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## Network Update #14 – May 12, 2011

### **National Nursing Week: ‘Nursing – The health of our nation’**

This update brings our best wishes to all nurses in British Columbia for National Nursing Week. With the federal election fresh in our minds, this year’s nursing week theme is a fitting reminder of the role of the profession in public health care in Canada. During the recent campaign we witnessed new forms of enthusiastic citizen engagement, a call for greater civility, a concern about our core values as a nation and a sense of optimism to tackle our collective challenges. Nursing week also reminds us that we are connected with our colleagues throughout Canada and beyond our borders as members of a global community of nurses.

### **Launching our Website**

We are pleased to announce the official launch of the Association of Registered Nurses of BC (ARNBC) website this week <http://www.arnbc.ca/>. Thanks to those of you who sent comments following our soft launch to the Network last month. Please visit the site and keep your comments coming!

We know that nurses are looking for ways to become engaged with ARNBC. We are seeking your ideas for hot topics that we’ll use as themes for our messages to the Ministry of Health. The following link is a short survey which gives you a quick and easy opportunity to voice your ideas about health care and the role of nursing: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MCZSMS5>. Another avenue for engagement is to send us photos of nurses at work to highlight diversity within our workplaces and communities. The website will provide more details on what we’re looking for as we build up a collection of dynamic, representative photos.

### **ARNBC Update**

As mentioned in our previous update, ARNBC has been continuing to meet with Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and College of Registered Nurses of BC to discuss the feasibility of assigning CRNBC’s jurisdictional membership in CNA to ensure the voice of BC nurses is heard nationally as well as provincially on health, nursing and public policy. We have not yet reached an agreement but we remain hopeful that such an agreement will soon be reached and that BC nurses will continue to have the link to CNA as well as a strong provincial association within BC. As always, we look forward to hearing from you at any time - [board@arnbc.ca](mailto:board@arnbc.ca).

The members of the interim ARNBC board want to thank you again for your support, feedback, and patience as the infrastructure for the ARNBC continues to develop. This nursing week we will leave you with a quote from Cargegie and Kiger that illustrates the importance of the voice of nursing - “Having a vision of an informed, activist nursing profession can play a part in raising the level of discourse within society. Activism can give meaning to nursing inquiry, and to be meaningful our work must connect with the larger community” (2009, p. 1983).

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