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NBORN Historian Report to Executive and Membership

October 16 & 17, 2009

Since the summer I have been updating the NBORN Spring conference binders. Thank you to **Vanna Wasson** for sending the photo for the presentation of a Lifetime Membership to **Karen Frenette** at the Spring Conference and **Charlotte Roach** for sending the write-up. I was unable to attend the Spring Conference in Woodstock/Hartland in April and the ORNAC conference in St. John's in June but hear they were both excellent. Many pictures of NB Nurses were taken at both I am sure. I would like to request that NBORN members please send some of these photos, digital or prints from ORNAC, Atlantic Conference or NBORN Meetings or conferences to me for the binders.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne McLaughlin
Historian NBORN



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Region 1 – Dr. Georges L. Dumont Hospital

This season we have 20 members including 1 Honorary: **Helene LeBlanc** and 2 new nurses. We are happy to welcome **Dr. LeBreton** (Orthopaedist) and **Dr. Williams** (Gynecologist - Oncologist). Since the arrival of **Dr. LeBreton**, the OR has invested in a new orthopaedic table which is very beneficial for the many Spinal fusion surgeries he has been performing. We have performed a few Endovascular prostheses procedures this year.

We are pleased that 9 nurses were able to attend The National Conference in NF last June. Two Vascular nurses and a technician attended the CCSVN in Ottawa for 3 days in September. Also, 2 nurses are planning to attend an advanced course Orthopaedic Trauma (AONA) in January.

During our local meeting in May, we discussed which criteria to use **for** deciding who will attend major conferences. This will be worked on in the following meetings.

Sincerely,
Rachel Mallet-LeBlanc

Region 1 – The Moncton Hospital

Our membership for 2010 is twenty-three with three being new members and two lifetime members. We had a local meeting in September. We have a book sale slated for October which is our main fundraiser.

We have five new nursing staff and a respiratory tech. Two UNB students will soon start their eight week elective experience with us and we hope to recruit them as well.

Seven of our nurses attended the National Conference in St. John's. It was an excellent conference and we thoroughly enjoyed the very informative educational presentations and the warm, Newfoundland hospitality. I was pleased to present an overview to our Nurses Auxiliary as they gave me a substantial grant towards the trip. Hopefully they are inspired to help other staff members with future conferences.

Our anesthetists are now doing TAP blocks (Transversus Abdominus Plane) which keep the patient pain free for 24 hours postop and are effective for incisions below the umbilicus. We have new break away kerrisons in Neuro. They can be taken apart for cleaning and we're amazed at the amount of debris inside. Makes you wonder about the old ones.

Congratulations to **Laura McQuade** who successfully wrote the perioperative certification exam and to



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Jason Daigle who received this year's Extra Mile Award.

We're planning a display in the lobby and dinner out to celebrate Perioperative Nurses Week.

Respectfully submitted - Terri Bradley – TMH

Region 2 – Bathurst – Miramichi

Nil report for this Newsletter

Region 3 – Perth-Andover / Waterville

Fredericton, October 16, 2009

This is the fall report from Perth and Waterville operating rooms. Perth presently has 8 registered members, with one on permanent sick leave. Waterville has 8 registered members.

We are now both back to being the poor relatives; we are both losing a surgeon. **Dr. Tadross** from Waterville is moving back to England and **Dr. Alkhouly** from Perth is leaving for educational purposes. They will be leaving by the end of the year. *Update December 2009: **Dr. Tadross** will return to Waterville in March 2010 for one year.*

Perth has recently received a new High Definition endoscopy tower, compliments of the Hotel Dieu of Saint Joseph Foundation. We also received a great in-service and are enjoying having 2 tower set ups, one for laparoscopic procedures and one for endoscopies. Dr. Patrick from Fredericton has begun doing cystoscopies with us also.

Waterville recently had an Olympus review of their endoscopy practice as well as the Sullivan review. They continue to try and be green in their O.R. with recycling.

Julie Green and I went to St. John's for the ORNAC conference and enjoyed all the sessions, entertainment, food and meeting other perioperative nurses. We are grateful that the region sent us for this conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Cyr, RN
R.P.O. Region 3



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Region 4 – Saint John

We have recruited several new physicians to the region.

Anesthesia: **Dr. Bergstrom**, **Dr. Mireau** and **Dr. Mir** have arrived and 3 more are scheduled to arrive in the next 3-4 months.

Gynecology: **Dr. Olufowobi**, **Dr. Trites**, and **Dr. Satya** (specializes in laparoscopic surgery).

