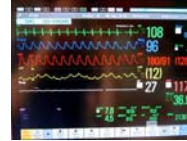




National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada

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President's Address



"Eye Opener!" That is what NAPANc is for me. I hope the articles and information, resources and conference news in our newsletter will be the source you will refer to for updates on what is happening in our field of nursing.

The National Association for PeriAnesthesia Nurses in Canada was established in 2002. Until that time, there was strong Provincial perianesthesia groups in Ontario,

Manitoba, Alberta and Quebec. A National Steering Committee of volunteers was established between 1998 and 2002 to write a Constitution and By-Laws, to prepare the way for Federal Incorporation, to choose a logo, to complete the legalities for a Name Search, to establish Goals and Objectives, to progress from Emerging Group status with the Canadian Nurses Association to the on-going Associate Status and to promote growth and new jurisdictional/provincial perianesthesia groups in Canada. At the Calgary Conference in 2002, twenty-seven (27) nurses from across Canada were the founding charter signatories for Letters Patent, which were authorized by The Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Industry.

It has been my honour and pleasure to help establish our specialized Association since 1998. I had transferred to the PACU/DS units at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon SK and the first day I wanted to know what group I could join. I was informed that I could become a member of ASPAN, the



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