

BCHNS Summer Bulletin

2023



Hello Everyone!

We are excited to present the new board of directors to the BCHNS membership, elected into board positions at the AGM on April 11, 2023. By means of this **Summer Bulletin** we also want to provide you with the AGM committee reports and update you on the latest information of the Society.

At the 2023 AGM, members made an important decision about the future of the BC History of Nursing Society. Members passed the motion that the BC History of Nursing Society will not be dissolved in 2024, as was previously considered. With the election of the new board the BCHNS is on a path to move forward the organization and to continue working towards its main goal, to discover, disseminate and preserve nursing history. We are keen to serve as new or continuing board directors and we whole-heartedly thank the outgoing board members for their remarkable and steadfast service and commitment to the organization.

The 2023 BCHNS board members elected at the 2023 AGM





Top photo: Lenore Radom, Michelle Danda, Geertje Boschma, Nan Martin, Linda Quiney, and on the screen (and at the side), Margaret Scaia

Bottom photo: Marg Gorrie, Michelle Danda, Geertje Boschma, Nan Martin, Linda Quiney, and Margaret Scaia on the screen.

A brief word of introduction from the board members:

President, Geertje Boschma. Hello Everyone! I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you! I am a professor at the UBC-V School of Nursing and teach in the undergraduate and graduate programs. My research centers on the history of nursing and mental health care. I am faculty-co-lead of the Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry in the School of Nursing, and a longstanding member of the BCHNS. I am excited to join the BCHNS board as its president, and to work with a great and committed group of people.

Vice-President, Lenore Radom. Hello to all, I am pleased to join this new team of Directors for the BCHNS Board, who have willingly stepped forward to lead the group. I have been an active member, participating on several committees, mainly Chair of the BCHNS website. We look forward to your continued support.

Treasurer, Margaret Gorrie. Hello everyone. I am pleased to join the BCHNS board in the role of Treasurer. My interest in nursing history is centered on psychiatric/mental health nursing and community nursing. Prior to retirement, I taught in the Bachelor of Science Nursing program at BCIT.

Secretary, Michelle Danda. I am a Registered Nurse (RN) experienced in professional practice, healthcare informatics, mental health, substance use, and harm reduction. I am also a doctoral candidate in the School of Nursing at the University of Alberta. My research is on the history of RPN education in BC.

Committee Chair, Nan Martin. Hello to all. It is my pleasure to be part of the new BCHNS Board of Directors. I have been an active member since 2007 in a variety of roles including becoming Archives Chair in 2016. I retired in 1997 from my position as Head Nurse for 10 years in Extended Care at Lions Gate Hospital.

Committee Chair, Linda Quiney. Hello All, as the only non-nurse in the group, I am honoured to be part of the new BCHNS Board in my ongoing role as Displays Chair, and new Co-Chair of Bursaries with Margaret Scaia. I am a retired Lecturer in Canadian and Medical History at UBC, but I began in public education before moving into academics. My research and writing has centered on auxiliary nursing in the early 20th century.

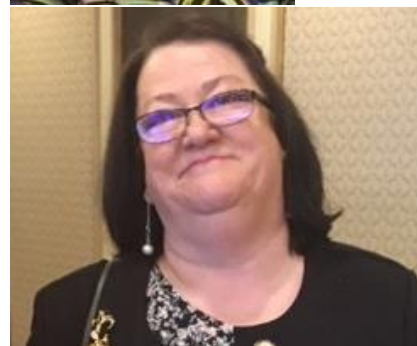
Committee Chair, Margaret Scaia. I joined the BCHNS I believe, around 2002 as I was finishing my Master of Nursing at the University of Calgary. I was introduced to the society by Dr. Geertje Boschma who was my supervisor and who inspired me about the world of nursing history. I was also fortunate to receive a bursary from the BCHNS. I have been pursuing my interest ever since. I am so pleased to have been introduced and included in the society all these years, and to be a member as we enter this new chapter in our history. As we go forward, I will continue as chair of the Program committee and become co-chair of the Bursary committee with Linda Quiney.

THANK YOU to our outgoing board members

A big thank you to our outgoing board members, Kathy Murphy, Sue Forshaw and Lynne Esson for your longstanding service on the board as President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Your commitment and dedication to the BCHNS is impressive and truly valued by all members! THANK YOU!



At the AGM Kathy Murphy was honoured with a honorary membership.



Thank you Sue and Lynne for all your work!

AGM Reports 2022-2023 - presented and approved at the AGM, April 11, 2023

President's Annual Report, 2023, by Kathy Murphy

Our Society has been in operation for 33 years, which is an amazing achievement considering the challenges and pivoting required to carry on during the COVID crisis. The past year has been challenging as the members had to face the reality of the future of the organization based on several factors. The Transitions Task Force was charged with reviewing the alternatives and presenting these to the membership in January 2023. At the Annual General Meeting the membership will be given the opportunity to further discuss any issues when a motion to address the future is presented.

