

Minutes

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives was hosted online using a virtual platform on Wednesday, November 23, 2022.

Yvonne Savard, Board Chair, presided over the AGM and invited Louise Aerts, Chief Officer – Strategy, Governance, and Reconciliation, to act as AGM Facilitator.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

Land Acknowledgment

The Board Chair opened the meeting to respectfully acknowledge that the AGM was taking place at the BCCNM offices located on the unceded territories of the hə́n̓q̓əmi̓n̓ə́m̓ speaking peoples –, x̣ʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and sel̓ílwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations, and the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh-ulh Sníchim speaking peoples - Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish) Nation, whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Welcome and introductions

The Board Chair welcomed all attendees to the AGM.

The Board Chair introduced the BCCNM board members and recognized the service of Robert Calnan, a board member whose term of office will end on December 31, 2022. The Board Chair also thanked the college's healthcare partners, some of whom were guests at the meeting, and acknowledged the work and commitment of BCCNM's staff. She then introduced the Senior Leadership team to the forum.

Overview of agenda and procedural rules

The AGM Facilitator outlined the purpose of an annual general meeting within the health regulation context, and reviewed the procedural rules and meeting agenda. She confirmed the required quorum of 45 registrants was present and stated the meeting could proceed as stipulated in the BCCNM bylaws.

Board Chair Address: Report from the Board and Annual Report

The Board Chair delivered the 2022 Board report and spoke to the resilience demonstrated within the healthcare system in the past year. The Board Chair emphasized the college's commitment to cultural safety and humility and its intention to develop and maintain respectful processes and relationships grounded in mutual trust. The Board Chair expressed her thanks to the province's nurses and midwives for continuing to deliver safe care to the public.

Registrar & CEO Address

The Registrar/CEO echoed the Board Chair's expression of gratitude, again with specific thanks to registrants. She described the continuing efforts of the college to support: the provincial response to the pandemic and overdose crises; dismantling Indigenous-specific racism within the healthcare system; and modernizing health profession regulation. The Registrar/CEO also spoke about the new Indigenous Cultural Safety, Cultural Humility, and Anti-Racism which came into effect in February 2022 and the BCCNM Strategic Plan, which was released in October 2022.

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

The Chief Officer (Operations) referenced the 2021 BCCNM annual report and financial statements audited by KPMG. He provided a high-level summary of the college's budget and expenses and described the process for fee setting. The COO also explained how the pandemic had continued to affect the operation and finances of the college, and how resources were being allocated/reallocated.

Questions and Resolutions

The AGM Facilitator confirmed that no resolutions had been received from registrants for consideration at this meeting.

The Senior Leadership team responded to questions received in advance of the AGM and then answered questions submitted by attendees during the meeting. Questions covered subjects such as registrant fees, BCCNM office space, national and cross-jurisdictional registration, and the proposed new *Health Professions and Occupations Act*.

Closing Remarks

There being no further college business, the AGM Facilitator closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 2:07pm.

A recording of the AGM is available to the public on the BCCNM website.