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VOTING RESULTS OF RESOLUTIONS AT AGM

Three resolutions were put forth by registrants prior to the CLPNBC's Eighth Annual General Meeting. At the AGM, held in Vancouver on May 3, each resolution was voted on and the results are listed below. The 5,525 registrants were given the option of mailing in their ballot on each resolution prior to the AGM, or voting in person by a show of hands at the meeting. Noted below are the results with total votes cast for and against each resolution.

As resolutions are of an **advisory nature only**, the results of any resolution do not require action by the Board of Directors of the CLPNBC.

Resolution #1: Whereas ongoing education for LPNs is as important as ongoing education for RNs and resident care level has increased in long-term care. Be it resolved that the CLPNBC support: accessibility to the courses; employer-paid education in long-term care as it is not the same as in acute care; and comparability of CPR education in long-term care as it is in acute care.

VOTES: 575 for/6 against

Resolution #2: Whereas we (LPNs) know that Pharmacology is part of the practice of the hospital, registrants that have already graduated with Pharmacology in their schooling will seek positions in these facilities. Be it resolved that the Pharmacology requirement be exempted for LPNs that are retiring in the next five years i.e. 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009.

VOTES: 380 for/248 against

After carefully reviewing the intent of resolution #2 and the voting results, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the requirement that all registrants must complete all five units of Pharmacology/Medication Administration by January 1, 2006. The Board is made up of eight LPNs and four public members.

Resolution #3: Whereas the CLPNBC has the same Standards of Practice as the RNABC regarding the Hepatitis B vaccine; whereas LPNs are doing injections, both subcutaneous and intramuscular; whereas Workers Compensation Board Standards are that the employer pays for employee injections; whereas Hepatitis B injections are a requirement for all nursing, be it long-term care or acute care; and whereas LPNs are at high risk of exposure to Hepatitis B due to their work environment. Be it resolved that the CLPNBC support that all registrants have current Hepatitis B vaccines.

VOTES: 552 for/34 against

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