



BC Nurse Practitioner Association  
Fiona Hutchison, President  
27656 110th Avenue  
Maple Ridge BC  
V2W 1P6

March 2, 2018

Dear Fiona and BCNPA Board Members,

I am pleased to follow up on my conversation with Fiona regarding the recent decision by the ARNBC Board to recognize the exceptional work of the BCNPA in supporting our nurse practitioner members. I applaud the work you have done to develop a strong and robust association through voluntary membership and a hard-working voluntary board. The achievements of the BCNPA should be applauded by all nurses as you have provided an important voice of balance and advocacy as you have worked to build up knowledge and recognition of a professional designation all nurses can be proud of.

In 2014, a fee collection agreement was reached between the CRNBC and ARNBC, which provided for universal fee collection for all registered nurses and nurse practitioners in the province. We recognize that the signing of this agreement, without the inclusion or consideration of BCNPA, was a great disappointment for BCNPA, and has caused ongoing confusion within the healthcare system. We also acknowledge that this agreement has, at times, caused tension and frustration between our two organizations.

Although ARNBC membership has always consisted of registered nurses and nurse practitioners, we acknowledge that the BCNPA has outdistanced ARNBC when it comes to contributing to the integration, sustainability and future of nurse practitioners in the province. Through your yearly conference, well-informed discussion papers, updates on legislative changes, media opportunities, administrative support and dialogue with stakeholders, BCNPA has been a rich resource for nurse practitioners and ARNBC itself, over the past decade.

In respect of our partnership and shared activities, and on behalf of all ARNBC members, the ARNBC Board would like to provide BCNPA with a one-time grant in the amount of \$20,000. We would also value an opportunity to craft a joint public statement with you, expressing our appreciation of the work you have done, and acknowledging that your efforts on behalf of our nurse practitioner members has been exceptional.

Sincerely,

Tania Dick, President  
Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia