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**WNRCASN FALL 2024 UPDATE**

**Greetings from the President**

Happy Fall, everyone - I’m Catherine Laing, the new president of WNRCASN. Together with Zahra Shajani (treasurer) we are excited to serve in these roles. Both of us are based at the University of Calgary as interim dean (Laing) and interim associate dean undergraduate programs (Shajani) and are well-entrenched in all things CASN related! We look forward to working with you over these next two years, and hopefully meeting some of you in person. Fall term always feels like a whirlwind, but I hope you all find some time to enjoy your loved ones, the beautiful fall colours, and maybe even a pumpkin spice latte or two.

Take care,

Catherine Laing, President, WNRCASN

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**Registering and renewing memberships**

It is the time of the year for membership renewal. We have worked with our webmaster to improve the online registration and renewal process and hope that you find it smoother.

**Conference dates**

***Upcoming conference***

UBC Okanagan and Thompson Rivers University are co-hosting the 2025 WNRCASN conference in Kelowna, BC at UBC Okanagan May 21-23, 2025. The sponsorship committee has prepared the call for abstracts poster which is posted in the conference section of this website. Thank you to the UBCO and TRU planning team!

***Updating the conference host rotation***

On the WNRCASN website there is a conference host rotation schedule updated to 2031. Please have a look and see where your college/university is now in the rotation order. Please contact Catherine or Zahra if you have any questions and to confirm if the dates work for your school.

**Nominate an outstanding nurse educator for the WNRCASN honorary lifetime member award**

Do you know a nurse educator who has made a remarkable impact on WNRCASN and nursing education over the course of their career? Nominate them for the prestigious WNRCASN Honorary Lifetime Member Award! Visit the WNRCASN website for full details on the award and nomination process.

**Renewing MALs**

Please ensure your MAL for your institution is correct. The list of MALs can be found on the WNRCASN website. If you have any changes for your program, please let Catherine or Zahra know.

**Scholarships and Awards**

**Apply for WNRCASN Grants and Awards!**

WNRCASN offers several grants to support research and innovation in nursing education. The **Nursing Education Research Grant** funds research activities focused on nursing education, while the **Education Innovation Grant** supports projects that advance learning through creative approaches such as new technologies or innovative curriculum designs. Graduate students can also apply for the **Graduate Student Research Grant** to investigate educational issues. For those interested in submitting a proposal, WNRCASN provides resources like a proposal writing tipsheet and assessment rubric to guide your application. Deadlines for applications are fast approaching—visit our website for full details on how to apply and take advantage of these valuable opportunities.