



The National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada (NAPAN©)

Presidents Report
2019-2020

For any of you that attended the Annual General Meeting in Halifax last year you are aware that Michelle Best our President at the time had sustained a head injury in March of 2019. As a result of this she was unable to attend our meeting in June. By August she had resigned her position and in September at the request of the Board I resumed the position of President. I did this with some reluctance as I was already chairing the Standards Committee. I also had the stipulation that there must be a President – Elect in place to replace me in June 2020. Leigh-Ann Marshall from Nova Scotia accepted the position of president-elect. However due to COVID-19 our June deadline for transfer of leadership was not met. So here we are October 2020 and I will be handing over leadership to the very capable Leigh-Ann Marshall.

The fall of 2019 was spent in conversation with Canadian Nurses Association exploring a means to try and maintain our certification exam. As you were informed CNA was retiring our exam as we did not meet the minimal number of writers annually. Options looked at were NAPANc paying the balance of administration not covered by writers (a very large lottery win would have been required to sustain the exam by his means), purchase our present exam back from CNA once again the cost was astronomical two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was the ask. Third option was start from the beginning develop a new exam have it accredited and administer it ourself. This option was explored in greater detail which will be covered in the certification report.

As chair of the Standards Committee we began meeting in the spring 2019 again details in the Standards Committee report.

During PeriAnesthesia Nurses week letters were sent to each provincial president to share with their members.

Then in March along with the rest of Canada we went into survival mode as we navigated through this pandemic, we are living in. We had no choice but to cancel our annual conference slated for Winnipeg June 2020. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cheri Besignano and her working group for having organised the initial conference and then so graciously and aptly rescheduling for 2021.

Since we were unable to meet in June Industry Canada and the Charities Directorate were petitioned for an extension on the time frame for our annual meeting. The extension was granted.

Memberships for 2020 are down provincially which means NAPANc suffers the decrease also. Going forth we, all will have to dedicate time to rebuilding and increase our membership numbers

As I write my final message as the president of NAPANc I would be a miss if I did not take time to acknowledge some of my mentors. Laura Van Loon the founding President of NAPANc who started as mentor and someone I held in awe has become a dear and loved friend. I could not have survived these past six years without her. Daphne Osborne NL PeriAnesthesia Nurse whom I met in Ottawa when we were developing our PeriAnesthesia Nursing Certification Exam was always just a phone call or email away. Even though she has moved another avenue of nursing we keep in touch. Dory Waston-Glaser from Calgary, who always had a cup of herbal tea and sound advise to share as well as her expertise in developing Standards. Kathy Jellow, the Standards cochair as we developed our 4th edition, Sandra Langille and Leigh-Anne Marshall always kept me grounded (especially given our Maritime roots). Lara Peiffer for sitting and sharing different perspectives and some day you will be national treasurer. Lorna Jensen for her numerous hours given to developing and maintaining our webpages. As well she was my whip to remind me to update bursary applications for distribution. To all the provincial and national board members past and present for their dedication to their profession and professional associations. I would also like to extend my thanks to my past and present nurse managers and directors of nursing for allowing me the time and helping provide funding to attend meetings and educational sessions. As well to the surgeons and anesthesiologist who not only provided financial support for our association but also tolerated my never-ending questions or seeking advice.

It has been an honour to have served as the NAPANc President. I have met nurses from all over the world forging friendships with several. There is such a great net work in place, with an email you can be in touch with nurses from multiple countries, we all face the same challenges and our sharing with one another is how we will make this a safer place for those we care for.

I look forward to assuming my role of past president, continuing as a board member and supporting Leigh-Anne as she begins her journey.

Normally I would have said enjoy your weekend and time to share, however thanks to Mr, Covid I will say please feel free to share and question during this meeting. We welcome your participation today!

Stay Safe

Laura McNulty

President NAPANc