General Surgery: **Dr. Ondiveeran** who also specializes in ICU.

We have sadly said good-bye to **Dr. Scott Bagnell** (Urologist) who returned to Halifax and to **Dr. Kian**

Mostafavi (vascular) who took a position in Ohio.

The Regional has 2 long term OR nurses who are retiring: **Cheryl Price** and **Mary Hanlon**. We are presently holding an OR course for 5 new RN's.

Changes have been made to our Service Lines with some realignment of services:

◆ **Cardiac:** Sue Smith ◆ **Gynecology & Urology:** Monica Mullin ◆ **General Surgery, Vascular & Thoracic:** Paula Vincent ◆ **Orthopedics & Ortho Trauma:** Trudy Steele ◆ **Neurosurgery, Plastics, ENT, Dental, and Ophthalmology:** Jim Long

Gail Lockhart has taken over the position of Director of Surgical Services. Gail has held various positions at the Regional including OR staff nurse in the Cardiac OR, and temporary Manager of the OR. Recently, she was working as Provincial Surgical Access Manager. Gail replaces **Cheryl Swan** who quietly retired in June.

Dr. Reardon returned to work after sick leave and has been trialing a new procedure ESSURE: a non-incisional alternative for women seeking sterilization.

Dr. Wagg, an orthopaedic surgeon, has completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan and will be returning to work at the end of October.

St Joseph's will be starting construction in November to enlarge their Day Surgery Unit to accommodate the increase in Extended Day Surgery volume. The money for this project came from the Dragon Boat funding. St Joseph's has also acquired new instrumentation to enable them to perform parathyroid and hemithyroid surgery as Extended Day Surgery procedures.



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Karin Nason, a long time OR nurse at St Joseph's, has also retired.

Sussex has been doing some new procedures with **Dr. Watson**, an Oral Surgeon.

Dr. Olufowobi has been going to Charlotte County twice a month to do some procedures there.

Region 5 - Fredericton-Oromocto

Shelley DeWolfe has stepped down after a wonderful term as our RPO and I (**Elizabeth Oley**) am looking forward to beginning my term.

We are excited to say that we were able to send six staff nurses to the national conference in Newfoundland this past summer. Our nurse educator, our DECH nurse manager, and our Oromocto manager, **Vanna Wasson**, also attended the national conference. It was a wonderful learning experience and our nurses were amazed by the Newfoundland hospitality.

We have 2 experienced OR nurses who joined our team this year, **Kendra Hachey** and **Cindy McKinley-Brown**. They are both a wonderful addition to our staff. Also this fall we welcome a new plastic surgeon, **Dr. Menesi**. He specializes in microsurgical plastics. We are looking forward to his free flap and tram flap expertise.

We have begun our new operating room desk nurse role. **Alice Harding** has been in this position for six months and is saying goodbye to it for now. **Janet Smith** will be taking over the role January 4th. This new position has helped with the flow of the OR at the DECRH.

We have a George Brown student in the process of completing her training on-line. She is doing her theory and clinical concurrently. This is a process that we have never experienced before. She is working closely with our nurse educator and her preceptor.

We have a new pregnancy in the OR and currently have 2 nurses on maternity leave.

We have a new trauma table which will mostly be used for DHS and spinal surgeries. We also have a new mini C-arm, which **Dr. deVries** and our plastic surgeons requested.

In addition to taking on the role as Region 5's new RPO, I will begin a new anaesthesia resource position January 11th, 2010. This is a six month position and **Laura Wagstaff** will be taking over this position in July.



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REGION 6 - Edmundston

We finally resolved our anesthesia machine problem. In late spring we bought 4 new GE anesthesia machines, but we still had a borrowed machine from Bathurst. At the end of September we received money to get a fifth machine for our obstetric C-section room.

We will be having about the same number of members as last year. There is no new staff. Because we were short of staff, no one from here attended the Spring conference.

Pauline Street



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Dr. Georges L. Dumont Hospital Nurses

21st National ORNAC Conference in St-Johns, NF - June 7-12, 2009



Maria Spencer, Jacqueline Frigault, Josette Ferguson, Roseline LeBlanc, Rachel Mallet-LeBlanc (RPO), Renée Cormier, Deborah Reinsborough, Léon Richard and Jeannette Sears



Having a glass of wine before the Arts Gallery Exposition and supper. Jacqueline Frigault, Roseline LeBlanc, Deborah Reinsborough, Rachel Mallet-LeBlanc, Maria Spencer, Renée Cormier, Josette Ferguson and Jeannette Sears

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