

COHNA Update – Spring 2013

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May 6-13, 2013 is Nurses Week! On behalf of the COHNA Board, I would like to encourage occupational health nurses to celebrate this week and to take some time to reflect on your personal and professional successes. Congratulations!

Board Member changes:

- Cathy Dormody has replaced Laura Stanford Martin as the Board Representative from Newfoundland and Labrador. Cathy works at Newfoundland Power and is a great addition to the Board. We thank Laura for her many contributions to COHNA.

Professional Development:

- COHNA was pleased to partner with the Alberta Occupational Health Nurses in sponsoring the annual Education Day that took place in Edmonton, Alberta on April 30, 2013. Carol Ann Fried, the Keynote Speaker presented the “The Dance of Equilibrium”.

Board Activities and Achievements:

- The COHNA Annual Board Meeting took place in Edmonton, on April 29.
- Four interested Association members attended as “Observers” at the Annual Meeting.
- We are excited to unveil the first-ever COHNA Mission Statement. The Mission Statement was finalized at the Annual Meeting and will be posted on our website shortly.
- The COHNA Policies and Procedures are in the final stages and will be finalized over the next several weeks.
- On April 9, COHNA participated in the CNA conference call that profiled the four Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties nominees for the CNA Board. COHNA cast our (one) vote on April 18. Jocelyn Reimer Kent from Surrey, BC, representing the Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses was the successful candidate.
- Eric Stein was awarded the COHNA Award of Excellence in Edmonton on April 30. Eric’s bio will be available on the COHNA website in the near future.
- COHNA was quoted in the March edition of the Canadian Nurse regarding the effect the CSA Standard on Psychologically Healthy and Safe Workplaces will have on organizations.
- K. Mazerolle spoke on the CBC radio on April 7th. Karen was asked to represent COHNA and the view of occupational health nurses on the topic of workplace injuries in the Maritimes.

Looking Ahead:

- Much work is needed to ensure we are compliant with the new Canadian Not-For-Profit Corporations Act which comes into force in October, 2014. COHNA must revise and update all of our Bylaws to be in compliance.
- The COHNA Strategic Plan and Advertising/Sponsorship Guidelines will be updated and revised over the next several months.

Thank you for being interested and involved!