

Nova Scotia Board Liaison Director's Report/ Update

Salutations to you all! Thank you for this opportunity to provide a brief update on board activities. This update comes at a time of transition for our Association. The 2019-2021 board sat for the last time on Thursday 15 April, 2021. I'd like to take the time to thank the previous executive led by President Jen Rowett. Over the first two days in May, the new executive led by president, Kathy Offet-Gartner. I would like to take thank the previous board for all they have done to support and advance the activities of the counselling profession across the country. Please join me in wishing the new Board all the best over the next two years. Parallely, I begin my second and final term, which means the search for a replacement in two years' time has already begun to ensure a smooth transition. Please consider serving in this important role; I welcome any questions regarding the process should anyone want to know more. As you might recall from my updates to you over the last couple of seasons, the board took on a few exciting initiatives, including 3rd party billing issues, the Talking Can Help Social Media Campaign, and the BIPOC panel among many. I am particularly pleased to report that a few initiatives will straddle the two boards and already have a lot of background activity on the go. I am pleased to be part of a couple of such initiatives. I am involved in groups looking at streamlining the CEC process and finding ways to make it more effective/responsive and the creation of an Anti-Racism Advisory Group to support the association's work. I look forward giving you more updates as the work continues throughout this process. Thank you for your all you do to support the wellness of Nova Scotians. All the very best.

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