

AGM 2017 SUMMARY

In October 22, 2017, a small group of very keen paediatric nurses and CAPN Executive Board Members came together at the Canadian Association of Pediatric Health Care Centres Conference in Montreal to hold the very first Annual General Meeting for the re-vitalized CAPN. We were fortunate to secure two speakers from SickKids Hospital, Sandhaya Parekh, RN, & Julie Watson, RN-EC who spoke about the implementation of a pediatric sepsis pathway. Their insights and systematic approach to integration into practice was inspiring to say the least.

The AGM portion of the meeting included the Executive Reports from the President, Bonnie Fleming-Carroll; the Finance Officer, Karen Breen-Reid; Communication & Marketing Report submitted by Fiona So, and the interest group report from Louise Rudden. CAPN has had many accomplishments in the short 10 months that the Executive have been in place. This includes publishing the Canadian Paediatric Nursing Standards, creating Terms of Reference, securing a domain name for the future website, re-branding, membership fee structure, review and revised the constitution & by-laws, successfully secured National Network Specialty Interest Status with CNA, and set up a site for member registration.

The following motions were brought forward at the meeting:

1. motion for interim Executive Board member to remain in place for the next year to continue to build CAPN to a sustainable status-approved with consensus
2. motion to accept new members to the Board to represent the following provinces and territories (Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Yukon, Northwest Territories)-approved with consensus
3. motion to collaborate with the CNA to develop a Paediatric Nursing Certification Exam-approved with consensus

We are excited about moving forward with a focus on building membership, developing a CAPN website, partnering on the CNA exam, and formulating a longer term strategic plan for CAPN to ensure we have a positive impact on children's healthcare in Canada.