

ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED NURSES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2017

Anvil Centre, 777 Columbia Street, New Westminster BC

MINUTES

Present: **Board of Directors**
Zak Matieschyn, **President**
Lori Campbell, Director at Large
Marcia Carr – Director at Large
Julie Cinel, Regional Director, Interior
Tania Dick, **President Elect**
Damen DeLeenheer, Regional Director, Northern
Laurie Dokis, Regional Director – First Nations
Johanne Fort, Regional District – Vancouver Coastal
Sherri Kensall, Regional Director, Fraser
Mark Schultz, Regional Director, Island
Sally Thorne, Director at Large

Also Present: Andrea Burton, Interim Executive Director
Susan Campbell, Corporate Consulting, Recording Secretary
Matthew Edelson, Executive Assistant
John Noonan, Parliamentarian

Regrets: Maylene Fong, Director at Large

Call to Order: 7:36 p.m.

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 June 9, 2017 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 66-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, Julie Cinel
Chair Nominations Committee, Sherri Kensall
Scrutineers, Charlie Louie, Holly Gale, Melissa Nuttall
Sergeant at Arms, Damen DeLeenheer, Michael Sandler, Mark Schultz (back-up)
Parliamentarian, John Noonan
Registration Supervisors, Sally Thorne, Laurie Dokis, Tiffany Barker
Timer, Lori Campbell
Membership Committee, Marcia Carr, Julie Cinel, Sherri Kensall

4. Approval of Standing Rules

The standing rules of the meeting were presented and reviewed by the 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 26, 2017 as presented.

CARRIED

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1 Approval of Minutes from the June 2, 2016 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the June 2, 2016 Annual 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 Annual General Meeting held on June 2, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED

6.3 Approval of Minutes from the December 13, 2016 Extraordinary General Meeting

The minutes of the December 13, 2016 Extraordinary 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 Extraordinary General Meeting held on December 13, 2016 as presented.

CARRIED

7. Director's Report

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

8. Report of the Interim Executive Director

The report was delivered by Interim Executive Director, Andrea Burton.

At this point the Assembly was given the opportunity for a question and answer session relative to the previously presented reports. There were no questions.

9. Consideration of the Audited Financial Statements

Johanne Fort, Treasurer advised the Assembly that the 2016-2017 audited financial statements were prepared by Smythe LLP, a chartered accounting firm, and were approved by the Board of Directors at a recent meeting. Copies of the audited financial statements were available to all members.

Anita Johnson, Smythe LLP, provided a high-level overview of the audited financial statements. Shelby Thiessen, Accountant, ARNBC, provided commentary on 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.

A member requested commentary, relative to the Deferred Revenue Section No. 6 of the Notes to the Financial Statements, on future 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 2018

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, 2017;

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

CARRIED

11. New Business

11.1 Announcement of Election Results and Recognition of 2017-2018 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 President announced the 2017-2018 Board of Directors

Tania Dick, President
Sally Thorne, President-Elect
Maylene Fong, Director at Large
Agnes Black, Director at Large
Lori Campbell, Regional Director, Vancouver Coastal
Laura Colley, Director at Large
Sherri Kensall, Regional Director, Fraser
Damen DeLeenheer, Regional Director, Northern

Mark Schultz, Regional Director, Island
Jessy Dame, Regional Director, First Nations/Indigenous
Julie Cinel, Regional Director, Interior

The Assembly recognized 2016-2017 Board of Directors and the new President, Tania Dick.

***8:40 p.m.**

The Chair was passed to Tania Dick, President.

11.2 Special Resolution to Amend Bylaws

It was MOVED and SECONDED

WHEREAS historical terminology can be a powerful method to divide peoples, misrepresent them and control their identity;

WHEREAS the term First Nations refers to only one group of first peoples in Canada who are registered according to *The Registry* and living in Canada as defined under the federal statute of the *Indian Act*;

WHEREAS the singular term First Nations is exclusionary and may discriminate against the other distinct groups of Indigenous peoples such as the Metis, and Inuit populations;

WHEREAS the Constitution of Canada recognizes three distinct groups of Indigenous peoples in Canada namely Metis, First Nations, and Inuit;

WHEREAS the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples affirms that indigenous peoples are equal to all other peoples...and that all peoples contribute to the diversity of civilization and cultures constitute a common heritage of mankind...and that all doctrines, policies and practices based on or advocating for superiority of peoples or individuals on the basis of national origin or racial religious, ethnic, or cultural differences are racist scientifically false, legally invalid, morally condemnable or socially unjust....further that recognitions of rights of indigenous peoples in the Declaration will enhance harmonious and cooperative relations between State and indigenous peoples, based on justice...respect for human rights, non-discrimination and good faith...Indigenous people and individuals are free and equal to all other peoples....have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination in particular that is based on their indigenous origin or identity....and that indigenous peoples have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;

WHEREAS Canada supports the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS the Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (ARNBC) is the professional association representing Registered Nurses (RNs) and Nurse Practitioners and whose membership consists of nurses of all races including those of the first peoples in Canada known as First Nations, Metis, and Inuit;

WHEREAS ARNBC identified the significance of Aboriginal groups by election of a representative of First Nations ancestry;

WHEREAS ARNBC has expressed its *commitment* to the concepts of diversity and cultural competence and believes strongly in the importance of including and integrating individuals who

represent all areas of nursing practice, and who represent different groups as defined by race, ethnicity, cultural background, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin and religion; and

WHEREAS the ARNBC recognizes the term Indigenous to be more inclusive of all three first groups, First Nations, Metis, and Inuit groups and would prefer to use this title hereafter in all materials, policy, news releases, positions statements etc. in reference to all three distinct First Nations, Metis, and Inuit populations in BC as a province of Canada.

BE IT RESOLVED, as a Special Resolution, that Bylaw 5.3(h) of the Bylaws of the Association be amended by replacing “Regional Director, First Nations” with “Director, Indigenous”.

CARRIED

11.3 Resolution from the Floor

It was MOVED and SECONDED

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ARNBC strike a committee of Indigenous Nurses to review the bylaws to determine any changes that need to be made to address:

1. Criteria to run for the Indigenous Board of Directors position
2. Intent of the Indigenous Board of Director’s position
3. Defining the concept of ‘Indigenous’ to information points #1 and #2 and the ARNBC bylaws as a whole.

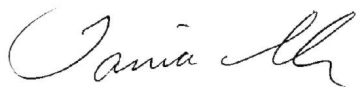
CARRIED

12. Open Forum

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

13. Closure

There being no further business to come before this assembly and without objection the 2017 Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 9:05 p.m.



Tania Dick, President



Susan Campbell, Recording Secretary

August 2, 2018

Date

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