



Welcome to CACCN's Critical Connections Bulletin! (May 2009 - Issue # 24)

The CACCN is pleased to bring you this monthly email to keep you informed regarding the latest association news, events, and contests.

H1N1 FLU VIRUS (SWINE INFLUENZA)

CACCN has been updating the information from the Public Health Agency of Canada on the [CACCN website](#).

NEW TO CACCN?

The Board of Directors is extending a hearty welcome to all new and renewing CACCN members. We are looking forward to your involvement in the CACCN at the Chapter and National levels.

Please visit our website at www.caccn.ca or feel free to contact National Office, if you have a questions or require additional information.

CACCN CHAPTER EXECUTIVE

Welcome and congratulations to all new Chapter Executive members. The Board and National Office look forward to working with you.

To Chapter Executive Members who are leaving office...thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to your Chapter and the CACCN!

TWIN and WIN 2009

Twin and Win is over for 2009 and we would like to extend our thanks to the CACCN members who participated. Thanks to your efforts, we are welcoming 29 new members to CACCN.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSING WEEK - May 11 to 17, 2009 "Nursing - You Can't Live Without It!"

Congratulations to **Debra Mayer**, RN, BSN, Surrey Memorial Hospital, Fraser Health Authority, British Columbia for her submission [Nursing - Critical Care](#) for the CACCN Nursing Week contest. Debra receives complimentary early bird tuition to Dynamics 2009 in Fredericton, NB.

UPCOMING CACCN AWARD DEADLINES

Take advantage of the Awards offered by CACCN. The following awards have a submission

deadline of June 1, 2009. We all know someone who meets the criteria for at least one of the awards -- send your nominations today !!

[BBraun Mentorship Award](#) - Award Available \$ 1,000

[Baxter Guardian Scholarship Award](#) - Award Available \$ 5,000

[Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award](#) - Award Available – Trophy, plus \$ 1,000

[Cardinal Health "Chasing Excellence" Award](#) – Award Available \$ 1,000

DYNAMICS 2009 – SEPTEMBER 27 TO 29, 2009 - FREDERICTON, NB

The [Dynamics 2009 Brochure](#) has been sent to members with the Summer Abstract Edition of the Dynamics Journal, to CACCN Communication Boards, Canadian Hospitals and is also available online. Online registration is set to be implemented as of July 1, 2009.

DYNAMICS 2009 – ABSTRACT PRESENTERS

Dynamics 2009 packages have been mailed. This package includes your Tuition coupon, as well as an Information Sheet for return to National Office by August 15, 2009. For information on preparing for your presentation, please visit our online [Presenter Portal](#).

DYNAMICS 2009 – CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Dynamics 2009 packages have been mailed. The package includes your invitation to Chapter Connections Day, as well as any Recruitment/Retention coupons your chapter earned from Apr 2008 to Mar 2009.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The National Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses would like to advise of the Call for Nominations for the position of **Board of Director**. Positions: two positions in Western Region, one position in Central Region and one position in Eastern Region.

Nomination forms must be submitted to National Office by midnight EST, July 29, 2009 by e-mail at caccn@caccn.ca, fax to 519-649-1458, or ExpressPost to CACCN, PO Box 25322, London, ON, N6C 6C1. Nomination forms are available on the website under [Board of Directors - Call for Nominations](#).

CONSTITUTION/BYLAW AMENDMENTS

CACCN National Board of Directors is hereby providing notice of Constitution/Bylaw amendments to be presented at the CACCN AGM on September 27, 2009 being held at Dynamics 2009, in Fredericton, NB. ***The proposed changes will be posted to the website in late May, early June and included in the June Critical Connections Bulletin.***

CACCN PROXY VOTES

If you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting in Fredericton, NB, you may still cast your vote by means of a [Proxy Vote](#). Proxy votes must be received in National Office by **midnight, Monday, September 21, 2009**.

CACCN POSITION STATEMENTS - CALL FOR MEMBERS

If you are interested in assisting with the review/revision and creation of new position statements, please review the [Position Statement Revision Project](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER

Visit the [CACCN Homepage](#) calendar for more information !

CHAPTER NEWS

The featured chapter for this month is [Manitoba Chapter](#). Be sure to visit their webpage !!

CACCN COMMUNICATION BOARDS

No communication board in your unit or hospital? Interested in having one? Please contact National Office to inquire.

CACCN WEBSITE – MEMBERS ONLY AREA SET TO LAUNCH MAY 31, 2009

Watch your email to receive your CACCN Members Only user name and password.

“RACE TO FIND THE SILVER LINING” WEBSITE CONTEST

On your marks, get set, go... This contest is set to launch June 1, 2009. Don't miss your opportunity for two chances to win early bird tuition to Dynamics 2009. Prize to be awarded by draw. Watch for more information in the next couple of weeks on the [CACCN Homepage - Contests](#).

JOB LINKS - check out the employers and volunteer organizations advertising for critical care nurses.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

***ASPIRE to INSPIRE before you EXPIRE** - Unknown author*

Thank you to **Donna Burko** of Saskatchewan Chapter for providing this month's quote.

SPREAD THE WORD OF CACCN

Please share this e-mail newsletter with your peers and interested colleagues. Let them know CACCN membership ensures the newsletter is delivered directly to their inbox !



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