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Spring 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 February 15-16 at ARNNL House. Council had robust generative discussions around topics impacting practice for registered nurses (RNs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).

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CCP News

Audit 2018

RNs/NPs selected through a random sampling to participate in the 2018 CCP Audit will be notified by mid-April via Xpress Post. All further correspondence will be via the member's email on file. If you are selected, please watch for important deadlines and updates, as you are required to respond accordingly. The Audit will take place at ARNNL House on May 30, 2018. Two hundred and fifty members will be audited, with 14 volunteer nurse auditors performing the CCP audit. To learn more about the audit, please visit the [CCP section](#) of our website or [click here](#).

Evaluation

We are conducting an evaluation of the current Continuing Competence Program in the upcoming months. A consultant has been hired and will start the consultation process by hosting focus groups. Key stakeholders and members will be invited to participate in these focus groups. Data gathered from this process will be utilized to draft a survey which is tentatively planned to be distributed in late summer or early fall 2018. A key outcome of this evaluation will be to help determine what (e.g., methods and tools, etc.) will best support engagement of members in continuous learning. ARNNL looks forward to your feedback on this legislated program.

Council Elections Opening Next Week

Council elections will open on Friday, April 6. This year, nominations were called for five Council positions, resulting in three areas open for elections: Administration; Education/Research; and Labrador Grenfell Region. The other two positions will be in by acclamation, Beverley Pittman assuming the role of President-Elect, and Tracy MacDonald returning to her role as Councillor for the Central Region. All Councillors will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting this June. Watch for our e-blast as the election nears. Be a voter!



Toolkit for Resolving Professional Practice Issues Now Available

This toolkit was developed in response to members requesting assistance with how to resolve professional practice issues in their practice settings, and developed with feedback from our committees, such as Workplace Representatives, the Clinical Managers Advisory Group as well as Professional Practice in the Regional Health Authorities. To access this resource please visit our Document Library or [click here](#).

Prescribing Methadone Exemption Granted

On March 22, we were informed by the Office of Controlled Substances (OCS) that our request for Exemption with Respect to the Prescribing of Methadone was granted. Before

individual NPs can be granted the authority to prescribe methadone for opioid dependence and/or methadone for analgesia, they must complete and submit verification that all the requirements including practice and education detailed under the Scope of Practice for NPs section of our [website](#) are met. NPs can access the application forms [here](#).

Amendment to the RN Act

Council voted to seek an amendment to section 37 of the RN Act - adjustments to the decision-making authority within the NP Standards Committee. We have received the support of both the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Pharmacy Board of Newfoundland and Labrador for the amendment. A formal request to the Provincial Government will be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Community Services.

The Opioid Management Webcast is Now Available

Visit arnnl.ca to view February's archived webcast on Navigating the Landscape of the Opioid Crisis in Newfoundland & Labrador. This was a joint event with the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers and the College of Licenced Practical Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CLPNNL) held on February 6. To view the archived webcast, [click here](#).

Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP)

The deadline to have PAP applications in for 2019-20 license renewal is June 30, 2018. For members not on payroll deduction, you can spread the cost of annual licensure over six months through participating in PAP. Details and applications can be found [here](#).

Mark Your Calendars - Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Attend ARNNL's 64th AGM in-person or by phone. The event is taking place in Grand Falls-Windsor on **Friday, June 8, 2018** from 12:30-3:30pm. Registration is free, with pre-registration encouraged. Online registration will open soon on arnnl.ca (events calendar).

Dial-in information, along with documents for use at the meeting, will be available closer to the date.

Our 2017-18 Annual Report will be released the end of May and will be posted on the website. Hard copies are available upon request and distributed to those in attendance at the AGM.

Call for Resolutions Deadline

Reminder that the deadline for submission of resolutions to our AGM is May 8. Please submit resolutions to Christine Fitzgerald: cfitzgerald@arnnl.ca.

Seeking Nominations for the 2018 NCLEX-RN® Standard Setting Panel of Judges Meeting

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN®) is recruiting RN volunteers to participate in the NCLEX-RN® Standard Setting Panel of Judges meetings to discuss entry-level RN activities. The meetings will take place in Chicago, Illinois on September 11-13, 2018. NCSBN will cover travel-related expenses, such as airfare, lodging and meals for panelists. For more information on this exam development activity and the process to submit your name for consideration click [here](#). The deadline to submit names to ARNNL is Tuesday April 3, 2018.

