



CDHNS Annual General Meeting

May 26, 2012

**Scotia Bank Theatre, Marion McCain Building
Faculty of Arts and Science Dalhousie University**

CDHNS Annual General Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Rosemary Bourque welcomed everyone to the third Annual CDHNS Business Meeting. Rosemary introduced the council members to the audience. In attendance: Dawna Ernst-Henry, Joyce Lind, Ann MacArthur, Cathy MacLean, Joanne Noye, Wendy Stewart, Jackie White, Karen Wolf. Absent were Sara Harding and Greg Glynn.

4. Approval of Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

Motion: To approve the agenda: Francine Leach, seconded by Wendy Stewart. Motion passed.

5. Approval of CDHNS AGM June 5, 2011 minutes

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes.

Motion: To accept the minutes as circulated: Joanne Noye, seconded by Ann MacArthur. Motion passed.

6. Annual Report –copies circulated

The CDHNS had put out a call for a practice advisor for the Resource Centre to review materials and pamphlets. Patricia Grant announced that two volunteers come forward to volunteer: Jocelyn Burke and Shannon O'Neill.

7. Audit Statements

Rosemary Bourque spoke to the audit statements in the annual report. The CDHNS Council had approved and accepted the audit statements the day before at the Council meeting and reaffirmed the accounting firm, Wilde Timmons and Michaud. Rosemary also informed the membership that the financial year end changed and the audit statements reflect a nine-month period, not a full year.

There were no questions on the audit statements.

8. Report of the Nominations Committee

Karen Wolf, as Chair of the Nominations Committee announced that the CDHNS received four nominations for the four openings on the CDHNS Council. Therefore there would not be an election and the members were acclaimed into position.

Karen introduced the new council members: Simone d'Entremont, Francine Leach, Donna Samson, who were in attendance, and Angie Parker who was absent.

9. Special Recognitions

Rosemary Bourque presented Distinguished Service Certificates to Dawna Ernst-Henry, Jackie White, and Karen Wolf for their service on the CDHNS Council.

Wendy Stewart presented a Distinguished Service Certificate to Rosemary Bourque for her service on the CDHNS Council.

Jackie White presented Certificates of Appreciation to Odette d'Eon and Wendy Stewart for their service on the CDHNS Continuing Competency Committee. Odette d'Eon was absent from the meeting and Simone d'Entremont accepted on her behalf.

12. Adjournment

The Business Meeting portion of the AGM was adjourned.

13. Ownership Linkage (Session from 2:30 – 3:30)

Karen Wolf introduced Policy Government to the membership. Karen explained P.R.E.S.T.O, which are any issues that would be out of the CDHNS's control that may hinder the CDHNS from completing its goals. These range from Political, Regulatory, Economic, Sociological, Technical, and Other. A list of each issue was placed on the screen for members to discuss items and add anything not already there. Members brought forward many topics that relate to their practice and geographical area.

Part of the Council's mandate is to link with different populations within Nova Scotia. Over the past year, the council focused on a group of underserved population: "Families of Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves". Rosemary Bourque and Joanne Noye presented the Council's Ownership Linkage project which occurred at the Mira Long Term Care Facility in Truro.

There was an opportunity for members to speak to the different projects occurring in difference areas around the province. Several members stood and spoke to how they are contributing to their community through dental hygiene services and were applauded by the membership.

It was announced that the registrar will be travelling around the province to speak to the membership along with their local council members. The membership was able to vote on the topics they would to discuss at these meetings. The top two topics were: A follow up to the Empowering Yourself in the Workplace employment handbook, and interest in alternate practice settings.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.