RPNAS Council Meeting Minutes September 23, 2021 Microsoft Teams Meeting 0830 - 1600

Russ Marchuk, Public Representative

Present: Regrets:

Cheryl Carlson, President
Yvonne Sawatzky, President-Elect
Kyla Shabatura, Member-at-Large
Penni Caron, Member-at-Large
Leslie Gamble, Member-at-Large
Michelle Cleland, Member-at-Large
Michael Lummerding, Public Representative

Staff

Beverly Balaski, Executive Director/Registrar Amanda Brewer, Registration Coordinator/Office Support Karen Turner, Deputy Registrar Lacey Bennett, Director of Nursing Practice

- Call to order
 Meeting called to order at 0831
- 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda as presented.

Mover: Yvonne Seconder: Leslie Carried

3. Approval of Minutes – (May 2021 and June Supplemental Meeting)

Motion to approve minutes as presented

Mover: Kyla Seconder: Penni Carried

- 4. Assessment for Conflict of Interest
 - No conflicts declared
- 5. Introduction of New Provincial Chief Nursing Officer Liliana Canadic (8:45 9:00)
 - Introduced Liliana and Council
 - New to role in July 2021
 - Recognized RPN as important nursing provider and RPNAS as contributor to quality self-regulation
 - Her vision includes human resource planning for nursing and ensuring right skill mix

- Currently no strategic plan for nursing in SK
- She is part of national task force new document developed "Vision for the Future of Nursing". RPNAS contributed and had opportunity for feedback
- She chairs Senior Nurse Leaders Forum which RPNAS is a member
- 6. Introduction of New Dean of Nursing U of R Cheryl Pollard (9:00 9:15)
 - Introduced Cheryl and Council
 - New to role July 2021
 - Currently looking at PhD program at the U of R for nursing
 - Student Health Center at the U of R about to open and will be led by nursing. Will be recruiting more nurses and casual positions. Will be open to RNs and RPNs
- 7. Special Meeting debrief
 - A lot of support at the special meeting
 - Important to hear both positive and negative perspectives
 - The platform was found to be easy to use
- 8. Professional Conduct Committee Report
 - 8.1 Change of legal Counsel
 - RPNAS PCC has transitioned away from using McKercher law firm and have hired Greg Sim from Field Law based on their regulatory specialization
 - Greg attended his first PCC meeting Sept 6 and brought very helpful insight
 - 8.2 ADR file LK #2020 010
 - Karen and Bev are exploring courses to offer to member
 - Greg will send official communication on offering an ADR to the member's legal counsel
 - 8.3 File update
 - 17 active files (1 2019, 9 2020, 7 2021)
 - Should have 4-5 files to present at Nov PCC meeting for a decision
 - 8.4 Appointment of PCC Public Representative
 - Require an appointment of a second public representative
 - Candidate name and bio has been provided for consideration

Motion: Council appoints the above public representative to the Professional Conduct Committee for a two-year term as requested

Moved: Penni Seconded: Michelle Carried

- 9. Logo redesign presentation (11 1130)
 - Ben Lamothe is a graphic designer. He presented 3 logo options for Council to consider

Council reviewed designs

Motion: Council moves to adopt design #1 (butterfly) as the RPNAS official logo

Moved: Yvonne Seconded: Penni Carried

- 10. Finance Committee Report Bob (1130 1300)
 - Finance report presented by Yvonne
 - 10.1 Review of 2021 2nd quarter finances as presented by Bob
 - 51% of spending budget at the end of June

Motion: Council accepts the Q2 finances as presented and upon the recommendation of

the Finance Committee

Mover: Kyla Seconder: Leslie Carried

- 10.2 Update ScotiaWealth Investments (Bob and Yvonne)
 - Investment profile needs updating in Dec
 - Financial Committee discussed staying with same auditor (Lingard and Dreger) for the 2021 audit
 - Discipline reserve fund was increased
 - Financial Committee recommends putting funds from the sale of the office into low risk investments
- 10.3 Decisions for Council

