



# BC History of Nursing Society

## SUMMER BULLETIN 2024

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Hello Everyone

Welcome to the Summer Bulletin. In this issue you will find the BCHNS Slate for April, 2024 to April, 2025. The Board of Directors from last year continued, except for Nan Martin. Suzanne Nixon took over her role as Chair of Archives. In addition, I [Frances] joined the Board as Newsletter committee chair, and Brenda Flynn will be looking after Pages of History. We now have nine members on the Board. Also, we have several new people joining on committees. Welcome to all new people joining!

You will find the 2024 AGM committee reports for year 2023 to 2024 included in this years Summer Bulletin. In our next Newsletter, October, 2024, we are looking forward to the start of planning for the BC History of Nursing's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As well, we will share our members experiences at the Canadian Association of History of Nursing and the British Columbia Historical Federation Conference. As always, we welcome nursing news items and book reviews.

*Frances*

2024 – 2025 Newsletter Chair

On ZOOM at the AGM. Marg Gorrie, Geertje Boschma, Margaret Scaia, Suzanne Nixon, Irene Goldstone, Nan Martin, Lenore Radom, Beth Fitzpatrick, Kathy Murphy, Michelle Danda, Frances Affleck, Wendy Trigg, Linda Quiney, Ethel Warbineck, Susan Knoll.



## BCHNS AGM COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BCHNS Board of Directors 2024-2025

President: Geertje Boschma

Vice-President: Lenore Radom

Treasurer: Marg Gorrie

Secretary: Michelle Danda

### President's Report

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 would not be dissolved in 2024, as was previously considered and a new board was elected. With that, we moved forward over the past year, set new goals, and moved ahead with events, meetings and as always, ongoing updates on our website. I truly must acknowledge the valuable work of Lenore Radom, for always keeping us on track and being the living memory of the ins and outs of the organization. In setting new goals, we kept in mind the overall goal of the BCHNS, that is, to discover, disseminate and preserve nursing history.

The Board of Directors has met seven times since the last Annual General Meeting. In three of these, members participated and in which we had an invited speaker. The various committees have continued to carry out their activities. Of note is the work of the Bursary Committee, which Marg Scaia and Linda took on this year, and revised and updated the bursary application process. We are very pleased to have received applications this last March which are currently in review. Other committee work of note is the archival committee. Nan Martin and Suzanne Nixon collaborated in looking after the archival material, particularly the artifacts, with help and input as well from Wendy Trigg and Linda Quiney in setting up displays. Also of note is the work of the website, communication, and newsletter committee. The former newsletter committee handed over the torch to a new group, and we gratefully acknowledged their longstanding contributions in the last newsletter. Thanks again!

Lenore and Beth reminded us of the need to have a look at the future and functionality of our website. We need to keep up with it, so a website sub-committee was formed, and we met with Anita Petersen, who is hosting our website through their *ThinkTechnica* company. In our open Forum today, we will have a chance to have some further discussion about the website, but the bottom line is that in order to keep the site and its platform safe and functional in the future we need to look at a thorough update of our website, a service Anita's company is able to provide. The website is an essential communication tool of our organization. [After discussion at the AGM, the membership supported to renew the website, and the website sub-committee will move this forward in 2024].

Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the important work of our secretary Michelle Danda, who keeps our meeting minutes and documents organized! And, also our treasurer, Marg Gorrie, who adeptly has devoted her time to look after our finances, which, fortunately are in good shape. You will receive a detailed report on our budget later in the meeting. Finally, a word of thanks to the other board members and volunteers, who I will not all mention by name, but all are making essential contributions to the organization and generously give their time and commitment.

Last, but certainly not least, the board has noted how next year will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BCHNS. We set some goals to commemorate this event at our next AGM, and make it a celebratory meeting. We plan to complete the BCHNS history booklet Mr. Francis Mansbridge has been working on for the occasion. We truly hope you will all join us in this celebration. Most likely, in 2025, the BCHNS office and artifact collection will also move along with the UBC School of Nursing into the new building that is currently being built. Thank you all, board, and members, for your commitment to the BCHNS. We look forward to continue our work in the upcoming year.

*Respectfully,* Geertje Boschma

## Vice President's Report

Lenore Radom

BCHNS Slate April, 2024- April, 2025

Four Directors committed to two years. There will be no re-election for 2024.

