

Newfoundland and Labrador Registered Nurses Education and Research Trust Constitution

Original Date: The Trust was founded in 1986 and became a Registered Charity, Public Foundation by the Charities Directorate on August 1, 1986. Business number 118794486 RR 001

This Constitution was:

Approved at the 1987 meeting

Revised and approved at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Revised and approved at the 2019 Annual Meeting

Revised and approved at the 2018 Annual Meeting

Revised and approved at the 2017 Annual Meeting

Revised and approved at the 2002 Annual Meeting

Amended June 2004

Article I

Name

The name of the charitable foundation shall be the Newfoundland and Labrador Registered Nurses' Education and Research Trust, herein after called "the Trust."

Article II

Objectives

The objectives of the Trust shall be:

1. To facilitate advancement of nursing knowledge base and to generate new nursing knowledge for the benefit of the public at large by:
 - 1.1. Providing scholarships and bursaries to qualified students and nurses who meet the criteria set down for the awarding of such financial assistance.
 - 1.2. Providing awards to nurses conducting nursing research who meet the criteria set down for the awarding of such financial assistance.
 - 1.3. Managing funds for scholarships, bursaries, and nursing research awards.

Article III

Relationship to the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL)

The Trust was established in 1986 by a motion of the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL) Council. As of September 1, 2019, ARNNL became the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL), Herin called "CRNNL".

The Executive Director of CRNNL shall have the overall responsibility of administering the Trust between meetings of the Board of Directors as per the bylaws set out by the Trust.

Article IV

Membership

Membership in the Trust will be all registered nurses and nurse practitioners holding a practicing license with the CRNNL.

Other members of the Trust will be approved by the criteria set down by the Board of Directors as per the bylaws of the Trust.

Article V

Governing Structure

1. The governing body of the Trust shall be called the Board of Directors.
2. All members of the Board of Directors must be members of the Trust.
3. The Board of Directors will consist of seven (7) Directors.
 - 3.1. At least two (2) Directors of the Board must have a current practicing license with CRNNL or have held a practicing license within the last five (5) years.
 - 3.2. Directors of the Trust can be from the community at large as per the bylaws set out by the Trust.

Article VI

Appointment of the Board of Directors

1. The members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Trust.
2. The term of office of a Director shall be 3 years from the date of appointment and reappointment shall be as per the bylaws set out by the Trust.
3. The term of office of the members of the Board of the Trust shall not exceed three consecutive terms.
4. A vacancy in the position of director shall be filled by appointment as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors as per the bylaws.

Article VII

Fees

The annual membership fee shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors and bylaws of the Trust and subject to approval at the next Annual Meeting.

Article VIII

Meetings

1. A minimum of two meetings of the Board of Directors will be held each calendar year.
2. Special meetings of the Trust may be called at any time by the President of the Trust as per the bylaws of the Trust.

Article IX

Special Resolutions

Special Resolutions are required for making changes to the Trust including the Trust Constitution or dissolution of the Trust.

The full text of a Special Resolution shall be available to members of the Trust at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting at which it is presented as per the bylaws set out by the Trust.

Article X

Audit

The Board of Directors shall ensure that at a minimum a review engagement annual audit is carried out by a chartered professional accountant. The results of the audit shall be presented to the membership and the public upon request.

Article XI

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Trust shall be April 1 to March 31.

Article XII

Dissolution of the Trust

The Trust shall not be dissolved voluntarily unless a Special Resolution to do so is passed by the members of the Trust at a meeting.

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In the event the Trust is dissolved, all monies shall be transferred to a registered charitable organization that's objectives support the advancement of education or knowledge in nursing.

Article XIII

The Constitution may be amended at any General Meeting of the Trust and approved by Members of the Board of Directors.

Signatures	Director _____	Date _____
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	Director _____	Date _____