



26 July 2010

Val Cartmel, Board Chair
Laurel Brunke, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer
College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia
2855 Arbutus Street, Vancouver BC V6J 3Y8

Dear Val and Laurel:

This letter is in response to your [letter of July 5, 2010](#). CNA is pleased that CRNBC is committed to a seamless evolution to address CRNBC's regulatory concerns while ensuring British Columbia registered nurses and nurse practitioners have a continued voice in CNA on nursing, regulatory, health and social policy issues.

CNA agrees with the CRNBC board that this seamless evolution can be achieved through a consensual process, and continues to be willing to engage in dialogue. To that end, we are available to meet for one or two days in Vancouver and will hold the following dates as possibilities: September 3/4 and October 7/8.

CNA is pleased that CRNBC is willing to continue its jurisdictional membership and fully understands that CRNBC's singular mandate is regulation. Moreover, we anticipate welcoming the newly incorporated Association of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (ARNBC) as an additional jurisdictional member to provide the voice of BC registered nurses and nurse practitioners on nursing, social and health issues.

While CNA acknowledges the CRNBC's board concerns that they perceive the *BC Health Professions Act* imposes on CRNBC relationships, based on our legal advice and analysis, CRNBC can continue with its CNA membership. Clarifying the areas of relevance and appropriateness under the *BC Health Professions Act* can help CRNBC remove any "perceived conflict." Furthermore, the public interest focus of CNA's corporate objects is consistent with the college's duty to, at all times, act in the interest of the public.

To facilitate a constructive dialogue that begins to address all the issues, we suggest that Daryl Beckett, the director of professional regulation, legislation and professional regulation branch of the BC Ministry of Health, as well as CRNBC and CNA's legal counsel be included in the proposed meeting. We would be pleased if CRNBC extended the invitation to Daryl Beckett.

As a democratic federation incorporated under the *Canada Corporations Act*, the CNA Letters Patent, CNA bylaws and board policies provide all CNA board members – including the designated director for CRNBC – the assurance that the CRNBC board seeks in terms of its continuing membership in CNA. All members of the CNA board have the right to abstain from voting or participating in any activities at any time.

We look forward to mutually developing the agenda for a constructive and informative meeting.

Sincerely,

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President

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Rachel Bard, RN, M.A. Ed
Chief Executive Officer

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