

NNBC NEWSLETTER November 3, 2017

Happy Fall (?Winter?) BC Neuroscience Nurses!

The CANN 48th Annual General Meeting & Scientific Sessions in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan was fantastic!

This year's CANN conference was held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in June, 2017 and the theme was:

"Running back to Saskatoon!". The plenary speakers were outstanding, the scientific sessions were great, and the social events were a lot of fun. *Thanks Saskatoon for a great time!!*



Saskatoon AGM Highlights

We welcomed Jodi Dusik-Sharpe as our in-coming CANN President. The sustainability of our journal CJNN was recently reviewed and was a topic of discussion at the AGM. 90% of members believe the Journal is important. 49% of CANN members voted to continue with the journal in both a scientific and an alternate format (e.g. newsletter, clinical corner, etc.). The membership also voted ***in favor*** of participating in the AGM using an ***advance/distance voting option***. There will be more discussions on this proposed option in the coming months. I will share more information as it comes. The AGM minutes will be posted on the CANN website soon



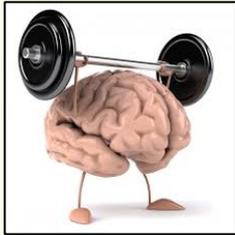
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CANN Conference 2018 !!

"Halifax: Yes We CANN!"

The dates for the 49th CANN Annual General Meeting & Scientific Sessions will be later in June than in recent years. They are: **Monday June 25 – Wednesday June 27, 2018**. The change to the dates is to align our conference with the Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation (CNSF) congress. More information about the CANN conference in *"Halifax: Yes We CANN!"* will be posted on the CANN website soon. The call for abstracts is open! Please, please, please consider submitting an abstract so the west coast of Canada is well represented at the conference. Keep a watch out for more updates on the *"Halifax: Yes We CANN!"* conference via <http://www.cann.ca>

Membership News



As of June, 2016 our NNBC membership count is a total of 28 (regular, associate and honorary members). We are still one of the largest chapters in Canada. As you promote CANN membership among your peers, consider bringing them to one of our monthly meetings, tell them about our annual Spring seminar, sell them some Purdy's chocolates or refer them to the CANN website at www.cann.ca. Thanks! Let's keep our chapter strong!!

WFNN 2017: OPATIJA, CROATIA

The Quadrennial World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN) conference was held this past September in Opatija, Croatia. Many NNBC members attended.



*Neuroscience Nurses from
Royal Columbian Hospital*

It was great to see NNBC members present at the conference in both concurrent and poster formats.

A presentation on the WFNN experience was presented to NNBC members at the AGM to highlight the congress program, share our experiences with Croatia culture and cuisine and to plant seeds of interest for membership representation at the next quadrennial WFNN conference in

Darwin Australia, in September 2021.



*Sue Kadyschuk &
Trudy Robertson*

Certification News

Applications for CNA certification and re-certification are still being accepted. Applications for the 2017 initial or renewal by exam deadline date: Nov. 1 – 15, 2017. Renewal by continuous learning (CL) application window is Jan. 3 – Nov. 30, 2017. See more at: <https://cna-aiic.ca/en/certification#dates>

Remember, NNBC will reimburse 50% of the exam/renewal fee for all successful candidates, if you apply. There is also the Jessie Young CANN Certification Award available. If you have any questions regarding certification, study groups, etc. please contact our Professional Practice Committee Chair Sue Kadyschuk at practice@cann.ca

The NNBC Annual General Meeting:

The NNBC AGM was held on **Wednesday October 11th, 2017** at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminister. Remember: NNBC members who qualify to apply for Conference funding need to meet minimal requirements for participation such as attend monthly meetings, participate in the planning and attendance at the annual spring seminar, etc. At the AGM, we planned out our monthly meetings schedule for 2017-18, reviewed our finances, identified chapter goals, and planned out our fundraising activities for the year. We hope to have a good showing of NNBC members at the **BC Neuroscience Day** held in Vancouver each March where neuroscience nurses are invited to join neurosurgeons, neurologists, and residents at their annual education day. We will be hosting our annual Spring Seminar in April 2018 with a focus on **Stroke**. Our spring seminar is our main fundraising activity for our Chapter in addition to Purdy's chocolates sales and our annual Xmas 50:50 raffle. We will be co-hosting the 3rd annual **Brain Tumour Foundation** Annual Symposium at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminister in May 2018. Proceeds from our annual fundraising profits will go toward financially supporting NNBC members to attend the 49th Annual General Meeting and Scientific Sessions in Halifax in June 2018.

Please consider attending the next NNBC monthly meeting and **bring a friend!**

50 Years of CANN

News Alert: The 50th anniversary of CANN will be celebrated in Montreal in June 2019. Its not too early to start planning for this milestone event!

See you soon! In the meantime.....

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