

Well, here we are...finally meeting in person again. It has indeed been a long time. Our team unfortunately had to postpone the November 2021 date due to the Ministry restrictions still in place. We thank all the speakers that were able to adjust their speaking date to come today, and for those that could not, we hope to have you the next time. Our PANBC team worked very hard within the last 4 weeks to finalize a lot of details.

2021 continued with the challenges. Reflecting, we continued to have changes and transitions as the result of COVID-19. The stories heard from nurses still continuously providing amazing patient care in the Peri-Anesthesia environments while still dealing with the unknowns of a constant changing virus make me proud to know all of you. Even into the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of this, I still hear about acts compassion and connection, about members thinking outside the box to do the right thing for their patient, and their support to patients' family and support. These are the moments which I think define us as Peri-Anesthesia Nurses.

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.

PANBC Membership: PANBC membership for 2020/2021 was **9 members**. After participation at this Education Day, we are confident the numbers will increase back to pre pandemic and hopefully higher. All Provincial Cohorts had attrition as result of pandemic

PANBC last held the in person annual Education Day Oct 19, 2019.

I wish to thank the PANBC Executive in their hard work and dedication.

Jane Ngai PANBC Vice President + PANBC Treasurer	Jane Ngai	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

GOALS:

- o Continue membership drive
- o Support members in any way post pandemic
- o 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, 2020-2021

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