In Attendance:
Bernice Budz
Debbie Sargent (Vice Chair)
Stephen Bishop
Pamela Cawley (teleconference)
Janine Lennox (Secretary)
Jocelyne Van Neste-Kenny (Treasurer)
Jan Meiers
Pam Burton
Teresa Petrick
Hannah MacDonald (teleconference)
Noreen Frisch (Chair)
Colleen Varcoe (teleconference)
Pam Novak-Cawley
Tricia Marks
Hannah MacDonald (teleconference)
Landa Terblanche
Barb Fenwick
Leslie Sundby
Geraldine Street
Yvonne Moritz

BC Institute of Technology
Vancouver Community College
Camosun College (CRNBC Ed. Committee Rep)
Douglas College
Langara College
North Island College
North Island College
CAEN Coordinator
Selkirk College
University of the Fraser Valley
University of Victoria
University of British Columbia (Vancouver)
Douglas College
University of British Columbia (Okanagan)
Trinity Western University
College of New Caledonia
Vancouver Island University
Okanagan College
Okanagan College

Regrets:
Jean Nicholson-Church
Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Guests:
Julie Fraser, Paddy Rodney, Jo Wearing,
and Sally Thorne
ARNBC
Rachel Bard
CNA
John FitzGibbon
BC Council on Admission and Transfer

1. Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was brought to order at 0905 hrs. by Noreen Frisch, Chair. Introductions were made around the table and from those participating by teleconference.
The meeting was preceded by a meeting of the executive to set out guidelines for sponsorship of conferences (see 3.3 below).

2. Approval of Agenda
Noreen reviewed the agenda.

Review of Minutes of January 20, 2012
Minutes were approved as distributed, by consensus with the following corrections.
• Tricia Marck and Yvonne Moritz had sent regrets.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes
3.1 NECBC Action Framework- Meetings with the Ministry of Advanced Education were suggested in a previous meeting and an invitation was extended to Lori McKenzie for this meeting although she has sent her regrets. The goal of the meeting would be to make nursing leaders in government aware of the policy framework, determine beneficial Ministry connections, and ask about current HHR planning. Tricia suggested that we emphasize that they need to include nursing education when speaking about HHR. Bernice suggested that Paul Clarke and Sharon Stewart would also be persons to approach.

Action Item: Debbie Sargent will set up a meeting which should include volunteers from NECBC from around the province in order to achieve geographical representation.

3.2 Cynthia Baker has been invited to the NECBC meeting in June. The main topic will be discussion of the proposed changes in the entry to practice exam.

3.3 The NECBC Executive has developed guidelines for NECBC to sponsor conferences. Guidelines were presented and discussion ensued. (See attached) Stephen Bishop felt we needed a website, in order to have National presence. Currently we are on BCAHC website. The need for our own site was identified with further discussion related to budget.

Motion: Joceylynne moved that a line item be added under expenditures in the budget for external requests for funding, to a maximum amount of $1,000.00 per fiscal year. Requests to be decided upon by the Executive. Motion carried.

3.4 Entry to Practice Exam – continuing issues (see item 5.3 below).

Reports

4.1 Treasurer’s Report (Jocelyne Van Neste-Kenny)
The Treasurer’s Report is attached. Documents were distributed. 6 schools have paid dues. Some memberships are still outstanding. Catering fees have gone up and discussion ensued related to the necessity for the refreshments usually provided. Most felt that our work is important and that refreshments, perhaps even including lunch, should continue to be provided. Decision accepted.

4.2 Deans & Directors Updates (Bernice Budz)
Updates from Paul Clarke and Sharon Stewart from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Advanced Education. 1) An aboriginal 2 day forum was held in Vancouver with a focus on educational opportunities for aboriginal populations. Useful suggestions included establishing dialogue with elders to establish relationships and to develop clinical placements in aboriginal communities. The final report should come through BCAHC. 2) There will be an RFP about short-term one time funding opportunities with an emphasis on short term programs. 3) There will be reduced 2012 Ministry funding and further reductions over the next several years. There will
be an effort to protect core programs however. The target is for administrative efficiencies but 9 million for new priorities. There is an emphasis on encouraging collaboration to share resources. Sharon Stewart will circulate this information and Bernice will forward to Noreen. 4) The future focus is on clinical care priorities, HHR planning, modeling IPP with different disciplines, elder care, immunizations being administered by several different disciplines (LPN, RN, pharmacists), and IE health professionals. 5) Many collective agreements are up for negotiation this year and this is influencing decision-making. 6) There will an announcement for NP funding in June. 7) UBC medicine taking lead on how simulation should be organized from theory to devices. They are partnering with BCIT but there is discussion about developing hubs within the province. This committee agreed that we should all share the development of scenarios and equipment and that provincial discussions should occur. A task group is being organized. Noreen made the point that nursing needs to be there. Colleen says she may be able to get a copy of the report for NECBC and circulate. Tricia stated that Interior Health has an IPP simulation initiative which is focused on patient safety and communication.

