



ABORIGINAL NURSES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

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New President and Board for A.N.A.C.

The Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada (A.N.A.C.) is pleased to announce that Dr. Evelyn Voyageur has been elected as the new President for A.N.A.C.'s Board of Directors.

Recognized across Canada as a respected and enthusiastic advocate for cultural safety and the use of Indigenous Knowledge in health care, Evelyn looks forward to continuing to move these issues forward in her new role as President, especially with Canadian Schools of Nursing. She noted that continuing the implementation of cultural safety in nursing schools and healthcare facilities is “one of my main goals, along with working on our A.N.A.C. objectives, especially for the improvement of the health of First Nations people, by understanding their history.”

Evelyn has a broad range of experience and knowledge and has worked in communities and hospitals in both Alberta and British Columbia. Presently, she is employed by North Island College teaching First Nations Cultural Awareness and is their Elder in residence.

A.N.A.C. and its Board of Directors also offered its sincere thanks to outgoing Board President Rosella Kinoshameg for her many years of dedicated service on the Board and wishes her well in her many other activities in which she is involved. As part of her many activities as President, Rosella worked with the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) to oversee the development of the Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety in Nursing Education: A Framework for First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nursing.

New A.N.A.C. Board

During A.N.A.C.'s Annual General Meeting, recently held at the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites in Toronto, Ontario on October 26, 2010, the following new members were elected:

Dion Thevarge, Alberta/British Columbia

Cheri Corbiere, Ontario/Quebec

Marie Martin, North of 60

They were welcomed by existing Board of Director members:

Rhonda Goodtrack, Education, newly elected Vice-President

Fran Desjarlais, Saskatchewan/Manitoba, newly elected Secretary/Treasurer

Madeline Battiste, Atlantic

Angela Spence-Bedard, Research

Lisa Bourque-Bearskin, newly elected Director of Leadership

During the 2010 AGM, the following Resolutions were also passed.

2010-01 Part 1 & Part 2

To Support of the Long-Form Census and request a re-view/re-engineering to include an Administrative Database to include the Métis

2010-02

Self Identification of Aboriginal Nurses by all Nursing Regulatory Nursing Associations

2010-03

To establish fair and equitable payment guidelines regarding Elders and Traditional Knowledge Holders Honorariums

2010-04

To advocate to the federal government in support of National Indian & Inuit Community Representative Organization continued work on Competencies for CHRs

A.N.A.C. is currently following up on these resolutions with the appropriate authorities involved.

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For more information on the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada visit www.anac.on.ca

Information on the Cultural Competence and Cultural Safety in Nursing Education Framework is available at: <http://anac.on.ca/competency.php>

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