The Board of Directors has met six times since the last Annual General Meeting and also several members were able to visit the Military Museum with Adrian French in May. The various committees have continued to carry out their activities and our meetings have been enhanced by a variety of speakers. At the November meeting, the members present took part in a survey from the Canadian Heritage Department, Government of Canada to assist in the modernization of the National Museum Policy.

For the last fourteen years, I have been privileged to work with a very dedicated and talented group of volunteers who really care about the purposes of this organization. The knowledge shared in so many creative ways has been stimulating. However, it is time for me to hand the torch on to others to lead this society. Thank you for the many wonderful memories and friendships.

Bursary Committee Report, by Kathy Murphy

The Bursary Committee was pleased to award one Bursary in 2022. Michelle Danda, Doctoral student at the University of Alberta, received an award in order to complete her study entitled "Exploring the History of Registered Psychiatric Nursing Education in British Columbia 1913-2012". At this time, I will be handing on the torch to others to manage this Committee. I recommend that the Bursary application be revised including the option to submit online in addition to regular mail. This will enhance both the application and review process.

Secretary Report and Newsletter Committee Report, by Lynne Esson, Chair and Secretary

Newsletter Committee: Lynne Esson (chair) Beth Fitzpatrick, Ethel Warbinek, Naomi Miller, Sheila Zerr, Lenore Radom and Glennis Zilm

Three full issues of the history of nursing newsletter were published in 2022. Spring and summer issues were guided by Anita Petersen's design and graphics. Unfortunately, due to business commitments Anita is no longer able to continue producing our newsletter. We want to thank her for her many years of service and wish her the best. Cassidy Mantle (recommended by Anita) is now our graphic designer. We look forward to working with her. We thank Sue Forshaw for her assistance with the membership list. Also thanks to Lenore Radom who works with the printer and facilitates the mailing of newsletters for those who do not have e-mail and Lynne Esson who sends out the newsletters electronically. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who contribute information and articles for the newsletter.

Editors for 2022: Winter: Membership renewal/Presidents message mailed out by Lenore Radom; spring, summer and fall issues: Lynne Esson. *Costs:* Overall, the costs for the printing and mailing of the newsletter for 2022 is approximately \$723 dollars. Anita Peterson for the two newsletters received an honorarium in total of \$400 dollars. Cassidy Mantle design and graphics for the fall newsletter was 747.50. Total Newsletter and Membership renewal (winter mail out) costs for 2022 were approximately 1,870.50. *Future Plans:* We will continue to issue 3 newsletters per year with the winter issue being replaced by a special membership mailing.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Report, 2022, by Sue Forshaw, Treasurer

The financial status of the History of Nursing is very stable. The membership went down in 2022 (55 - 49) from 2021. The donations went up approximately \$190.00 from 2021.

The following activities are complete or will be before the end May:

- 2022 BCHoN Summary of Revenue and Expenses
- 2022 financial review done by Wendy Orvig (paid consultant)
- 2022 T3010 form filed with the CRA online

The bank account was \$8328.06 as of the end of Dec. 2022. The investment total was \$65,830.56 as of the end of December 2022. The 2023 budget has been presented for information at the annual meeting.

Website and online communications: by Vice-President and Website Chair, Lenore Radom

Submitted by Lenore Radom on behalf of the website and online communications committee, Beth Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Stephens, Margaret Scaia for our 2022 activities. See also:

<https://bcnursinghistory.ca/>

Aug 2022 BCHNS agreed with Anita Petersen that Technica would remain host & maintenance for the website and that Cassidy Mantle would take over assisting the Website committee when needed, as well as newsletter issues, billing us directly at \$65/hr. **We wish to acknowledge Anita for the huge dedication she has given to the BCHNS over the years with the website and Newsletters, we extend our heartfelt thanks, wishing her & her husband our best with their growing business.**

The usual additions & updates on the website are maintained with Events, Displays, Blog and Resources as information comes to us, but some notable items to report are:

1. All the 'early' newsletters have been added to the website as well as 2022 newsletters up to and including the spring 2023.
2. Ethel's you tube video presentation on Kathleen Ellis, Canadian Nursing Pioneer has been added under Resources and Video presentations.
3. Nan Martin, Archive Chair, updated or added wording in regard to the transfer of artefact material to UBC Library and Rare Books Collections on the website where required.
4. The Biographical Files platform remains needing to be repaired.
5. Jennifer reports that we have 342 Twitter followers and 298 on Facebook following.

