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Network Update: June 29, 2010

We would like to take this opportunity to send an RN Network Update to those of you who are signed on to our RN Network list. As you are likely aware, the CRNBC hosted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 25, 2010. At that meeting, the CRNBC brought forward a resolution entitled: “*CRNBC Withdrawal From the Canadian Nurses Association*” (see <https://www.crnbc.ca>). As you also may be aware, this resolution to deliver a written resignation of the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia’s jurisdictional membership in the CNA was defeated. The CRNBC will communicate with registered nurses in BC about their plans going forward from their AGM.

At the CRNBC AGM, many nurses spoke passionately about the importance of wide consultation with registered nurses about future working relationships between the CRNBC, the CNA, the BCNU, and the newly formed Association of Registered Nurses of BC (ARNBC). As Interim ARNBC Board members, it is our plan to work closely with the CRNBC, CNA, and BCNU as well as other nursing interest groups and associations to help to chart a way forward in the best interests of all BC nurses as well as the public. We see the group of nurses who have asked to be part of the RN Network (the precursor to the ARNBC) as an excellent starting point.

We are therefore using this Update to ask you for your advice about how to consult effectively with registered nurses across the province. We are committed to engaging in a broad and comprehensive consultation process with nurses and other key stakeholders to involve them in developing the new ARNBC. However, because nurses are working in diverse settings across BC and are often stretched for time, we need your advice about how we can begin to set up an effective consultation process. We want BC nurses to become involved and know that they have a voice. So our first question to you is an invitation for advice on feasible strategies for wide consultation. Please take a few moments to respond to this very short “one-question” survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RNNetworkJune2010>

Many thanks for your ongoing attention. As we witnessed at the CRNBC AGM on June 25th as well as at our first ARNBC meeting on May 19th, nurses in BC have a great deal of wisdom to contribute as we work together to build bridges between nursing organizations provincially and nationally for the benefit of our profession and the public we serve.

And finally, the Network list remains a primary way for us to reach out to you all. Please consider encouraging your colleagues to add their email address to our growing contact list. To join the Network list, send an email to Rebecca.Armstrong@nursing.ubc.ca with “RN Network” in the subject line.

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