

Email received Mon. March 20, 2017 from Roberta Heale, President of CAAPN ACIIPA

Dear CAAPN ACIIPA Member,

By now you should have received an email with a link to the new CAAPN ACIIPA website (www.caapn-aciipa.org). We're very pleased to have launched this new website as it will provide more opportunity for you to interact with other NPs as well as the BOD of CAAPN. Be sure to check out the Member Forum where you can post questions, issues and read about other's concerns.

Another feature of the new website is easy accessibility to documents and information. The first important event that I'd like to draw your attention to is the upcoming AGM. It will be held on **Thursday, April 20th at 7pm EST**. We are finalizing the meeting format and voting platform. You'll receive more information in the upcoming days.

This is an extremely important AGM because we will be voting on a foundational change to the organization. CAAPN ACIIPA was established to represent Advanced Practice Nurses, including CNSs and NPs, in Canada. The current Board of Directors of CAAPN has been working on an issue arising in 2015.

- In 2015 a group of CNSs met at the Canadian Nurses Association to develop a national CNS organization.
- The **Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada** was incorporated in January 2016.
- During this time, CAAPN ACIIPA reflected on the mission and vision of our organization. The Board of Directors decided to put forward a resolution to a vote at our Jan 2016 AGM, that CAAPN would transition to a national NP organization. The members who attended tabled the resolution pending additional information about the new CNS organization.
- The CAAPN Board of Directors met with the CNS-C Board of Directors in July 2016 where they confirmed that it was in the best interest of CNSs to be represented by only one national organization and they offered their support to CAAPN ACIIPA's proposed transition to an NP organization.
- CAAPN ACIIPA secured legal services to confirm the processes required to revisit the resolution and other necessary processes for the potential transition to an NP organization.

We are now prepared to revisit the resolution for CAAPN ACIIPA to become a national NP organization. This, and votes on related issues, will be the focus of the upcoming AGM. Given the fundamental change that is proposed, we strongly encourage you to attend the upcoming AGM. We will offer members an opportunity to vote on the resolution to transition to an NP organization, online and anonymously during the week prior to the AGM.

You will receive an email in the upcoming days with information on how to vote ahead of the AGM on only the resolution about transition to an NP organization, should you choose to do so. You will also receive information about how to register for and take part in the AGM.

Documents related to the AGM are located in the Member Documents Section of the CAAPN ACIIPA website (available March 21). I encourage all of you to review the new website, to take part in the discussion forums and to review all the documents for the upcoming AGM.

Sincerely,

Roberta Heale
President of CAAPN ACIIPA