5. **New Business**

5.1 **Accreditation procedures:**
Student knowledge of accreditation procedures: Concerns were raised about nursing students’ knowledge of accreditation Canada’s required organizational practices (ROP’s) from Marcia Carr, CNS, Fraser Health.) Discussion centred around the fact that students don’t get this information as part of nursing education but if they don’t know the answers it affects accreditation. This led to discussion of the numerous new competencies being developed for entry level practice which was tabled for a future meeting. Bernice suggested that imparting knowledge to students about accreditation is really more the role of the practice institution being accredited than that of the educational institution.

5.2 **Articulation and Transfer:** Guest: John FitzGibbon, Associate Director, Transfer and Articulation, BC Council on Admission and Transfer (meeting at 1030). John described the mission of the Council related to raising awareness to foster transfer of credits. He stated that attendance has been minimal for nursing. General discussion brought forward the fact that individual program differences prohibit easy articulation and Jocelynne, emphasized that the previous articulation committee stopped due to lack of purpose and commitment. Agreements between institutions may be old or extinct. John suggests we go to the BC Transfer Guide (use Nursing) to see what agreements are in place. Biology and practical nursing meet re articulation on a provincial basis. He described block transfer agreements and stated that transfer grid funding may be available with submission of a proposal. Regulatory body changes affect the transfer grid. An application will be sent to Noreen.

5.3 **Entry to Practice Exam – Meeting with ARNBC Representatives:** Susan Duncan, Julie Fraser, Paddy Rodney, Sally Thorne, Jo Wearing and Rachel Bard (CEO of CNA) attended. This meeting was arranged in follow up to the delegation from NECBC to a CRNBC board meeting related to the changes in the exam format. Concerns continue to exist across the country and the purpose of this meeting is to establish a base of criteria for regulatory examinations from the educational perspective. Susan will take back on our behalf. We were thanked for putting forth the effort to mount the delegation to CRNBC. Copies of CNA and CASN documents
with their position on the exam were distributed. Discussion of the results of the visit
to the CRNBC ensued. Janine, Stephen, Tricia, and Jean composed the delegation.
Tricia will send out our composed letter which was composed to request involvement
in the process of establishing the exam. The reply from CRNBC did not address this
request. It was noted that CRNBC has developed a consultation process but it was
too late to address our issue. It was suggested that when we attend these meetings
we need to work the breaks in order to make contacts. We need to write a letter to
CRNBC to state that we want to participate in development of criteria for the exam.
As noted in a previous meeting the new exam is not a competency based exam but
based on practice analysis for safe practice and it has been suggested that an
erosion of the practice competencies may be a result. The practice analysis includes
a narrow view of safety and eliminates the IPP focus on safety. We need clarification
of the differences we see (competency means skills, attitude, context). Education
needs to guide the end product. It was suggested that we establish a committee to
collaborate with representatives from education/regulation and that this occur as a
pan-national initiative. It was suggested that we bring the structure issue to the
CRNBC AGM but Jo Wearing suggested that we write a letter first and get on next
agenda for their meetings. The letter will come from both organizations and will be
cc’d to CNA and CASN, other jurisdictions and the National Council of state boards
emphasizing collaboration and representation from all nursing organizations. It was
identified that we need a nurse educator on CRNBC board but at the moment we
need someone to attend all board meetings from ARNBC and NECBC. CRITERIA:
All applicants to write the exam be BSN approved, keep the competencies, the gap
has to be addressed between the practice analysis and competencies for regulation.
The letter will be written the week and sent to CRNBC. It will also be posted on our
website as a public document.

Action Items:
ARNBC and NECBC representatives will request a meeting with CRNBC to
discuss our offer to consult with them on items which involve nursing
education.

5.4 ARNBC update: The ARNBC has completed their consultation process with
nurses in the province and presented their findings. Currently they are interested
in working with Schools of Nursing and interacting with faculty and students. .
AGM May 9, 2012. It is important to “Like them on Facebook or Twitter”. This is
n.b. as Government is watching these sites. Professional practice groups and
former nurses and students will be included in the organization.

6. Announcements
6.1 New initiatives through the BCAHC related to mapping core competencies re
public health and clinical care management. Discussion related to the need for a nursing
presence with this organization. Documents.

7. Future Meetings
June 8, 2012
October 26, 2012