

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 29, 2023.

Tanya Momtazian, 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 9:30 am.

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgment

The Board Chair acknowledged that the AGM was taking place at the BCCNM offices, located on the unceded territories of the hə́nqə́míñə́m speaking peoples –, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, and the Skwxwú7mesh-ulh Sníchim speaking peoples - Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish) Nation, whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

The Board Chair invited Sulksun, member of the Pointe Family, Musqueam Indian Band, and Coast Salish First Nations, to open the AGM with a blessing and words to ground the meeting.

The Board Chair subsequently introduced the BCCNM board members, expressing gratitude for the service of Ruth Ringland, Yvonne Savard, and Madelon Stevens, whose terms of office end on December 31, 2023.

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 and senior leadership team.

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, reflecting on shifts in the healthcare system. She spoke about the commitments to address Indigenous-specific racism, including a new practice standard co-created by BCCNM and CPSBC for Indigenous Cultural Safety, Cultural Humility, and Anti-Racism, the efforts to increase Indigenous representation on the board and its committees, and actions to integrate reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion into the Board's work.

The Board Chair provided an overview of the new and revised standards approved by the Board to support nurses and midwives, and provided numerical data to illustrate the college's accomplishments in 2022.

The Board Chair expressed her thanks to the Board, college staff, and the province's nurses and midwives for continuing to deliver safe care to the public amidst such change.

Registrar & CEO Address

The Registrar expressed her gratitude, and shared a teaching from Sulksun about *nutsamaht* ("we are one") which speaks to the interconnectedness and interdependence of all living beings. Building on the Board Chair's comments, the Registrar explained what *nutsamaht* means to BCCNM, and how it lives in commitments to bring cultural safety and humility into the health regulatory realm.

The Registrar also provided updates about: vaccination requirements and the lifting of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic; the Nursing Community Assessment Service and new pathways to register internationally-educated applicants; recent discipline hearings; and strategic objectives for the next five years.

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

The Chief Officer (Operations) provided a summary of the college's investments, budget, and expenditure, referencing the 2022 BCCNM annual report and financial statements, as audited by KPMG.

Questions and Resolutions

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 BCCNM office space, hybrid work arrangements for staff, whether fees would be directly billed to health authorities, and the impacts of the new *Health Professions and Occupations Act*.

There being no further college business, the meeting concluded at 10:16 am. A recording of the AGM is available to the public on the BCCNM website.