

Council Update: February 27, 2017

ARNPEI Annual Meeting - The 2017 AGM will be held on April 28 at the Loyalist Lakeview Resort, Summerside. CNA will bring greetings as part of the business meeting. Nominations are open for West Prince (1), East Prince (2), Queens (1) and Southern Kings (1).

Dr. Kim Critchley, Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness joined Council and provided an update on provincial plans to increase the focus on collaborative care. The province is reviewing legislative barriers to NP practice.

President's Report - Cynthia provided an update of the Lobby on Parliament Hill at the November 2016 Board meeting requesting an investment into home care. Cynthia met with three Island MPs and Senator Hubley. ARNPEI also forwarded a letter to the PEI Ministers of Health and Finance in January supporting the request for additional funding. CNA is also revising the Code of Ethics. Jurisdictions will have an opportunity for input. CNA has been working to remove some of the federal legislative barriers to NP practice. Other issues discussed included NCLEX, Medical Assistance in Dying and Choosing Wisely. Anne Sutherland Boal will be retiring and CNA is searching for a new Chief Executive Officer. The announcement of the new CEO is anticipated at the June CNA AGM.

Executive - Cynthia provided an overview of CNA's Canada's 150th Anniversary Celebrations. In celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary CNA is honoring nurses from across the country. ARNPEI can submit 5 RNs for consideration of receiving a Canada 150 award, to be featured in the July/August edition of the *Canadian Nurse Journal*. The article will include a web-based photo album highlighting 150 of Canada's RNs who are impacting health care and the health care system in Canada. Information about the award and criteria for submission will be posted on the ARNPEI website.

Financial Report - The 2016 audit and 2018 budget were approved.

Strategic Plan Subcommittee - The revised 2017-20 strategic plan was approved. It will be launched at 2017 AGM.

Professional Conduct Review - Vicki provided an update on the twelve professional conduct review cases currently in progress. Two files have recently been closed. A motion was passed for Tara Roche to assume the role of the overall Chair of PCR.

Public Relations - Plans are underway for national Nursing Week, May 8, 2017. The theme is #YESThisIsNursing. The ARNPEI website is currently under review.

Amendments to Legislation - Vicki provided an update on recent amendments to the Registered Nurses Act and Registration Regulations. NCLEX applicants will now have unlimited writings within three years of graduation.

Registration Committee - The 2016 continuing competence audits were reviewed. Plans have been started to review the components of the CCP for the 2017 audit.