

**– MRCNS Annual General Meeting –**  
**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, July 29, 2024; 12:00pm-2:00pm Atlantic**  
**ONLINE**

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**MRCNS Council Members in Attendance:**

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

**Staff in Attendance:**

J. Wright, Registrar/ED	J. Neil, Executive Assistant
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**Guests:**

D. Peverill, CPCA  
S. Smith, CEO NSCN  
H. Totton, NSCN Snr. Director of Governance and General Counsel  
K. Cunningham, NSCN  
CJ Blennerhassett, RM  
C. Maloney, RM  
L. Fraser, RM

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

The meeting was called to order by T.Pickart, at 12:03p.m. Atlantic

T. Pickart opened with a land acknowledgement and extended a warm welcome to all attendees of the first AGM for MRCNS.

**2. Presentation of the Board (T.Pickart)**

T. Pickart introduced each of the current board members to the meeting attendees.

Theresa Pickart, R.M. (Chair)

Teri Crawford, R.N. (Vice Chair / NSCN)

Dr. Anne Houstoun, M.D. (CPSNS)

Karin Wallace (Treasurer / Public Representative)

Paulette Anderson (Public Representative)

Jolinne Kearns (Public Representative)

### 3. Audited Financial Statements (D.Peverill)

D.Peverill presented the complete independent Auditor's report for 2023-24 followed by the statement of financial position in detail. The auditor is satisfied with the financial statements and assert that they are in accordance with accepted standards of practice. D.Peverill exited the meeting following their presentation.

### 4. Reappointment of the Auditor (T. Pickart)

The Council had a short discussion confirming the positive performance of the current Auditor, and a motion was made to reappoint Debi Peverill and Associates as the auditor for MRCNS for the next fiscal year.

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**As per MRCNS bylaws, the Council will reappoint the Auditor.**

**MOTION**

T.Crawford made a motion to reappoint Debi Peverill and Associates as the auditor for MRCNS for the next fiscal year 2024-25.

**Moved by:** T.Crawford **Seconded by:** A. Houstoun **Vote:** Unanimous  
No objections. **Approved.**

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### 5. Amendments to Bylaws (T. Pickart)

T.Pickart reported that there are no current amendments to the MRCNS bylaws. We are undergoing several legislative changes that will impact the bylaws in the future and therefore many will be reviewed in the coming year.

### 6. Chair's Report (T. Pickart)

T. Pickart delivered the Chair's report that was recorded in the 2023 Annual Report. Topics included:

- Legislation and Regulatory changes - FRPA, PACA
- Scope of Practice
- Amalgamation of MRCNS with NSCN
- Ongoing participation with CMRC and RHPN (The Network)

T.Pickart thanked all of the board members, staff and registrants for the role they each play in the ongoing success of the Council.

## **7. Executive Director's Update (J.Wright)**

J.Wright asked for Sue Smith to speak briefly to the attendees from the perspective of the College of Nursing. Sue Smith, CEO of NSCN spoke to the collaborative work currently underway between NSCN and MRCNS. Sue emphasised that midwifery is a separate profession from nursing and will be recognized as so during and following the amalgamation.

J.Wright presented an update regarding news and activities. It has been a busy year with regulatory and legislative changes, amalgamation well in process. J. Wright explained the framework that has been developed under the RHPA and how it impacts all regulators and how they operate. The Midwifery Act will officially be rescinded in 2026 when we amalgamate and will then operate under the new RHPA.

Under the new act, we will have new regulations and a new scope of practice. We are currently working on a submission to the government that outlines what the Council would like added and omitted to the new profession specific regs. The government will be drafting the new regulations but are open to feedback and are engaging in discussions with us.

The migration process for amalgamation with NSCN is to become a multi-profession regulator, the first in Nova Scotia but modelled after other provinces such as BC and PEI..

H.Totton ( Counsel to the NSCN) highlighted that under the new act and legislation we will be better positioned to be flexible and agile in the future to changing healthcare needs in the environment.

## **8. Questions (J.Wright)**

There were no questions.

## **9. Closing (T. Pickart)**

T. Pickart thanked everyone for attending and for supporting the Council.

The meeting was officially adjourned by the Chair at 12:50pm.

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## **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

- **Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – 1:00-3:00pm (AST) – ONLINE – Zoom**  
MRCNS Quarterly Council Meeting