



Thinking of coming onboard with the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation, Inc. (RPNF) as a Director? The RPNF seeks energetic individuals with creative ideas on promoting the foundation and furthering its mission to provide psychiatric nursing scholarships, awards and medals! Here is a glimpse of what we do.

## **REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES' FOUNDATION, INC.**

### **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 fund. These funds are used to award annual scholarships, awards of excellence, medals of excellence and to 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 Scholarships & Grants** to Students of Psychiatric Nursing and Registered Psychiatric Nurses who have met specified criteria and are enrolled in approved 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;
- **Awards of Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice** to Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs) who are practicing in Manitoba, acknowledging contributions of RPNs to the profession 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;
- **Medals of Excellence** to two graduating students in the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Program at Brandon University (Winnipeg and Brandon Campus).

The RPNF is a charitable organization holding a fund used to support its annual awards and initiatives. The RPNF accepts donations and engages in annual fundraising to sustain and grow its 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, Grants, Awards and Medals while the CRPNM is a regulatory body for Registered Psychiatric Nurses.

The RPNF Board of Directors is comprised of up to 12 Directors, with a minimum of 25 % Registered Psychiatric Nurses alongside former RPNs, and the option of electing up to 3 Directors who are not psychiatric nurses, but contribute other areas of expertise. The majority of Directors come from Manitoba, however Directors are also recruited from the western provinces. Elections for RPNF Board of Director positions are held at the Annual General Meeting in May of each year, with a minimum of two-year terms.

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### **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 Meetings are held by tele / video conferencing once per 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 us at [info@rpnf.ca](mailto:info@rpnf.ca) to learn more about the functions of each committee and opportunities for participation.

- **Scholarship Committee** – on an annual basis puts out the Call for Scholarships, reviews scholarship applications using designated criteria and presents a listing of recommended recipients to the Board for approval. Committee members have the honour of presenting Scholarships to scholarship recipients at the annual RPNF Scholarships & Awards Reception;
- **Awards Committee** – on an annual basis reviews Award of Excellence applications accepted throughout the year using designated criteria, and presents a listing of recommended recipients to the Board for approval. Committee members have the honour of presenting Awards to Awards recipients at the annual RPNF Scholarships & Awards Reception;
- **Executive Committee** – (comprised of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) facilitates general operations of the RPNF, organizing and presenting information to the Board to fulfill the Board mission;
- **Fundraising Committee** – works with the Board to identify and carry out a minimum of one fundraising effort every year;
- **Communications Committee** - facilitates social media, website and written communication to the public, promoting the work of the RPNF.

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

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