Archives Committee Report, by Nan Martin, Archives Committee Chair

Members: Nan Martin (Chair), Wendy Trigg, Artifacts assistant

- The UBC-V office held by the BCHNS is tidy and welcoming for visitors and donors. We have no contract archivist now but our previous archivist, Francis Mansbridge, may use the office while writing the BCHNS History project. I check into the office regularly, so our presence is noted and appreciated at the UBC-V School of Nursing.
- Nan met with Krisztina Laszlo on June 28, 2022. She informed everyone that the BCHNS Archival Holdings have been successfully processed by Marion Arnott and made fully available for researchers and the public. Search the UBC Library website to view the BC History of Nursing Society listing: The entire archival collection of the BC History of Nursing Society was transferred in March 2022 to the University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections. The Society fonds includes information on individual nurses, nursing groups, the UBC School of Nursing, biographical files, oral histories, photographs, reference material. To view the Fonds click on link <https://rbscarchives.library.ubc.ca/b-c-history-of-nursing-society-fonds>
- If you require access to the original materials click on the link: <https://rbsc.library.ubc.ca/visiting/>
- With Lenore and Beth, Nan made necessary wording changes on the website to reflect the transfer of our paper documents as well as our collection of graduation pins and insignia to the UBC Library Rare Books Special Collections.
- An interesting acquisition in October was a nursing cap and carrying case. With Lenore's help, we found a blog site – oldfoolr – and, lo and behold, on the cupcake page, there it was! It was from the Mack School of Nursing, St Catherine's General and Marine Hospital, Niagara, Ontario – the first Nightingale style hospital in Canada – 1874. I informed the donors.
- Several other new acquisitions included a 1970s Public Health dress and hat, two uniform sets from UBC 1935 and RJH 1958. Francis Mansbridge was hired for a few hours to accession these items on our computer and Finding Aids.
- Archival Corner articles submitted for each newsletter: Summer 2022 Esther Paulson, Fall 2022 Christine Charter and Spring 2023 Frances Jean Cannon. All can be found on our website's Biographical files.
- **Biographies:** Francis also completed the text for Morrie Steele's Biographical file. It will be on the website when that section is updated.
- **Oral Histories:** All over at UBC Library Rare Books Special Collections and integrated into their archival system.

Nan and Glennis Zilm attended the **2022 Conference of the BC Historical Federation Annual Conference (BCHF)** on behalf of the BCHNS, June 2 - 5. The conference theme was "Memory," in reference to the BCHF's 100th year anniversary (founded in Victoria, in 1922). Nan reports:

Co-hosted by the Victoria Historical Society, the annual conference was delivered in an online format over four days once again this year. Like the 2021 virtual conference, over 100 delegates from member societies around the province settled down to an awesome selection of presentations and the celebration of the Awards Gala!

All sessions were recorded and will be available for viewing on the BCHF's YouTube channel. Two of the sessions were particularly moving as they presented a new perspective on the uprooting and dispossession of Japanese Canadians and the accession of Residential School Records.

At the Awards Gala, Dr. Keith Thor Carlson, presented the keynote speech: "History as a Tool for

Reconciliation.” Of special note, Dr. Keith Thor Carlson and Dr. Albert “Sonny” McHalsie (Naxaxalhts’l) received the inaugural Advocacy Award. The Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for Historical Writing was won by Barry Gough for Possessing Meares Island. Thanks to BCHF for a wonderful conference filled with passionate and inspiring speakers. Check out their excellent website www.bchistory.ca and blog.

Pages of History Report, by Lenore Radom

On April 21, 2022 Sheila Zerr called a meeting to organize an official binder with all the website pages of history collected for the website & consents, that will at some point be added to the original and official album records that were submitted to Archives in 2009. These were then included in the transfer of artefact items to UBC Library of Rare books and Special Collections.

Sheila was no longer able to continue in the Chair for Pages of History and she transferred the Chair to Lenore Radom. One page of history was added to the website Oct 2022, Jean Elizabeth Dorchester, sponsored by her children. *It also appeared in the Newsletter of the fall of 2022.*

Memorial Book Report, by Lynne Esson, Memorial Book Chair

During the year (2022), the History of Nursing Society submitted **seven nominations** to the *Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of British Columbia Memorial Book*. *Please note that the RNABC, formerly the ARNBC is now known as the Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of British Columbia (NNPBC). This change happened September 2018.

There were **two nominations** for the *CNA Memorial book in 2022*. Nominated individuals will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony and will be entered into the book.

- Mary Teresa Lynch (1945-2022)
- Clotilda Douglas-Yakimchuk (1932-2021)

The seven (2022) nominees for the **NNPBC Memorial Book** included:

- Nina Rumen
- Stephany Grasset
- Ray Thompson
- Louise Ten
- Donelda Parker
- Shelagh Smith
- Sonia Acorn

Displays Committee report, by Linda Quiney, Chair

Members: Linda Quiney (Chair), Nan Martin

We are happy to welcome the return of physical displays in the hallway of the UBC Nursing School. We have been well supported through 2022/2023 by Dr. Lydia Wytenbroek’s talented students who have provided two extremely timely and stimulating displays based on their research. Photographs of the respective displays can be found on the BCHNS website under the Displays link.