- President: Geertje Boschma
- Vice President: Lenore Radom
- Treasurer: Marg Gorrie
- Secretary: Michelle Danda

### Committee Chairs [Directors at Large] & Committee Members:

Archives: Chair: Suzanne Nixon

Nan Martin, Wendy Trigg, Sharron Higgins [bio files], Brend Flynn [bio files], Chris Lemphers [bio files]

Newsletter: Chair: Frances Affleck

Angela Long, Geertje Boschma, Lenore Radom

Website: Chair: Lenore Radom

Beth Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Stephens, Margaret Scaia

Memorial Book: Carlin Miroslaw

Programs: Margaret Scaia

Pages of History: Brenda Flynn, Lenore Radom

Bursaries: Margaret Scaia, Linda Quiney, Stephanie Buckingham

Membership: Marg Gorrie, Lenore Radom, Cathy Ebbehøj [out reach]

Displays: Linda Quiney, Lydia Wytenbroek, Geertje Boschma

*Respectfully* submitted by Lenore Radom

## Treasurer's Report

Chair: Marg Gorrie

- The financial status of the History of Nursing Society is fairly stable.
- The membership increased in 2023 (53 from 49) from 2022.
- The donations decreased by approximately \$30 from 2022.
- The following activities are completed:
  - 2023 BCHNS Summary of Revenue and Expenses
  - 2023 financial review done by Wendy Orvig (consultant)
  - The 2023 T3010 form will be filed with CRA online, before the end of May.
  - The Minutes of the AGM will be filed with BC Societies within a month of meeting.
  - The bank account was \$5,525.05 as of the end of December 2023.

- The investment total was \$68, 883.75 as of the end of December 2023.
- The 2024 budget has been presented for information at the annual meeting.

*Respectfully* submitted by Marg Gorrie

## **Bursary Report**

Chair: Margaret Scaia

- ❖ In 2023, we awarded one bursary to Alistair White for his project; The Complex Role of Public Health Nurses in the Yukon, 1945-1990.
- ❖ In 2023, we updated the bursary application forms on our website to allow for electronic submission. An email was sent out to Schools of Nursing on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to solicit interest and the potential for new applications for the bursary. At the March 5, 2024, board meeting, it was decided to expand our scope from nursing students only, to all students interested in the History of Nursing in BC. The application form will be adjusted accordingly. We anticipate new, and likely more applications in 2024.

Letters were sent to the following British Columbia Schools of Nursing (SoN) and nursing organizations:

*Dear X*

*I am the awards and bursary chair for the BC History of Nursing Society. We offer a bursary for a student interested in the history of nursing in BC twice a year, I wanted to provide you with information for distribution to your nursing students at any level of study in any nursing program. Please see the attached document describing the award and indicating upcoming dates (March 31, and Novembre 30 of each year). Please contact me if you have any questions about this award.*

*Warm Regards, Maragret Scaia, RN, PhD*

Organizations include:

BCNU; CAHN/ACHN; and CSHM/SCHM.

Schools of Nursing included:

UVIC; UBC; UNBC; Thompson Rivers University; Trinity Western University; Kwantlen Polytechnic University; Langara College; Northern Lights College; Selkirk College; College of the Rockies; and Camosun College.

The proposed changes in wording are intended to broaden the scope of potential applications from nursing students only to students interested in nursing history in BC. The proposed changes will be included on the application form on our website.

*Respectfully* submitted by Margaret Scaia

## **Website, Displays and Pages of History Reports**

Chair: Lenore Radom

Beth Fitzpatrick and Jennifer Stephens; Margaret Scaia, and in collaboration with Website Manager/*ThinkTechnica* Anita Petersen.

- ❖ The Biographical platform has remained inaccessible for making changes and is in need of replacing. Website need serious consideration for redevelopment.

- ❖ Beth Fitzpatrick has been updating the Blog.
- ❖ Jennifer Stephens has maintained the Facebook & Twitter pages.
- ❖ I have maintained the rest of website with updates and additions:
  - Added Pages of history for Gallacher & Nagle
  - Added Honorarium Page for Kathy Murphy
  - Current newsletters added by Cassidy
  - Blog: A warm welcome to the New Board of directors for the BCHNS, the Honorarium recognition for Kathy Murphy, Awards to Sally Thorne & Elaine Carty,
  - Books, Remembrance Day recognition, and other events, at the time, were added by Beth.
  - Displays: photos of UBC cabinets changed as supplied by the display committee. (Chair: Linda Quiney)
  - Monuments: No new Monuments & Memorials to Nurses submitted by Margaret Scaia

*Respectfully* submitted by Lenore Radom on behalf of the committee, Beth Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Stephens, and Margaret Scaia

## Membership Report

Chair shared: Marg Gorrie and Lenore Radom

The 2023 membership went up by 4 members from 2022 (49 to 53).

