

**COHNA Update – February, 2014**

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**There is a rumour that Spring is just around the corner!**

I thought this would be a good opportunity to share some COHNA news with you because I know that as soon as Spring arrives we are all going to be outside trying to make up for this long, cold, snowy winter!

**2014 National Conference:**

This year COHNA is partnering with our New Brunswick association to offer a national conference for our members:

- Please join us on September 30 and October 1, 2014 in Saint John, New Brunswick at the Delta Brunswick Hotel for what promises to be a great conference!
- On September 29, just prior to the conference COHNA will hold our annual meeting. If you would like to observe our meeting proceedings please contact your provincial representative on the COHNA board.

We hope to see you there!

**Voting Rights for the Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties (CNNS)**

On January 29, 2014, the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) held a special meeting regarding the voting rights of members. One of the positive outcomes of this meeting is that members of the Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties (CNNS) now have the right to vote at the CNA table. This is a historic change for COHNA members because it now guarantees that we, and other members of the CNNS, will have a voice at the CNA table now and in the future.

**CNA Biennial Conference**

On June 16-18, 2014, the CNA Annual Meeting and Biennial Convention "*Explore. Reflect. Design. Act*" will take place in Winnipeg, Manitoba. COHNA Vice President, Heather Temple will attend and represent COHNA and occupational health nurses. Registration opened on Monday, February 3, 2014.

**New COHNA Board Members**

We are pleased to welcome two new representatives to the COHNA Board:

**Anne Masters-Boyne** – is replacing Karen Mazerolle and will represent the New Brunswick Occupational Health Nurses Group. Karen has spent many years on the COHNA board, most notably as President, and we are very grateful for her hard work and dedication to the cause.

**Erin Lambiris** – is replacing Rhonda Warrenner and will represent the Saskatchewan Occupational Health Nurses Group.

We thank both Karen and Rhonda for their time, energy on the COHNA Board and wish them happiness and health in the future.

**Professional Resources:**

Are you looking for quality resources and information?

- Join the COHNA listserv group:
  - [occupational-health-nursing-listserve-group-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:occupational-health-nursing-listserve-group-subscribe@yahogroups.com)
- CNA NurseONE knowledge resources:
  - [www.cna-aiic.ca](http://www.cna-aiic.ca)

**Looking Ahead:**

- We are in the process of updating our Bylaws to ensure we are compliant with the new Canadian Not-for profit Corporations Act which comes into force in October, 2014. Federal non-profit organizations that are not compliant with these new regulations will be dissolved.

**COHNA – ACIIST Mission Statement**

The Canadian Association for Occupational Health Nurses is committed to promoting excellence in the practice of occupational health nursing and advancing health, wellness and safety practices in the workplace by:

- Developing national standards and guidelines;
- Fostering working relationships between Provincial/Territorial Associations;
- Providing a forum for members to network, exchange knowledge and share expertise;
- Influencing legislation and regulations to improve the health and safety of workers; and
- Promoting the diverse role of the occupational health nurse to business, community, government and professional affiliates at every opportunity.

Respectfully,  
Roxanne McKendry  
President COHNA