



## ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED NURSES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Anvil Centre, 777 Columbia Street, New Westminster BC

#### MINUTES

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**Present:**

**Board of Directors**

Zak Matieschyn, President  
Linda Axen, Regional Director – Northern  
Wendy Bowles, Regional Director – Fraser Valley  
Lori Campbell, Director at Large  
Tania Dick, President Elect  
Laurie Dokis, Regional Director – First Nations  
Maylene Fong, Director at Large  
Johanne Fort, Regional District – Vancouver Coastal  
Melissa Nuttall, Regional Director – Vancouver Island  
Tanya Sanders, Regional Director – Interior  
Sally Thorne, Director at Large

**Also Present:** Susan Campbell, Corporate Consulting, Recording Secretary

Gaetana Demody, Smythe LLP  
Matthew Edelson, Executive Assistant  
Anita Johnson, Smythe LLP  
John Noonan, Registered Parliamentarian  
Joy Peacock, Executive Director

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**Call to Order: 7:37 p.m.**

Various dignitaries were recognized.

**1. Notice of the Annual General Meeting**

The Chair reported that Bylaw 3.4 requires that the membership be given not less than 14-days written notice of a general meeting. Accordingly the Assembly was advised that the Notice of Annual General Meeting was sent out on May 5, 2016 and posted on the website that same day.



**2. Confirmation of Quorum**

The Chair reported that Bylaw 4.4 sets the quorum at 10-members. Accordingly, the Credentials Chair confirmed that the credentials of 64-voting members of the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia have been certified and issued voting cards to all those active voting members. Accordingly, the quorum is confirmed, present and the meeting is duly constituted.

**3. Appointments**

Without objection the following appointments to serve the AGM were made:  
Credentials Chair, Melissa Nuttall  
Election Committee Chair, Lori Campbell  
Nominations Committee Chair, Lori Campbell  
Parliamentarian, John Noonan

**4. Approval of Standing Rules**

The standing rules of the meeting were presented and reviewed by the Registered Parliamentarian.

**4.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia Society adopts the standing rules for the meeting as presented.

**CARRIED**  
2/3rds vote in favour

**5. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was presented and accordingly:

**5.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia Society approves the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of June 2, 2016 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Approval of Minutes**

**6.1 Approval of Minutes from the February 26, 2015 Extraordinary General Meeting**

The minutes of the February 26, 2015 Extraordinary General Meeting were available.

**6.2 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia Society approves the minutes from the Extraordinary General Meeting held February 26, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Approval of Minutes from the May 28, 2015 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the May 28, 2015 Annual General Meeting were available.



**6.4 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia Society approves the minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on May 28, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**\*7:49 p.m.**

At this point the Chair was assumed by the Registered Parliamentarian.

**7. Director's Report**

The Director's Report was delivered by President, Zak Matieschyn.

**8. Report of the Executive Director**

The report was delivered by Executive Director, Joy Peacock.

At this point the Assembly was given the opportunity for a question and answer session relative to the previously presented reports.

**\*8:30 p.m.**

The Chair was resumed by the President.

**9. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements**

Johanne Fort, Treasurer advised the Assembly that the audited financial statements were prepared by Smythe LLP, a chartered accounting firm, and were approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting of April 8, 2016. Copies of the audited financial statements were available to all members.

Anita Johnson, CPA and Gaetana Demody, CPA, Smythe LLP, provided a high-level overview of the audited financial statements. Shelby Thiessen, Accountant, ARNBC, commented the financial statements.

At this point the Assembly was afforded an opportunity for a question and answer session relative to the previously presented audited financial statements.

In closing discussion the Chair advised that the audited Financial Statements will now be filed as presented.

**10. Appointment of Auditor for Fiscal Year 2017**

The Chair informed that pursuant to Bylaw 11.3 it is necessary for the members to appoint the auditors for the ensuing year; accordingly:

**10.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia Society appoints Smythe LLP, as Auditor for the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016;

AND THAT the Board of Directors is authorized to fix the remuneration for these services.

**CARRIED**



## 11. New Business

### 11.1 Extension of Time

#### It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia Society extends the time for the agenda item of New Business to 9:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

### 11.2 Announcement of Election Results and Recognition of 2016-2017 Board of Directors

Kyle Gruen, Target Pro-Web Event Services, explained the voting security and the process for the recent election of board members.

Accordingly, the Chair announced the results of the election:

Marcia Carr, Director at Large  
Julie Cinel, Regional District Interior  
Damen DeLeenheer, Regional Director, Northern  
Sherri Kensall, Regional Director, Fraser  
Mark Schultz, Regional Director, Island

The Chair recognized the 2016-2017 Board of Directors.

### 11.3 Resolution No. 1:

#### It was MOVED and SECONDED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ARNBC work with the Canadian Nurses Association to support equitable access to palliative care approaches in the context of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) through provincial educational and policy initiatives in British Columbia.

**CARRIED**

### 11.4 Resolution No. 2:

#### It was MOVED and SECONDED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (ARNBC) will take proactive measures to establish a position or policy statement on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) based on nursing values and nursing practice;

RESOLVED THAT the ARNBC will establish a subcommittee that will explore MAiD in the context of nursing values and nursing practice;

RESOLVED THAT the subcommittee will study the issues of MAiD in relation to people who struggle with mental health issues, mature minors, and those who have Advanced Directives in the context of nursing of values and nursing practice; and finally

RESOLVED THAT in consultation with NPs and Registered Nurses in British Columbia the subcommittee will produce a draft of a position or policy statement to be voted on at the 2017 ARNBC AGM.

**NOT VOTED**



**11.5 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the main motion, clause four, be amended by adding the following:

The phrase “Registered Psychiatric Nurses” immediately after the phrase “Registered Nurses” and before the word “in”.

**DEFEATED**

**11.6 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the main motion, clause four, be amended by adding the following:

The phrase “Licensed Practical Nurses” immediately after the phrase “Registered Nurses” and before the word “in”.

**DEFEATED**

**11.7 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the main motion, clause four, be amended by deleting the words “NP’s and Registered Nurses” and replacing with the phrase “all nurses by way of BCCNA”...

**CARRIED**

**11.8 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the amended main motion, clause four, be finally amended by deleting the word “all” immediately before the word “Nurses” and by ending the sentence immediately after the end of the word “statement” thereby deleting the remainder of the sentence.

**CARRIED**

**11.9 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the question be called.

**CARRIED**

**11.10 THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED WAS CALLED AND IS RESTATED FOR THE RECORD:**

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RESOLVED THAT the subcommittee will study the issues of MAiD in relation to people who struggle with mental health issues, mature minors, and those who have Advanced Directives in the context of nursing of values and nursing practice; and finally

RESOLVED THAT in consultation with nurses by way of BCCNA the subcommittee will produce a draft of a position or policy statement.

**CARRIED**



**\*9:13 p.m.**

The Chair was passed to Tania Dick, President-Elect for the purpose of conducting the Open Forum.

**12. Open Forum:**

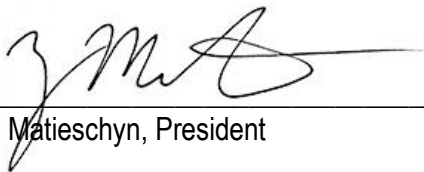
At this point the AGM conducted an open forum whereby members were invited to ask questions or provide comments.

**\*9:23 p.m.**

The Chair was resumed by the President.

**13. Closure**

There being no further business to come before this assembly and without objection the 2016 Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 9:34 p.m.



Zak Matieschyn, President

July 6, 2016

Date



Susan Campbell, Recording Secretary

July 6, 2016

Date