



Thinking of coming onboard to the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation (RPNF) Inc.? The RPNF seeks energetic individuals with creative ideas on promoting the foundation and fundraising for our psychiatric nursing scholarships and awards! Here is a glimpse of what we do.

REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES' FOUNDATION

Mission

To promote excellence in psychiatric nursing education, clinical practice, leadership and research. The RPNF does this by attracting and managing gifts from donors into a permanent endowment fund. These funds are used to award annual scholarships and grant a bursary.

Vision

To enhance the profession of psychiatric nursing in Canada.

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation is a registered charity which annually provides:

- National and Provincial Scholarships to Students of Psychiatric Nursing and Registered Psychiatric Nurses who have met specified criteria and are enrolled in approved and appropriate under-graduate, or graduate education programs which advance the profession of psychiatric nursing;
- Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Bursary to psychiatric nursing students at Brandon University;
- Medal of Excellence to two graduating students in the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Program at Brandon University (Winnipeg and Brandon Campus);
- Awards of Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice to Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs) who are practicing in Manitoba, to acknowledge contributions of RPNs to the professional within the four domains of psychiatric nursing practice; and to provide public recognition of the professionalism and practice excellence that exemplifies the profession of Psychiatric Nursing.

The RPNF is a charitable organization holding an endowment fund used to support its annual awards and initiatives. The RPNF accepts donations and engages in annual fundraising to sustain and grow the endowment fund.

The RPNF has a close relationship with the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba (CRPNM) but operates completely separately from the College. The RPNF supports the profession through Scholarships and Awards, while the CRPNM is a regulatory body for Registered Psychiatric Nurses in Manitoba.

The RPNF Board of Directors is comprised of up to 12 directors. There is a minimum of 25% Registered Psychiatric Nurses alongside former RPNs, with the option of electing up to 20% public representation.



Elections for RPNF Board of Director positions are held at the Annual General Meeting in May of each year for a minimum of two years.

RPNF Directors are responsible to:

- Share in the Mission and Vision of the RPNF, promoting the profession of psychiatric nursing;
- Comply with standard confidentiality and conduct agreements;
- Participate in regular monthly Board meetings;
- Participate in one or more committees furthering the RPNF goals;
- Support fundraising endeavours of the RPNF.

Board meetings

- Regular board meeting held by tele/video conferencing once a month;
- On occasion, and at the call of the chair an ad hoc meeting, or e-vote may be initiated;
- Annual General Meeting, via mode as determined by the Board (tele-video conferencing or in person).

Committees

The RPNF operates several Committees with specific functions. Contact the chair of the committee in which you are interested to learn more about the functions of the committee and opportunities for participation:

- Awards Committee - on an annual basis, this committee puts out the Call for Awards, reviews Award applications using designated criteria, and presents a listing of recommended recipients to the Board. Committee members have the honour of presenting to recipients at the annual Awards Reception;
- Scholarship Committee - on an annual basis, this committee puts out the Call for Scholarships, reviews Scholarship applications using designated criteria, and presents a listing of recommended recipients to the Board. Committee members have the honour of presenting to recipients at the annual Awards Reception;
- Fundraising Committee - this committee works with the Board to identify and carry out a minimum of one fundraising effort per year;
- Executive Committee - comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary working to facilitate general operation of the RPNF, organizing and presenting information to the Board to fulfill the Board mission;
- Communications Committee - this committee monitors and updates all written and electronic promotional materials.

Please contact us at info@rpnf.ca with any other questions you may have about the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation, Inc. We would love to talk further with you!