



August 30, 2016

Dear Member,

I'm pleased to provide an update on the work of your Association on behalf of Council.

Update on Coffee Chats with the President and Executive Director

On April 6, 2016, Carolyn Hoffman RN (ED) and I met with staff at three sites in Saskatoon: Royal University Hospital; St Paul's hospital; and City Hospital.

On May 18, 2016, Joanne Petersen (President-elect), Carolyn and I were in Cabri to meet with the interdisciplinary team at the Cabri Prairie Health Centre and in Swift Current to meet with RNs from home care, emergency, critical care, medicine, at the Cypress Regional Hospital and with staff from Great Plains College.

Key themes raised included: lack of role clarity; scope of practice questions (including clinical education questions), need for clarifying the difference between the regulator and association roles, and lack of professional practice support in the rural areas.

Please let me know if you're interested in having a Coffee Chat in your location.

Council Update – Resolutions at the 2016 Annual Meeting

Council recently reviewed the Resolutions that were brought forward, discussed and voted upon at our May Annual Meeting. Information regarding the specific Resolutions, and Council direction to the SRNA Executive Director, has been summarized and posted on the SRNA website for your information. [View information here](#)

Three New Processes to Replace TMF by December 1, 2016

SRNA staff have been working with members, employers and other partners for several years to create new processes that will replace the existing Transfer of Medical Function (TMF) process. **The new processes must be in place by December 1, 2016.** Three new processes have been created:

- The [RN with additional authorized practice RN\(AAP\)](#) for RNs working in northern primary care settings
- [RN Specialty Practices \(RNSPs\)](#) for all RNs
- [Physician to RN Delegation](#) for RNs working in areas specifically identified in the College of Physician and Surgeons of Sask. Bylaws.

The following resources have been created to replace the initial standards document for RN Specialty Practices of 2015:

- [Standards and Competencies for RN Specialty Practices \(2016\)](#),
- [Online learning module](#)
- Two new User Guides:; [RN Specialty Practices: Employer Guidelines](#) and [RN Specialty Practices: RN Guidelines](#)

The 2016 standards document and the user guides will assist members and employers in understanding RN Specialty Practices and facilitate the development and implementation of RNSPs throughout the province.

Refer to the [SRNA website](#) for resources to support the other changes.

SRNA Licence Renewal 2017

[Renewing](#) your licence to practice on December 1 is just around the corner. The online licence renewal begins September 13, 2016. The last day for Employer Paid option is Thursday, October 13. **If you pay your own fees, it's important to have your licence renewal completed by November 1, 2016.** Being licenced to practice is a professional responsibility, check your licence [online](#). Questions, email us at renew@srna.org .

More opportunities to get involved in the work of your Association:

The Legal View of Specific Role Clarity Issues

What is the SRNA regulatory framework?

Does an RN always have to do an RN function?

What key aspects should be considered for appropriate assignment by an RN?

[View the vimeos online](#)

A New SRNA Professional Practice Group is Forming!

Are you interested in forming a Professional Practice Group with nurses interested in research? Our goal is to create a supportive community of nurses focused on learning about, understanding, developing and sharing nursing research. If you are interested in being a part of the birth of this group, please connect with us via email sasknsgresearch@gmail.com , telephone Laurie Clune 306 337-3356 or twitter @sasknsgresearch.

Other News

The Faculty of Nursing at the University of Regina would like to announce that it is offering a new [Master of Nursing - Clinical Nurse Specialist \(CNS\)](#) degree beginning September of 2017. Application deadline is March 15, 2017. For more information please contact Dr. Glenn Donnelly at glenn.donnelly@uregina.ca.

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With appreciation,

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