

Canadian Nursing Informatics Association



The CNIA Newsblast delivers informatics news from Canada and around the world to our members and subscribers.

Summer is here!

It is hard to believe that we are entering our second summer with COVID still a reality that continues to impact us every day. However, things are looking better for most Canadians and there is much optimism that we are moving towards what will become our new normal. As vaccine rates increase and daily counts decrease, restrictions are lifting and people are once again starting to gather.

But the warmth of summer also brings other concerns to parts of the country - wildfires on the west coast, tornados or warnings of tornados in different regions. Wherever you are we wish you a happy, healthy and safe summer.

Read on to get some updates from the Annual General meeting held June 24th and the results of the CNIA election.

CNIA Annual General Meeting - Updates

The **Annual General Meeting** was held on Thursday, June 24th at 12:30pm (EST). The agenda included:

- Welcome
- Land Acknowledgement
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the Past AGM Minutes - June 25, 2020
- Business Arising from the 2020 AGM
- Reports:
 - President, President-Elect, Past President
 - Treasurer
 - Directors - Communications, Education, Membership, Research
 - Secretary

- Jurisdictional Reps

- New Business

- CNIA Strategic Plan
 - 2022 Conference

- Adjournment

Some highlights:

The **Strategic Plan** was developed with the CNIA Executive over two facilitated meetings last year.

The revised Mission Statement:

Every nurse, every setting, optimizing informatics and digital health for all.

The revised Vision Statement:

Positively impacting health outcomes by advancing nursing informatics leadership.

The Strategic Objectives are as follows:

Operations and Processes:

1. Deliver educational programs and communications to develop resources and revenue.
2. Effective, diverse and responsive leadership team ensuring that actions align with membership needs.
3. Prepare a long-term fiscal plan that includes an annual budget and revenue generating ideas.

Member Services:

1. Maintain and grow a diverse membership.
2. Demonstrate inclusion, excellence, fairness, accountability and integrity in our work.
3. Support jurisdictional groups and associations.
4. Develop a clear research mandate for CNIA.
5. Explore opportunities and options for NI certification in Canada.

External Collaboration:

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1. Improve and expand industry and vendor partnerships to find new opportunities for collaboration and funding.
 2. Increase awareness across Canada of CNIA including whole are and what we do.
 3. Seek out collaborative opportunities with relevant stakeholders to advance common goal and expertise that will improve health outcomes.
 4. Provide input to informatics policy across Canada.

Each of the objectives has associated initiatives (action items) that the Board is actively working on. There will be much more information to come - visit the CNIA website for updates.

Tracie Risling provided an overview of the **CNIA 2021 Conference** held virtually May 10th to 14th. A total of 86 attendees participated in the conference, themed - Nursing Informatics: Integrating Care and Connection in a Digital World. This was very fitting for Nursing Week this year, with a national theme of "We Answer the Call" - a nod to the exemplary work of every nurse in every role, stepping up during the COVID pandemic to support patients, families and each other.

The feedback received to date has been very positive, including the desire for a continued virtual option. Discussions are underway for the site of the 2022 conference. Thanks to the planning committee and to all that attended and participated.

Additional information from the AGM will be made available in the meeting minutes.

CNIA Board Election Results

CNIA undertook elections this year to fill positions that were up for renewal. The timelines were as follows:

Call for Nominations

May 3rd to 24th

Confirmation of Candidates

May 28th

Voting Dates

May 31st to June 7th

The Executive Management Team:

President	Tracie Risling
President Elect	Barb Cross (acclaimed)
Past President	Glynda Rees

Secretary	Terri Baker (acclaimed – second term)
Treasurers	Manal Kleib Aimee Castro
Co-Directors – Communications	Helen Edwards (elected – second term) Lisa Totten (newly elected)
Co-Directors – Education	Ryan Chan (newly elected) Shauna Davies (newly elected)
Co-Directors – Membership	Sonia Pagliaroli (elected – second term) Judy Fleming (newly elected)
Co-Directors - Research	Eric Maillet (acclaimed – second term) Vacant

The Executive would like to express it's appreciation to Leanne Currie (Research), Lana Dunlop, Jodi Found (Education), Charlene (Communications) and Lynsey Turchet (Membership) for their commitment, hard work and dedication over the course or their term(s) on the Board.

What's coming in future newsblasts

- Profiles of the new and existing Board members, as well as CNIA members
- Educational offerings starting in the Fall
- Updates on the activities and ongoing action plans of the new Strategic Directions

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