Reminder for NPs: Quality of Care NL/Choosing Wisely NL

Nurse Practitioners who wish to receive their personal prescribing information as part of Quality of Care NL/Choosing Wisely NL campaigns are reminded to complete the [consent form](#). For more information about the evidence-based research and resources available, please visit our [Advanced Practice Resources](#) page or qualityofcarenl.ca.

#YESThisIsNursing: May 7-13 National Nursing Week



The Canadian Nurses Association has set this year's theme #YESThisIsNursing. Join your colleagues in activities to mark this week, and avail of opportunities to share information with the public about RNs and

NPs and their value to the quality of care and health services. We at ARNNL acknowledge the week provincially participating in activities with the CLPNNL. Stay tuned to hear our radio advertisements.

Have Your Say! Survey Deadline Approaching

The survey to provide feedback on the draft position statement *Transition to Practice for Newly Licensed Registered Nurses* is available online and will close on **April 3, 2018**. Click [here](#) to participate.

Public Survey

We conducted a public survey in February and once the report is finalized it will be posted in the [Public Surveys](#) section of our website. We commissioned the survey to investigate public perception and satisfaction with services received from RNs and NPs as well as awareness and knowledge of the Association and its role. The survey report is expected to be available online in June.

Licensure for 2018-19 Year

Ensure your practicing license has been issued before commencing practice on **April 1**. You can [verify your licensure status](#). If you practice without a valid license the 'Unauthorized Practice Fee' is \$100 per shift worked, with no maximum. Any member who practices without a license for more than three shifts will have an allegation of conduct deserving of sanction filed against them by ARNNL.

Education Connections

BN (Collaborative) Program Curriculum Revision

In December 2017, Council provided support to a planned curriculum revision to the existing BN (Collaborative) Program. The curriculum was revised to produce an evidence informed, context relevant, unified nursing curriculum which supports graduates to meet our Standards of Practice and Entry- Level Competencies. The revised curriculum is to be implemented sequentially beginning in the fall of 2018.

IEN Bridging/ Re-Entry Program

We are pleased to launch a pilot program approval process for the IEN Bridging/Re-Entry Program review in the fall of 2018. The pilot program approval process is evidence informed, objective, transparent, and regulatory focused to support ARNNL's mandate to approve nursing education programs offered in Newfoundland & Labrador that lead to registration and licensure as a RN and licensure as a NP.

Entry Level Competencies

In collaboration with national counterparts, we are working to update the competencies for entry-level registered nurse practice. This summer, every RN in this province will receive an invitation to review and provide feedback on the draft competency statements. Stay tuned to arnnl.ca for more information. Given the ongoing consultation, Council voted to extend the end date of the current document Competencies in the Context of Entry-Level Registered Nurse Practice 2013-19 to June 2019.

ARNNL Trust Updates

Call for Nominations for Trust Board of Directors

As a member of the Board of Directors, you will help set the direction of the Trust and participate in its administration. Nominations are sought for the following positions: President-Elect; Western Regional Director; Northern Regional Director; Labrador Regional Director; and Director At Large. Directors serve a two-year term for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Deadline for nominations is **May 4, 2018**. Elections will take place during the Trust Annual Meeting. For more information please email trust@arnnl.ca.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Trust will be held at ARNNL House and via teleconference on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 4-5 p.m. (Island time). For more information please contact trust@arnnl.ca or visit arnnl.ca/trust. Plan to attend, you are all members!

Funding Deadline Reminder

The application deadline for the spring competition for continuing education bursaries is **Sunday, April 15**. Visit arnnl.ca/trust for details and to apply.

Fall ACCESS

The next edition of ACCESS will arrive in September. Do you have an idea for an article, or something to share with the profession? Contact Gillian by the beginning of July at gcostello@arnnl.ca

Welcome New and Returning Committee Members

ARNNL Committees:

The Discipline Panel had four reappointments:

- Natalie Morgan
- Carla Wells
- Sharon McDonald
- Paula Kelly

The Education Advisory Committee had one appointment:

- Dr. April Manuel

Reappointments for the Council Nominations Committee:

- Renee Luedee Warren
- Elizabeth Sooley

External Committees:


The Provincial Government's Newfoundland Prescription Monitoring Program Consultants Committee, and Council appointed our representatives to be:

- Beverley Mclsaac
- Lorraine Mitchell (alternate)

ARNNL Office Closures

Please be advised that ARNNL House will be closed on the follow dates:

March 30 (Good Friday); May 21 (Victoria Day); June 25 (Discovery Day); July 2 (Canada Day); and July 9 (Orangeman's Day).



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