



*Celebrating the past year, taking on the next!!*

The year of 2020 certainly has proven to have its challenges. When I look back to 2019, I think of the changes and transitions as the result of COVID-19. For me, most important aspects include all the little moments that add up. I personally hear stories about nurses providing amazing patient care, including the unique ways relationships developed with family in the Peri-Anesthesia environments. I know this is especially difficult with the limited visitors allowed policies. I hear about acts of compassion and connection, about members thinking outside the box to do the right thing for their patient, and their support to patients' family and friends. These are the moments which I think define us as Peri-Anesthesia Nurses.

#### COVID-19 in BC:

Thank you, members, in working together admirably to continue delivering extraordinary and safe care in the face of this unprecedented pandemic. Nursing, allied health and physicians worked as a team tirelessly in uncertain circumstances to slow the spread of infection, care for those afflicted with the virus, and support each other. This includes the continuous changes in policies and procedures. All of us became well versed in full PPE "donning and doffing" protocols.

In BC, we were fortunate and did not experience the anticipated numbers that other provinces cared for when admitted to hospital. PANBC Executive wish to recognize our fellow Canadian members in their hard work and dedication.

PANBC Membership: PANBC membership for 2019/2020 is **86 members**.

PANBC last held the in person annual Education Day Oct 19, 2019. We were able to increase the membership from the year prior. Also, wonderful news, we were able to increase the PANBC Board of Directors from 2 to 7:

- ✓ **Rhonda Winter** PANBC President
- ✓ **Jane Ngai** PANBC Vice President + **Jane Ngai** PANBC Treasurer
- ✓ **Christine Roy** PANBC Member at Large
- ✓ **Vina Lali** PANBC Member at Large
- ✓ **Monya Wiggill** PANBC Member at Large
- ✓ **Ashley Lund** PANBC Member at Large
- ✓ **Dawna Aschenbrenner** PANBC Member at Large

I have begun planning for the in-person Education day for late Oct é early November. I am hopeful that the restrictions will allow us to hold the event.

Peri-Anesthesia Nurses Week Feb 3 – 9 in 2020 was just at the beginning of COVID-19. We celebrate this year starting Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. National Nurses Week in May had to be celebrated unlike any other year. No large cakes to share!

GOALS:

- Current AGM virtual planning in progress
- Continue membership drive
- Support members during COVID-19
- Support NAPANc in Practice Standards: BC has 2 Subject Matter Experts on the Standards Committee, contributing to the NAPANc Practice Standards, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.

In conclusion, I wanted to acknowledge our membership and their contributions while working during a pandemic. I know many were /are scared for your personal safety, and your elderly and vulnerable family and friends. I appreciate nurses dealing with the shift disruptions and planned vacation changes. I know so many Peri-Anesthesia nurses stepped up and went to other unfamiliar work environments, often requiring some extra training and orientation.

You all continue to inspire me, and I am proud to be your President.

Rhonda Winter, RN, CLNC



PANBC President, 2019-2020

*“Connecting and supporting nurses in pre- and post- anesthetic areas across British Columbia”*