

Minutes

Annual General Meeting

The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives was hosted online using a virtual platform, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on Thursday, November 25, 2021.

Yvonne Savard, Board Chair, presided over the AGM and invited Bradley Chisholm, Chief Officer - Strategy and Governance, to act as AGM Facilitator.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

Land Acknowledgment

The Board Chair opened the meeting to respectfully acknowledge that BCCNM's offices are located on the unceded territories of the hə́nqəmíhə́m speaking peoples –, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and selílwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations, and the Sḵw̓xwú7mesh-ulh Sníchim speaking peoples - Sḵw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish) Nation, whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day. The Board Chair also acknowledged the ancestral and unceded homelands from which she was joining the AGM.

The Board Chair welcomed Sulksun, a highly respected Coast Salish First Nations knowledge keeper and ceremonialist, and invited him to open the AGM with a blessing.

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 Colin Bennett, a board member whose term of office will end on December 31, 2021. 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. The Senior Leadership team was introduced 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. He 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 inaugural board report and highlighted some of the college's successes since its amalgamation in September 2020. She expressed her personal gratitude to all involved in the regulatory process keeping the public safe, particularly nurses and midwives for their dedication and delivery of healthcare services at this time.

Registrar/CEO Address

The Registrar/CEO echoed the Board Chair's expression of gratitude, again with specific thanks to registrants. Acknowledging the uncertainty inherent in the system at this time, the Registrar/CEO explained the role of the college in relation to issues arising from the pandemic, such as mandatory vaccinations. She also summarized the action being taken by the college in response to emerging issues within the health regulatory system, including BCCNM's plan to address Indigenous-specific racism.

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

The Chief Officer (Operations) referenced the first 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 the key financial changes experienced by the college post-amalgamation, and identified some upcoming projects.

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 cultural safety and humility, financial accountability, BCCNM office space, registrant fees, and nursing shortages.

Closing Remarks

There being no further college business, the Board Chair invited Sulksun to close the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11:00am.

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