10.3.1 Approval of 2022 Budget

Motion: Council accepts the proposed 2022 deficit budget as presented

Mover: Michelle Seconder: Kyla Carried

10.3.2 Appointment of 2022 Auditor

Motion: Council appoints Lingard and Dreger to perform the 2021 RPNAS financial audit

Mover: Leslie Seconder: Penni Carried

10.3.3 Discipline reserve fund

Motion: Council agrees that the Internally Restricted account be renamed to Discipline Reserve fund. Transfer funds from the unrestricted reserve fund to the discipline reserve to

bring balance to \$250,000.00

Mover: Penni Seconder: Kyla Carried

10.3.4 Utilization of office sale equity

Motion: Council retains the equity from the sale of the office space in the unrestricted fund

and invests in a cashable GIC until reviewed Dec 3 by Financial Investor

Mover: Leslie Seconder: Michelle Carried

10.3.5 Composition of Committee

 Discussed changing representation from 3 Council members to RPNAS members and a public representative independent of Council

11. Legislation Committee

- 11.1 Seeking public representative
 - Public Rep Ray Joubert passed away
 - Mark Belanger bio presented as a potential candidate to Council

Motion: that the Council appoints the Mark Belanger as public representative to the Legislation Committee for a 2.5 year term (remainder of 2021 – 2024) as requested Mover: Kyla

Seconder: Leslie

Carried

L1.2 Reappointment of member representatives

Motion: to reappoint Stephanie Bajus and Rachel Desnomie to the Legislation Committee

for another term

Mover: Kyla Seconder: Leslie Carried

12. Nominations Committee

- 12.1 Composition of committee
 - Currently composed of Kyla Bereti, Leslie Gamble and Russ Marchuk
 - Leslie will make a decision about running for a second term on Council. Will need to find another member to take her place on Nominations Committee if she is running again

13. Executive Director/Registrar Report

- 13.1 Updates
 - Update given by Beverly
 - RPNAS bylaw amendments were approved by Minister
 - New bylaws have been distributed to members and posted on the website
 - Review of entire bylaws documents in alignment with RPN Act occurring this fall. Review to be conducted by Greg Sim from Field Law
 - Legislative amendments to Ministry of Health as presented by NIRO has entered consultation phase
 - RPNCE being transitioned to computer-based exam
 - Karen provided updated on exam transition
 - HR policies are under development through HR Downloads
 - Regulatory policies are being developed as resources are available
 - Council policies will need development as we move away from Carver Governance
 - Consultant to be hired
 - Saskpoly program currently undergoing approval process
 - Lacey provided updated about Continuing Competence Program
 - Phased in approach beginning Jan 2022

- Karen provided an overview of the need for the Nursing Community Assessment Service (NCAS)
 - Overview of the current IEN assessment/application process provided
 - IENs applying to register in Saskatchewan tend to have gaps in their education and eligibility to write licensure exam. NCAS provides a fair and unbiased assessment of competencies, skills and critical thinking. There will be a cost to the applicant. There will also be a cost to RPNAS to develop IT infrastructure with NCAS. The service is necessary for IEN assessment process
- Reminder: Council dates
 - o 2021: Dec 3
 - o 2022: March 4, May 11/12/13, Sept 15/16 and Dec 2
- Discussed Council composition and use of competency matrix

Action Item: Operations staff to develop competency matrix for Council for December

- 13.2 Organizational risk assessment
 - Presented by Bev
 - Suggestion made to include a colour coded risk assessment for the annual report. This would provide membership with clearer understanding of risks and actions taken by the organization

Meeting moved in-camera 1530

- 14. In-Camera
 - 14.1 Council items(s) with ED
 - 14.1.1 Council has approved RPNAS observe September 30 as National Truth and Reconciliation Stat holiday

Carried

Motion: Council declares September 30 as National Statutory Holiday for RPNAS staff.

Moved: Penni Seconded: Michelle

14.2 Council item(s) – ED excused

Meeting moved out of in-camera 1604

- 15. Next Meeting December 3, 2021
- 16. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Yvonne

Meeting adjourned at 1605