



## Open letter to members from CNA president on CNA strategic renewal

Dear members,

As this is the first letter of my presidency, I wish to begin by expressing my deep appreciation to past president Kaaren Neufeld for her exemplary leadership and dedication over the past two years.

The beginning of my term also marks a new beginning for CNA. It is the culmination of an intense period of consultation, introspection and planning concerning the governance and strategic direction of our association. I am pleased to report that the board of directors has just approved a series of resolutions that pave the way for exciting transformations for CNA, opening up opportunities for RNs to participate directly in the issues that matter to them.

For example, with the creation of new expert commissions on strategic issues and priorities for nursing and health, RNs will have a greater say in advising decision-makers on how we can work together to improve the health system. CNA will also develop local, regional and national forums to actively engage nurses from across Canada in setting CNA's agenda. And finally, we adopted a resolution to add four new RN members-at-large to the board table. These initiatives all combine to ensure that our grassroots will have an even greater reach into CNA activities, greatly enhancing our ability to respond to issues in nursing as soon as they emerge.

In addition to this commitment to increase nurse engagement, the CNA board gave the green light to a process that will strengthen ties with other national nursing and health organizations. Enhancements to these mutually beneficial relationships will strengthen CNA's ability to advocate for healthy public policy and a quality health system that will benefit all Canadians.

Thank you to those of you who brought forth excellent suggestions in our extensive consultations. I am sure you will agree that the initiatives outlined above will greatly amplify the collective voice of Canada's RNs and strengthen our efforts to build a healthy tomorrow for all.

Sincerely,

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