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Subject: Announcing the Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada

From: Roberta Heale

**We are now the
Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada
Association des infirmières et infirmiers
praticiennes du Canada (NPAC-AIIPC)!!**

At the AGM on April 20th, members voted to transition the organization from the Canadian Association of Advanced Practice Nurses to the Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes including formally changing our letters of incorporation to reflect the new name and updating the website (now www.npac-aiipc.org) and email addresses.

We are thrilled to announce that the work is completed and there is now a national organization that represents Nurse Practitioners and NP issues!!

We aren't resting now that NPAC-AIIPC has been established.

Activities include:

- Ongoing collaboration with Canadian Nurses Association to address remaining federal barriers to practice.
 - Reorganization of NP Council, which includes representatives from across Canada. This group works together to advance the role of the NP in Canada. Council work will resume in September 2017
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- Preparing a toolkit and proclamation for national NP Week (second week of November)
- Attending meetings with federal health institutions/groups to address current health issues relevant to NPs and NP practice (eg. MAID)

I would personally like to thank everyone who worked so diligently to set up the AGM and to make the transition to a national NP organization a reality. I'm looking forward to representing the organization until my term as President is completed and to facilitate growth for the organization and advancement of NP profile, practice and influence in the years to come.

**Roberta Heale,
President of NPAC**

LOGO CONTEST

In celebration of our new name and focus, the NPAC-AIIPC board of directors is sponsoring a competition to create our new logo. If you have an idea, you can draw, scan and send your logo idea to me (Roberta Heale) at president@npac-aiipc.org by Friday, July 7th. Be sure to include an explanation for the shape, colours and symbols that you've used.

The board of NPAC-AIIPC will review the logo ideas and choose three from the entries. The NP members will be given the opportunity to vote for their favourite. If your logo idea wins, you'll be given registration, travel, food and accommodations to attend **Setting the Pace: A NP Led Interprofessional** conference co-hosted by NPAC and held in Sudbury, Ontario on September 15, 2017. Conference details can be found here:

<http://bit.ly/2rD2gA2>
