

**– MRCNS Council Meeting –**  
**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 22, 2024; 11:30am-2:00pm AST**  
**ONLINE – IN-CAMERA**

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**MRCNS Council Members in Attendance:**

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| T. Pickart RM, Chair       | A. Houstoun MD |
| T. Crawford RN, Vice-Chair | P. Anderson    |
| K. Wallace, Treasurer      |                |

**Regrets:**

**Staff in Attendance:**

J. Wright, Registrar/ED  
J. Neil, Executive Assistant

**0. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions (no attachment) (T.Pickart)**

The meeting was called to order by T.Pickart, at 11:31 am AST.

***\*In Camera\****

To discuss changes in legislation regulation and potential amalgamation.

**1. Approval of Agenda (ATCH 1) (T.Pickart)**

P.Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** P.Anderson **Seconded by:** A.Houstoun

No objections. **Approved.**

**2. Approval of Jan 9, 2024 MRCNS Council Meeting Minutes (ATCH 2) (T.Pickart)**

Members reviewed the minutes from the January 09 2024 Quarterly Council meeting.

*This was the second meeting to address provincial legislation that will have a significant impact on the Council's operations. The agenda and minutes will remain in-camera until the council decides otherwise.*

A.Houstoun made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

**Moved by:** A.Houstoun **Seconded by:** P.Anderson

No objections. **Approved.**

### **3. Financials (ATCH 3,4) (J.Wright)**

Financials are sent on a monthly basis to the Executive Committee and accountant. J. Wright present the financials to the Council as a whole for their review.

### **4. Overview of NSCN Presentation (ATCH 5) (J.Wright)**

J.Wright presented an overview of the initial work plan for migration/amalgamation of MRCNS with the NSCN.

Deadline for regulator feedback on general regs was moved back to January 26 2024.

- T.Crawford asked for clarification on classifications of licences and whether or not that will fall under Profession Specific Regulation development under the new act.
- T.Pickart presented a recent letter from Kim Barro, received January 22, 2024

### **5. Joint Communications Plan (No Attachment) (J.Wright)**

Update from J.Wright regarding preparations for the leak news of amalgamation.

- Newsletter Announcement to Registrants Thur Jan 25, 2024
  - Notify of government directive to amalgamate
  - NSCN Communications team has written a draft for both NSCN and MRCNS to send to their respective registrants.

Agreement among all Council members that any questions that arise from the registrants, association or public regarding amalgamation should be directed to J.Wright.

### **6. Board Composition (No Attachment) (J.Wright)**

J.Wright provided an update on discussion with Mark Lucas.

The midwife who was selected and prepared to join the council has moved to another province and will not be assuming a position on the Council.

Regarding the RN representation, if T.Crawford wants to remain on the board, there may be a special designation for retired nurses.

Mark Lucas will follow up with Moira who is accountable for appointments.

A new request for a midwife member will be made by J.Wright.

We also are in need of an additional public member.

K.Wallace noted that we desperately need more board members and need to determine the funds required for completing all of the tasks relating to amalgamation and compliance with the new regulations.

J. Wright reminded the Council that the NSCN and MRCNS will create project teams to tackle the tasks, and the Council should feel confident that we will have help from NSCN to develop what is required for the process to be successful.

K.Wallace and T.Crawford noted that we may need additional funding before the teams come together, as there is a lot of specific work that will have to be addressed before the actual amalgamation takes place.

### **7. General Regulation Questionnaire (No Attachment) (J.Wright)**

Updated, Submitted to DHW January 18, 2024.

J.Wright confirmed receipt and briefly discussed with Mark Lucas the concerns.

### **8. Revised Scope of Practice (ATCH 6) (J.Wright)**

This is the second draft, which extrapolated out the background as section 1.

A.Houstoun asked for clarification regarding the 'postpartum' period, and whether we have clearly defined what that means. T.Pickart asked, should the scope of midwives be limited to child-bearing age clients? Perhaps 'sexual and reproductive life span' is an option to replace the wording.

T.Crawford suggested the goal is to make the scope as broad as possible, with the understanding that midwives can regulate themselves when it comes to what they put into practice, based on the needs of their community.

J.Wright emphasized the opportunity in front of the Council is to modernize the scope of practice for midwifery. P.Anderson supports the scope being as broad as possible.

T.Pickart asked for all references to be added to the end of the document (as planned) to ensure understanding of background, and context within Canadian trends for changing the regulations so drastically. This completes the loop of information relating to the Introduction and Midwife Competencies sections.

#### **MOTION**

**T.Crawford made a motion to accept the scope of practice as presented on the basis that J.Wright will send to the council revision with reference materials for feedback. From this feedback a final draft will be created.**

**Moved by:** T.Crawford **Seconded by:** A.Houstoun

No objections. **Approved.**

**Action: J.Wright will revise and share to get feedback from the Council. We will aim to share with the public next month (mid-February 2024).**

## 9. Professions Specific Regulation document

J.Wright presented an update to the Council. J.wright informed the Council that she has hired Matt Lafond as a consultant.

## 10. Organization Statements

J.Wright presented a draft of the Vision, Mandate and Guiding Principles. Some edits were made in-session.

Made a motion to approve the doc as amended.

**Moved by:** K.Wallace **Seconded by:**T.Crawford

No objections. **Approved.**

## 11. Other

### **MOTION**

P.Anderson made a motion to have the Annual Fees for licensure remain the same for 2024-25.

**Moved by:** P.Anderson **Seconded by:** K.Wallace

No objections. **Approved.**

## 12. Closing

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### **Next Council Meeting Dates:**

- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – 9:00am-12:00pm (AST) **BOARD TRAINING with Matt Lafond**
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – 1:00-3:00pm (AST) – ONLINE – GoogleMeet

## ACTION ITEMS

| Item | Task Description   | Owner    | Due Date | Status             |
|------|--|----------|----------|--------------------|
| 1    | Distribute <b>Honorarium Timesheets</b> to Council Members for Jan 22 2024 meeting   | J.Neil   | 01/22    | Completed<br>01/18 |
| 2    | Create and send <b>Quarterly Newsletter</b> to Midwives  | J.Neil   | 1/25     | Completed<br>01/25 |
| 3    | Inform (via email) our Registrants, the Public and Managers of Programs of any policy updates / decisions from Quarterly meeting | J.Wright | 1/25     | Completed<br>01/25 |
| 4    | Revise <b>Scope of Practice</b> and return to Council for final vote   | J.Wright | 3/1      | Completed          |
| 5    |  |          |          |                    |
| 6    |  |          |          |                    |
| 7    |  |          |          |                    |
| 8    | Strategic Planning   | ALL      | Q1 2024  | In Progress        |