In February of 2022, a display celebrating the history of Black nurses was installed by UBC-V doctoral student Ismalia DeSousa, aided by BSN students Tamasha Hussein, Kelly Nguyen, Ariel Tzu-Han Chou, Brandon Moeller, and Merielle Moffat. This included a 60-minute virtual walkthrough on Feb. 14, to initiate the display. The display was left in place through October 2022.

On October 27th, 2022, throughout the remainder of the fall term, a Remembrance Day display was installed to representing Canadian military nursing from the First World War through the present day. Within the display was an acknowledgement of the lack of racial and ethnic diversity within the military nursing ranks prior to the current era of recognition.

On November 8th, 2022 the 10th Annual Nursing History Symposium was held, in-person again after the Covid-19 pandemic. It took place at the Cecil Green Park House on the UBC campus, and we mounted a small display on the theme of Public Health Nursing in Canada. It was developed in reference to the topic of the keynote presentation by Dr. Esyllt Jones from the University of Manitoba on the history of public health and pandemics in Canada.

In early 2023, Nan Martin and I installed a display on the topic of Amelia Douglas, the province's first known Indigenous nurse. The display included a replica dress, bonnet and decorated leather chatelaine from the BCHNS collection to commemorate the work of Amelia Douglas. In April, a display, titled "Chinese Canadian Nurses in BC: A Historical Perspective" was recently mounted by Lieza Phan, MSN graduate, with Dr. Wytenbroek. The display highlights Lieza's MSN research and presents a new topic for BC Nursing History. We urge you to drop by if possible, or view the photo posted on the website under the Displays link.

Program Report, by Margaret Scaia

The 2022- 2023 BCHNS Program included seven presentations, held on zoom:

March 8th, 2022, Krisztina Laszlo, UBC Rare Books and Special Collection
& Marion Arnott, Graduate Student
Topic: The BC History of Nursing Society Archives

June 14th, 2022, Sonya Grypma, RN, PhD, Author
Topic: *Nursing Shifts in Sichuan Canadian Missions in Wartime China 1937-1951*

September 13th, 2022, Angela Wignall, Director, Professional Practice & Health Policy Implementation (Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC).
Topic: *The CNO Movement: History and Future Possibilities for Nursing Leadership in Policy and Governance.*

October 11th, 2022, Marion McKinnon Crook, Author
Topic: *Always Pack a Candle a Nurse in the Cariboo -Chilcotin (2021)*

January 10th, 2023, Geoff Mynett, Author
Topic: *River of Mists: People of the Upper Skeena, 1821-1930*
Geoff presentation included a focus on nurses and nursing.

February 28th 2023, Kyra Philbert, UBC MSN, PhD Student
Topic: Nurse Angelique: Reassessing French Catholic Nursing History as an Ethical Intervention in Contemporary Canadian Nursing Practice.

April 11th 2023, Lenora Marcellus, RN, PhD University of Victoria School of Nursing

Topic: Themes emerging from historical research article: *Bibliometric and Textual Analysis of Historical Patterns in Maternal–Infant Health and Nursing Issues in The Canadian Nurse Journal, 1905–2015*

Nomination Report for BCHNS Directors presented and approved at the AGM 2023

President: Geertje Boschma

Archives: Nan Martin

Vice President: Lenore Radom

Displays: Linda Quiney

Treasurer: Margaret Gorrie

Program: Margaret Scaia

Secretary: Michelle Danda

Other positions shared by the board members:

Newsletter: Michelle, Lenore and Geertje working with Cassidy Mantle

Membership: Lenore will work with Marg Gorrie

Archives: Nan Martin, with Suzanne Nixon and Wendy Trigg

Website: Lenore Radom with Beth Fitzpatrick & Margaret Scaia & Jennifer Stephens

Bursary committee: *In 2023 Linda Quiney and Margaret Scaia will be co-chairs*

Pages of History: Lenore Radom

Memorial Book: TBA

Next meeting and fall newsletter

“Hold the date” of October 10, 2023.

We will hold our next BCHNS Open Meeting for all members with a program presentation on Oct 10. This meeting will be *on zoom* for all members to attend. The next regular BCHNS Newsletter will be circulated and posted in the fall as well. If you have any submissions, reports or messages for posting in the next newsletter, please send to Geertje or Michelle by Sept. 15 [geertje.boschma@ubc.ca OR michellecdanda@gmail.com]

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! SEE YOU ALL IN THE FALL.

