

Fall 2018 Edition

ARNNL's e-newsletter contains information on topics intended to support the practice of registered nurses and nurse practitioners. It is the expectation that all registrants are aware of the matters contained therein.

Council's face-to-face meeting took place October 18-19 at ARNNL House. Council had robust generative discussions around topics impacting practice for registered nurses (RNs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).

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Council Election

Two positions are open for Council for 2019-2022. They are Practice and Advanced Practice. Five candidates have put their name forward and members can vote for both positions. See below for details:

Domain Councilor for **Advanced Practice:**

Margot Antle, Nursing Practitioner, Long Term Care, Eastern Health

Kelly Barron, Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric, Neonatal, Eastern Health

Domain Councilor for **Practice:**

Krysta Simms, Registered Nurse I, Bonne Bay Health Centre, Rural Health/Medicine/Emergency/Long Term Care, Western Health

Tamara Taylor, Regional Home Support Program Coordinator, Community Supports Program, Eastern Health

Mark Tipple, Mental Health Crisis Intervener, Mental Health and Addictions, Eastern Health

Don't forget to cast your vote in January during licensure/membership renewal!

Entry Level Competencies

A survey was distributed in September for feedback on the proposed *Entry - Level Competencies for the Practice of Registered Nurses in Canada*. We had an excellent response. Thank you for your contribution! It is anticipated the revised Entry - Level Competencies will be presented to Council in early 2019.

Professional Conduct Review (PCR) Process

At its October meeting, Council looked at enhancing transparency related to ARNNL's PCR process. Further policy development is required, and details will be shared as this evolves.

Legal Assistance Plan (LAP)

On Council's direction, the LAP will be concluded as of March 31, 2020 due to the lack of financial sustainability. This fund was established to provide some financial assistance to members who had an allegation filed against them and had legal representation. The conclusion of this plan places an importance on considering the optional CNPS Supplementary Protection. Please note, the regular CNPS Liability Protection required for licensure by all members does not include coverage surrounding an allegation. For more information about additional coverage associated with an allegation, please visit

www.cnps.ca

New MAiD Monitoring Requirements

On November 1st, 2018 the Federal Government enacted new legislation called *The Regulations for the Monitoring of Medical Assistance in Dying* that requires physicians, nurse practitioners and pharmacists to provide information related to requests for, and the

provision of, MAID, through the Canadian Data Collection Portal. Additional resources are available on our [Advanced Practice Resources](#) webpage.

New Cannabis Legislation

In Canada prior to October 17, 2018, the use of medical cannabis was regulated through the *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations* (ACMPR) (2016), the *Narcotic Control Regulations*, the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA), and the *Food and Drugs Act*.

On June 21, 2018 the Act respecting cannabis and to amend the *Controlled Drugs and Substance Act*, the *Criminal Code* and other Acts (Bill C-45) and *Bill C-46* received Royal Assent and came into force on October 17, 2018. *The Cannabis Act* and the *Cannabis Regulations* (released July 11, 2018) are now the primary federal laws governing cannabis in Canada. In addition, as of October 17, 2018, the ACMPR was repealed and the use of cannabis for recreational purposes was legalized and legislative requirements for the use of medical cannabis were modified.

Members should be knowable of applicable federal (e.g., *Cannabis Act* and *Cannabis Regulations*) and provincial (e.g., *Cannabis Control Act*) legislation.

Registered nurses and nurse practitioners should also review their employer policies to determine if they are authorized to engage in activities related to medical cannabis.

If members require further information or have questions, they can connect with an ARNNL [Nursing Consultant - Policy & Practice](#).

CCP Evaluation Survey

ARNNL invites members to participate in a survey to inform future changes to the CCP. The survey was distributed to practicing members last week. Please take the time to participate as CCP is an important regulatory program.

Pre-Authorized Chequing (PAC) Withdrawals for Renewal Fees

Reminder that members are able to pay their renewal fees with automatic pre-authorized withdrawals from their chequing accounts. As ARNNL does not keep your confidential banking information on file, the PAC application is **REQUIRED** every year for those who wish to participate. You may sign up for this service by completing the Pre-Authorized Debit form at <http://www.crnml.ca/pre-authorized-payment>. The deadline to sign up for the PAC payment option for 2020-21 fees is **June 30, 2019**.

Annual General Meeting

NEW! We are taking a fresh approach in our AGM planning this year: a province-wide webcast! Our event will still take place in June, however, you do not have to come in-person to attend.

At this point in the planning we want to hear from you. There are two time slots that are being considered, please let us know the time that you would be able to attend.

Monday, June 10, from 7-9pm; or
Tuesday, June 11, from 12-2pm.

Let us know your preference by connecting with us at info@arnnl.ca.

Quality Assurance Program Update

The Quality Assurance ("QA") provisions added to the Registered Nurses Act in 2014 have not yet been enacted by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. ARNNL will provide an update when we know more. Information on what we are considering for the [Quality Assurance Program](#) is available on the website.

Member Survey

Periodically ARNNL conducts a telephone survey to reach members to find out their opinions on relevant matters to the organization. These surveys are very important to help inform Council on progress towards achieving the [Strategic Outcomes](#). Previous surveys are available on our [website](#). The 2019 survey is tentatively planned for February, please participate if you are contacted.

Keep Your Information Up-to-Date with ARNNL

Under the Registered Nurses Regulations (2013), all members are required to keep their information on file with ARNNL up-to-date.

This includes changes in:

- Name (copy of legal documentation required)
- Mailing Address
- Email Address
- Employment information

Changes must be reported to ARNNL within **30 days** of the effective date of the change. Members can 'Update your ARNNL Profile' through the Member Self-Service portal available at myarnnl.ca

ARNNL Trust Update

The Trust will be holding two funding competitions that will open in January 2019.

- Special competition (deadline **February 15th**) for:
 - Health Educators Bursary
 - Bay St. George Chapter Bursary
 - Florrie Penney Continuing Education Bursary
- Spring competition (deadline **April 15th**) for bursaries to support members to attend non-credit continuing education between January and June 2019.
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Applications will be available online in January at www.arnnl.ca/trust

Quality of Care NL/Choosing Wisely NL (QCNL/CWNL)

QoCNL/CWNL launched a new [local campaign](#) to highlight the concerns about antibiotic usage during World Antibiotics Awareness Week (November 12-18, 2018). The campaign includes resources to curb prescribing and tools that can help health care professionals encourage more conversations with patients.

For more information see ARNNL's [Advanced Practice Resources](#) page or visit [Quality of Care NL](#).

ARNNL Office Closures

Please be advised that ARNNL House will be closed for Christmas break starting Monday, December 24 and re-opening 9am on Wednesday, January 2. Voicemail messages left on 709-753-6040/800-563-3200 will be checked over this period on business days.

Please note, you cannot unsubscribe to this communication. It contains important regulatory information relevant to your practice, membership and registration/licensure.

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