive Performance; as well as Rules related to Criminal Record Check.

## Proposed By-law Amendment Resolutions:

The Board of Directors approved three resolutions to amend the By-laws that will be presented at the Annual General Meeting including: electronic voting; registration year end; and alternate complaint resolution process.

## Organizational Performance: Monitoring

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

## NANB/NBNU Executive Meeting

A collaborative and very informative meeting occurred February 19 at NANB headquarters to provide an update on issues such as: existing contract negotiations; the pension plan review; skill mix; a job analysis questionnaire; CNA's position on flu vaccine; as well as share information on NANB's online renewal; virtual forum; e-learning modules; webinars; upcoming invitational forum; and the NCLEX exam developments.

The Board accepted the report: **Health Disciplines Legislation in Canada: Implications for the Nurses Act** presented following a comprehensive review and comparison of legislation related to the nursing regulation across Canada and the *Nurses Act* (current NB legislation authorizing the regulation of nursing practice by the NANB in New Brunswick).

Following an overview of the Report and findings by Anne-Marie Atkinson, President, the Atkinson Group, and Fred McElman, NANB's Legal Advisor, the Board accepted the Report and its recommendations.

## Board Elections

The Nominating Committee reported on the slate of candidates for election in the positions of president-elect and Directors for region 2, 4 and 6. Candidate information will be published in *Info Nursing* and available on the NANB web site.

Election results will be announced at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, May 29, 2013.

## Board of Directors & Committee Appointments

### Public Director Vacancies:

The NANB Board of Directors requires nominations to replace public directors once terms have been completed. The Nominating Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to obtain nominations for the Association's Board of Directors.

### NANB Nominating Committee:

- Martha Vickers, Chair (past-president);
- Chantal Saumure, Director Region 1; and
- Dawn Torpe, Director Region 3.

Three nominees must be submitted to the Minister of Health by March 31, 2013 who will then select and appoint a public director.

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

**NANB Committee Vacancies:**

The NANB Nursing Education Advisory Committee, Complaints Committee, and the Discipline/Review Committee all require nominations to fill vacancies for a two-year term effective September 2013. Nominations are requested to be received at the NANB office by March 31, 2013. Criteria required, details are available in *Info Nursing*.

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The Board appointed the following directors to the

**NANB Awards Selection Committee:**

- Darline Cogswell, RN, President-elect
- Chantal Saumure, RN, Director Region 1
- Dawn Torpe, RN, Director Region 3
- Linda LePage-LeClair, RN, Director Region 5
- Rhonda Shaddick, RN, Director Region 7

**Nursing Education Advisory Committee (NEAC)**

The Board accepted NEAC's recommendations that the Université de Moncton Nurse Practitioner Program and the University of New Brunswick Nurse Practitioner Program be granted an approval status for three (3) years. The program will provide two progress reports at specified dates indicating their actions related to the Review.

**Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Audit**

Results from the CCP Audit concluded that all members met the necessary requirements for 2011. This Audit will continue annually. The next CCP Audit will be conducted in the fall of 2013 on the 2012 practice year. A random sample of 2% of RNs and 10% of NPs will be audited.

**National Nursing Week  
May 6-12, 2013****Nursing: A leading force for change**

On March 1, 2013 NANB will launch a province-wide competition to celebrate National Nursing Week. All members and nursing students will be invited to submit a digital photo and word or statement depicting a NB nursing leader. Competition ends April 8, 2013. Details and restrictions are available on NANB's website.

For a fifth consecutive year, NANB will coordinate a declaration signing with the Premier to be published province-wide in the daily newspapers during National Nursing Week.

Finally, the Association will profile National Nurses Week events coordinated by Chapters using our website and the *Virtual Flame* (May 2013).

**NANB Documents**

The Board approved the following documents:

**NANB document(s):**

- *Standards for Nursing Education in New Brunswick (2013, revised)*
- *Examining Request for Post Entry-Level Procedures (revised)*

**NANB position statement:**

- *Influenza Immunization for Registered Nurses (new)*

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

**Presentation**

Dr. Denis Allard, Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health and Todd Arsenault, PhD, Senior Scientific Advisor presented to the Board the Chief Medical Officer of Health's Recommendations Concerning Shale Gas Development in New Brunswick detailing the guiding principles and recommendations for protection of public health as indicated in the official report presented to the provincial government in September 2012.

### Finances

Reviewed the 2012 Auditor's Report which reflected a **\$263,244** operating surplus. The Board approved transfers from the operating surplus of **\$100,000** to the CNA Biennium and NANB Centennial Fund earmarked for activities in 2016 and **\$150,000** to the NANB Capital Fund. The audited financial statements will be presented at the 2013 Annual General Meeting. The Board reviewed the 2013 budget. Planned expenditures for 2013 are approximately **\$4,105,314** with a surplus of **\$30,838**. This represents a balanced budget in accordance with board policy.

### Next Board

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at the NANB Headquarters on May 27 & 28, 2013 prior to the Annual General Meeting.

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



### Board of Directors 2012-2013

President – France Marquis, RN  
President-elect – Darline Cogswell, RN  
Director, Region 1 – Chantal Saumure, RN  
Director, Region 2 – Terry-Lynne King, RN  
Director, Region 3 – Dawn Torpe, RN  
Director, Region 4 – Noëlline LeBel, RN  
Director, Region 5 – Linda LePage-LeClair, RN  
Director, Region 6 – Marius Chiasson, RN  
Director, Region 7 – Rhonda Shaddick, RN  
Public Director – Fernande Chouinard  
Public Director- Wayne Trail  
Public Director – Roland Losier