



BCNPA Board Nominations 2017

1) President Elect

Candidate: Sue Peck, MN-NP(F)
Nominated by: Ruth Ringland NP
2nd: Ranjit Lehal NP
Supporting documentation: complete

Nominee Statement:

I am excited to be nominated for President-elect of BCNPA. Since 2006 I have been a strong advocate for NP practice and worked hard in many capacities to promote the integration of the NP role in BC. I feel I have both the historical perspective and a strategic vision for the future. Many of you know I am retiring from full time clinical practice; retirement will afford me time to devote to the executive for the next 3 years. NPs as a profession are being noticed for our contributions to the health of British Columbians and our successes have brought us to the cusp of new and exciting challenges. The BCNPA's current executive has done an excellent job laying the ground work in discussions with the key stakeholders. I feel that I can, as a member of this strong team, help to continue to move the NP agenda forward in BC.





2) Treasurer

Candidate: Sandra Broughton, APRN-BC; CNRN, NP(A)

Nominated by: Wendy Bowles, NP

2nd: Laura Housden, NP

Supporting documentation: *missing photo*

Nominee Statement:

My name is Sandra Broughton, and I am interested in the BCNPA position of treasurer. I have been in healthcare services for many years, and owe my success as a new NP from a variety of interests and experience. I have worked as a bedside nurse in medical-surgical nursing and critical care, taught in the clinical and academic setting, and worked as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. I am currently the NP for Neurosurgery at the Royal Columbian Hospital, and have been successful in implementing this new role in this specialty population. I am proud to be a leader in this strong interdisciplinary team, and have been successful with decreasing length of stay, increasing the number of discharges, and improved quality of care for patients, families, and staff. I am certified as an neuroscience nurse as advanced practice nurse, and maintain my educational and professional goals. My previous treasurer experience includes that of the Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia, and the Parent Association of the American International School of Johannesburg. The attributes I bring to the position are my leadership skills as well as passion for being an active member of a strong professional association such as the BCNPA.



3) Health Rep - Interior

Candidate: Celia Evanson, MN-NP(F)

Nominated by: Louann Janicki, NP, DNP

2nd: Lori Verigin, NP

Supporting documentation: complete

Nominee Statement:

Celia is a true prudent professional who exemplifies Family NP role. She works to full family practice scope, she has excellent clinical and communication skills. She is a great leader, mentor to other NPs and NP students /all colleagues She is privileged NP, and a member of NP Dept - she is a member of local MAC- she will promote the mission/vision of BCNPA and IH regional needs, assisted with Conference planning 2016





4) Health Rep - Vancouver

Candidate: Michelle Sims BSN, MN-NP(F)

Nominated by: Barb Eddy, NP

2nd: Jennifer Buck, NP

Supporting documentation: complete

Nominee Statement:

I am excited to be nominated for the position of Vancouver regional director with BCNPA. My experiences with BCNPA started seven years ago as a student NP and have expanded over the last five years during which time I have had an extraordinary and full NP career. At this time in my profession, I feel ready to promote the BCNPA mission and vision. I want to be involved in this important association which has provided so much support to me and my NP colleagues. Connecting people, resources and knowledge are areas of practice that I am committed to facilitating for my NP colleagues. I am ready for this incredible opportunity to learn, share and connect within our NP community across BC and in Vancouver.





5) Health Rep - PHSA

Candidate: Johanne Kenney NP(F)
Nominated by: Laurie Barnhardt NP
2nd: Nicholas Fitterer NP
Supporting documentation: complete

Nominee Statement:

As a past member of various nursing boards, including professional associations, affiliate groups and new NP-Led Clinic, I have had experience in participating with groups in the important work of moving the nursing agenda forward in the interest of public safety and membership best interest. I understand the dynamics of working with others in deliberating over issues of current political influences (both from an internal and organizational perspective as well as a regional and provincial perspective). I am very interested in safe practice and in developing processes that ensure safe practice is standard of care, and that the right health care provider is doing the work appropriate to them and in the best interest of the patient.





Candidate: Minna Miller, NP(F), DNP
Nominated by: Natasha Prodan-Bhalla NP
2nd: Lorine Scott, NP
Supporting documentation: complete

Nominee Statement:

I would be honoured to be the PHSA representative/Board member for BCNPA. I have worked as a Nurse Practitioner at BC Children's Hospital since 2012, and started my nursing career at the hospital in 1986. I served as the Chair for the PHSA NP Community of Practice group for 18 months in 2014-2016, and am actively involved with NP groups within PHSA. I am well acquainted with current NP issues as I am the Vice Chair of CRNBC NP Standards Committee, currently Chair BCNPA Communications Committee, and sit on the BC Primary Health Care Research Network Advisory Board. I have a faculty position as Adjunct Professor at UBC. I have the great honour to be the first Canadian NP to be inducted as a Fellow into the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) in June, 2017 and be recognized for practice scholarship in primary care pediatrics/chronic disease management, and for leadership in supporting and advancing the NP role/profession regionally and globally.





6) Health Rep - Northern

Candidate: Deborah Lowe, NP(F)

Nominated by: Elizabeth Berlin

2nd: Linda Van Pelt

Supporting documentation: complete

Nominee Statement:

I am interested in being the NHA director for the BCNPA as I have a strong understanding of the different realities of practicing in rural and remote communities. I know that our full scope practices coupled with the scarcity of medical resources, transportation difficulties, and poverty make NP practice very different in the north than in urban centers. I am keen to bring this perspective to the BCNPA and to the health authorities and the government. I am also excited to bring forward the distinct issues that are facing Aboriginal patients. My patient population is 85% Aboriginal and many of us in the north see many Aboriginal patients. I think this perspective is needed at the BCNPA and at the government level and I hope to be able to do this with this position.





7) Student Rep

Candidate: Sarah Jesshope BSN, RN; UVic MN-NP Class 2018

Nominated by: Elizabeth Loftis, NP

2nd: Hope Schreiber, NP

Supporting documentation: complete

Nominee Statement:

I was first introduced to the BCNPA by our current Student Representative, Harry Uppal. He spoke to me and my classmates about the role of the BCNPA and the importance of student participation. I have learned about the BCNPA's role in advocating NP integration into BC health care, and the steps we as students and NPs can take to bring positive change to social and health policy. I believe NPs have the abilities to enhance BC's health care system, but this shift will require consistent role advocacy and promotion. As the next BCNPA Student Representative I would actively engage with the board and fellow members, using newfound knowledge and connections to further NP student interest and participation within the BCNPA. I have seen first-hand what the BCNPA Student Representative can accomplish and I hope to have the opportunity to further develop this integral role. Thank you for your consideration.

