

Council Notes

The SRNA 13-member Council met for a half day on April 30, 2019 prior to the SRNA Conference and Annual Meeting. The following is an overview of the discussions that occurred and decisions that were made.

President Report

President Joanne Petersen reported on the activities of her final months as president with SRNA Council. Joanne represented the SRNA at several conferences and meetings, including the Canadian Council of Nurse Regulators (CCRNR) meeting in Winnipeg and the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA) annual meeting in Edmonton where she had the opportunity to learn about the processes for its annual meeting and presented what the SRNA can potentially incorporate going forward. As a board member of CNA, Joanne attended both the March meeting and the CNA Think Tank hosted in Regina. The Think Tank's focus on intra-collaboration and the possible educational reforms necessary to support this type of collaboration within the family of nursing. Joanne also attended the SUN Conference in Saskatoon in April and updated Council on the bylaw changes made at this meeting. Finally, Joanne and Executive Director, Cindy Smith, met with the Ministers of Health and representatives from the New Democratic Party. She reviewed the consultation process with the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) in December 2018 and the importance of employer support of self-regulation.

Message from the Executive Director

SRNA Executive Director, Cindy Smith presented her report to Council. Some of the updates she provided included:

- An update from the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR), the Canadian Council for Practical Nurse Regulators (CCPNR) and the Registered Psychiatric Nurse Regulators of Canada (RPNRC) meetings attended in early 2019, including:
 - Discussions regarding labour mobility issues
 - An update on Nursys, a unique identifiable ID being considered
 - An update from the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS), reviewing its strategic plan, its work with regulatory bodies and identifying possible areas for collaboration
 - An update on the Performance Measurement Working Group
 - Discussions regarding RN prescribing
 - An update on the RN(NP) Regulation project
- A summary of and highlights from “*Governance for the 21st Century—Vision 2020*”, a presentation provided by Kevin McCarthy, Director of Strategy for the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO), including:
 - The public’s perception of regulators

- Trends in regulation across the globe
- CNO's changed governance principles and governance model
 - Enhanced transparency, address conflicts of interest and achieve outcomes
- A shift to smaller a Board—six nurses and six public members (was 37)
 - The rationale for this change is to ensure equal representation of public with the recognition that they protect the public not professionals, so if the Board or Council has more nurses, gives perception of protection of professionals
 - CNO will continue to have advisory groups
 - A shift to a competency-based Board
 - Pre-education for the Board before appointed, plus on-going education
- Currently in the implementation phase
- A summary of and highlights from “*Regulatory Governance in the Public Interest*”, a presentation provided by Bradley Chishlom, Chief Officer, Strategy and Governance for the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP), and Mark MacKinnon, ED MOH BC, including:
 - A review of dual mandate questions and concerns
 - A look at increased transparency and right-touch regulation

President-Elect Report

Incoming SRNA President, Warren Koch, briefed Council on his takeaways from the CCRNR meeting, which included:

- Educational reform to promote intra-professional education and relations
- Reviewing what is best practice in regulation
- Cooperation within the family of nursing

Review of Council Evaluations from February 2019 Council Meeting

Council members reviewed the evaluations of the February 2019 Council meeting. Discussion regarding the evaluations included:

- Concerns that no one running for President-Elect
- Positive comments for the annual meeting

Jurisdictional Member Director on the CNA Board of Directors

Warren Koch, Incoming SRNA President, was nominated by fellow Council members to serve as Jurisdictional Member Director on the CNA Board of Directors.

Council Annual Meeting Preparation

Ahead of the 2019 SRNA Annual Meeting, Council was prepped with key messages and reviewed the schedule of events. This allowed Council to ask any questions and address any concerns they had with SRNA staff. This review included:

- Review of the conference and annual meeting schedule

- Review of the conference presenters, who will be bringing greetings, and important information for Council to know
- Going over the key messages for the meeting
- The PSA review and right-touch regulation
- Review of bylaws and roles of Council