

CRNS Council Annual Meeting Minutes

CRNS

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 3:00 PM

@ #1-3710 Eastgate Drive, Regina, SK

Attendance

Present:

Members: Doug Finnie (remote), Ryan Klassen, Janna Krismer (remote), Alison Morris, Mariam Nganzo, Joelynn Radbourne, Gaston de la Sablonniere, Cindy Smith, Moni Snell, Natalie Thiessen, Leah Thorp, Mary Ellen Walker (remote)

Executive Assistant: Julie Szabo

Knowledge Keeper: Judy Pelly

Leadership Team: Terri Belcourt, Cheryl Hamilton, Dan Li, Ariane Whiting

I. Annual Meeting (3pm) (Presenters: Cindy Smith)

A. Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgment took place, acknowledging those of us on Treaty 4 territory and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation, while also recognizing the registrants and others on this call from Treaty 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 territories. The President acknowledged the strength, resilience and capacity of all Indigenous peoples and reminded each of us that we are all Treaty people.

B. Call to Order

The 2024 annual meeting of the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan was called to order by President Moni Snell on June 5, 2024 at 1501 hours. Membership were reminded that with the recently revised legislation, the annual meeting format will be different this year. The CRNS membership is no longer eligible to vote during the meeting, which includes approving the bylaws of the organization.

C. Agenda Approval

President Moni Snell reminded the membership that the agenda is posted and was previously circulated.

Motion:

THAT the agenda of the CRNS 2024 annual meeting be accepted as presented.

Motion moved by Leah Thorp and motion seconded by Mariam Nganzo. CARRIED

D. 2023 Annual Meeting minutes

President Moni Snell advised that a copy of the Minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting, which Council approved at their August 22, 2023 Council meeting, have also been provided to the membership for their reference.

E. Reports

President Moni Snell advised that before the reports are read, Council were asked to introduce themselves, stating their name, designation and the number of years on Council.

President Snell read the Presidents report. A focus on governance excellence continued to be a priority for Council in 2023. With consultation from outside experts, we have made strides to strengthen our governance practices and policies, enhance our governance committees, refine council meetings and develop a Council nomination process, which will be realized in 2024/2025.

In the latter part of 2023, Council worked to refine the CRNS vision and mission, and develop the strategic plan for 2024 to 2026. We considered all the lessons learned, looked at trends happening in regulation across the country and internationally, and collaborated with experts to determine attainable actions to focus on how we can best protect the public through the regulation of RNs and NPs.

President Snell thanked outgoing Council Member-at-Large Mary-Ellen Walker, who served her first term in this position since 2020 and wished her well for the future.

Council Member-at-Large Joelynn Radbourne has completed one term and has been re-appointed to continue to serve for an additional 2-year term.

Executive Director & Registrar, Cindy Smith, read the Executive Directors report. The Annual Report provides the opportunity to publicly share a summary of the hard work of the CRNS. The report can be found online.

Cindy Smith highlighted the bylaws that have been approved and reminded registrants that Council approves and adopts bylaw amendments and no longer requires membership approval. Approved Bylaws are posted on the crns.ca website.

Highlight of Administrative bylaws approved:

- Amendments to *The Registered Nurses Act, 1988* permit council to be appointed rather than elected. The CRNS is moving to an appointment process and having a competency-based Council.
- This amendment also clarifies who is eligible for appointment or reappointment to Council and the length of term in office.
- The restructuring of Council and the move from an election-based process to an appointment process will result in a Council chair and no longer a Council president.
- In addition, three categories of membership were removed from the list, as they are no longer applicable with the CRNS's transition from association to college.

The regulatory bylaws have been approved by the Minister of Health and published in the Gazette on April 19, 2024, they include:

- Terminology updated throughout the bylaws to align with the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan (CRNS) name change and language in the amended Act.
- With Council nominations based on appointments, not elections, the language in the bylaw has been updated to reflect that the membership will no longer vote.
- The Nurse Practitioner Practice Standards were adopted.
- As well, potential Investigation Committee (IC) outcomes were removed, as the amendments to the Act allow for more discretion in what the Investigation Committee may determine to be a potential outcome decision.

All this work is made possible by a group of dedicated individuals. Cindy thanked the leadership team, staff and Council, and the endless list of volunteer RNs and NPs, Indigenous partners and public members on our committees, who work diligently to ensure the CRNS is a leader in registered nursing regulation and can effectively protect the public.

Cindy commended all registrants for their passion and dedication through the continued stress that impacts the health care system, dedicating themselves to the nursing profession and for all they do to bring high-quality care to the people of Saskatchewan when they need it most.

F. Financial Statements

Dan Li, Director of Corporate Services & Communications presented the 2023 Financial report.

G. Question period

President Snell advised the floor would be open for 10 minutes to allow for questions. There were no questions asked. President Snell reminded membership that If they had questions to contact Cindy Smith directly with their questions and Cindy would follow up with a response.

H. Adjournment

Motion:

THAT the 2024 annual meeting of the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan be adjourned.

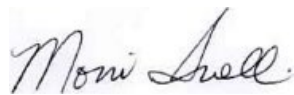
Motion moved by Natalie Thiessen and motion seconded by Ryan Klassen.

CARRIED

APPROVED ON:

September 17, 2024

Date



Moni Snell, NP
President



Julie Szabo
Recording Secretary