	2022	2023
<b>Full Members</b>	35	40
<b>Affiliate Members</b>	4	2
<b>Student Members</b>	5	5
<b>Honorary Members</b>	5	6
<b>Total</b>	49	53

- ❖ No members died in 2023.

*Respectfully* submitted by Marg Gorrie

## Archive Report (Corrected)

Chair: Nan Martin, incoming Suzanne Nixon

- ❖ The good news is that the BC History of Nursing Society did not proceed to dissolution. Congratulations and thanks to all the members who stepped up to fill required positions to keep the society **alive!**
- ❖ Thanks to Suzanne and Wendy for their part in keeping the archives committee **alive!**
- ❖ My sincere thanks to Suzanne who will take my position as Archives Chair at this Annual General Meeting. Suzanne and I have been working together to make this a smooth handover and Suzanne is certainly professionally qualified for the position. She has arranged for the required changes regarding the office keys, computer, and phone updates.
- ❖ Thanks to Wendy who is willing and very able to help with handling and storage of our artifacts, as well as assisting with Displays.

- ❖ June 15, 2023: Suzanne and I met with Krisztina Laszlo at Rare Books and Special Collections to hand over some documents; a good opportunity for Suzanne to meet Krisztina who is always so supportive of our society.
- ❖ October 24, 2023: Met with Linda Quiney, Suzanne and Geertje to set up the Remembrance display.
- ❖ November 7, 2023: Met with Suzanne and Wendy to enable them to meet in person and discuss many ongoing matters with artifacts, displays and the future move to the Gateway Building.
- ❖ November 16, 2023: I moved to my new home on Vancouver Island.
- ❖ From across the Salish Sea, I did attend to four requests from researchers seeking information about BC nurses including a request for a list of the nurses in the 1900s at Kootenay Lake Hospital. I completed the Archival Corner for the 2024 Spring newsletter.
- ❖ It has been a pleasure for me to learn and work with all the people involved with the archives committee for many years.

*Respectfully* submitted by Nan Martin

## **Newsletter Report**

Chair: Lenore Radom, incoming Frances Affleck

- ❖ Two full Newsletters were produced Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.
- ❖ One "Summer Bulletin"; the first production to help defray newsletter costs.
- ❖ One January annual mailout with President Greetings along with Membership Renewal and Donation Forms included in package.

*Respectfully* submitted, by Lenore Radom

## **End of Reports**

### **BC Historical Federation Annual Conference**

Chilliwack May 4, 2024

Wendy Trigg and I were pleased to represent the BC History of Nursing Society as delegates at the one-day event that featured the Federation's Annual General Meeting, a keynote presentation, a guided bus tour of the Sto:lo homelands and an award gala dinner in Chilliwack, BC, on the unceded traditional territory of the Sto:lo people. Wendy attended the AGM and keynote presentation via zoom, and I attended the full conference in person.

The keynote presentation centered on masking and unmasking Sto:lo place names, delivered by Dr. Keith Carlson, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous and Community-Engaged History at the University of the Fraser Valley and Director of the Peace and Reconciliation Centre, and Dr. Siyemiya Albert "Sonny" McHalsie, Cultural Advisor (Historian) at the Sto:lo Research and Resource management Centre, and instructor at the University of the Fraser Valley.

In the three-hour cultural bus tour, conference participants learned of original indigenous place names, ancient stories, and personal and family histories that give shape to Sto:lo culture, history, and people.

BCHF awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for historical writing to Jennifer Bonnell, author of *Stewards of Splendour: A History of Wildlife and People in British Columbia* at the BCHF award gala dinner.

More information is available on their excellent, recently rebuilt, website: <https://www.bchistory.ca/news>

*Respectfully* submitted, by Nan Martin



Save the Date

**For our Fall meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm. Guest speaker Marion Crook, author of *Always on Call* a sequel to her award-winning book *Always Pack a Candle*.**

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