

ARNBC Interim Board of Directors 2010

Co-Chairs



Rob Calnan, RN, is a manager in surgical services in the Vancouver Island health Authority. He has served as President of both RNABC (1997 – 99) and the Canadian Nurses Association (2002 – 2004) and led two components of the Canadian Nurse Practitioner Initiative. He is known as a passionate and articulate spokesperson for the capacity that nurses can offer in providing health care services with Canadians and as a strong proponent of a publicly funded, not for profit health care system.



Susan Duncan, RN is a faculty member at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops. She has over 30 years experience in nursing practice, education and leadership roles. She has represented nursing on regional health and hospital boards and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing. She is passionate about the need for a unified Nursing voice in health and public policy.

Members



Lynette Best, RN, has over 35 years experience in various management and leadership roles in health care organizations in BC and is known for designing creative practical solutions to resolve clinical issues and for building strong teams. A longstanding advocate of professional nursing, she has served on the boards of both RNABC and the CNA. In 2007, Lynette retired from the position of Chief of Professional Practice and Nursing for Providence Health Care.



Julie Fraser, RN, is a clinical practice consultant at Fraser Health, supporting professional practice for students, new graduates and mentors. She has 13 years of clinical practice experience in acute, community and residential care. Julie has worked in a variety of nursing roles- direct care, education, policy development, program management and practice consultation. She has a record of supporting professional practice, self-governance councils, group engagement, and program outcomes.



Suzanne Johnston, PhD, RN is the Vice President, Clinical Programs & Chief Nursing Officer at Northern Health. Suzanne has more than 25 years of leadership experience in healthcare and government services and has a special interest in leadership development, particularly for non-profits.



Leanna Loy, RN is a Community Health Nurse in Vancouver. Being relatively new to the nursing profession, Leanna has a first-hand understanding of the difficulties experienced by new graduates on the front line. With a previous career in biomedical research, she currently has a personal interest in chronic disease prevention and management. Since her first term of nursing school, Leanna has always been enthusiastic about the nursing profession and was a CRNBC Student Representative.



Paddy Rodney, RN is a nurse educator who specializes in ethics. An Associate Professor at the UBC School of Nursing, she is affiliated with the UBC Centre for Applied Ethics, Providence Health Care Ethics Services, and the Canadian Bioethics Society. Paddy has lectured and consulted on nursing ethics for nursing associations and unions over the past 25 years, and she was involved in the last 3 revisions of the CNA *Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses*. Her early clinical and teaching background was in critical care nursing.



Maureen Shaw, RN, is a clinical nurse specialist in gerontology at Vancouver Acute. As an advanced practice nurse, Maureen develops programs that enhance nursing practice and patient care through innovative approaches such as the Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Units and the Geriatric Emergency Nurse Program. With over 30 years experience, Maureen serves on several committees on health care, aging and professional nursing.



Sally Thorne, RN, is a Professor at the UBC School of Nursing, where she has been a faculty member for over 25 years. A nurse researcher and educator, she draws attention to contribution of professional nursing to the lives of persons with cancer and chronic disease. She has represented nursing as a board member in the non-profit and health sectors, and is currently Chair of the Nurse Educators Council of BC.



Jo Wearing, RN, has worked in a variety of clinical and leadership roles over almost 40 years in nursing. She has experience in remote, primary care and community nursing. As Director of Home Care for the City of Vancouver she provided leadership for a number of service delivery initiatives. During the transition from RNABC to CRNBC she was the Director of Policy. She retired from the College 2 years ago and is currently a self-employed policy consultant.

Board Support - Project Manager



Heather Mass, RN is an experienced nurse with an extensive and varied background in health care leadership, policy development, and project management, including the Comox Valley Nursing Centre and the RN First Call Projects in BC. Since retiring from the Chief Nursing Officer position with the Provincial Health Services Authority in 2007 she has completed several projects, including a term as the acting Executive Director of the Academy of Canadian Executive Nurses.