



**BOARD OF NATURAL MEDICINE DOCTORS & PRACTITIONERS –  
NORTH AMERICA (BNMDP-NA)  
NATURAL MEDICINE CERTIFICATION COUNCIL (NMCC)**  
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MEMBERS:     ◆ CANADA     ◆ USA

Dear Member,

As we close the year, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a festive and healthy season.

We would like to reflect on some of the important milestones achieved by the Organization.

- 1) You will be pleased to know that during this year, the first University that recognizes the DNM, was established in Lebanon and a formal social work program will be commencing in the next academic year.
- 2) We were granted formal approval by WONM, which totally and fully legitimizes the issuance of DNM.
- 3) There was recently a meeting of transitional college of acupuncture. We are pleased to advise you that prospects look good for all practitioners, who are our members and who have maintained a practice that can be substantiated in acupuncture.
- 4) We are currently liaising with Ontario Association such that their members will be part of our organization and for our members in Ontario, you will have a specific association to deal with any challenges relevant to the practice in the Province.
- 5) We are pleased to inform you that several other provincial associations have been established and are beginning to function. This is particularly relevant in light of the Federal government's portability of profession mandate.
- 6) We have completed our legal audit and are pleased to inform you that there were no concerns.
- 7) Our legal counsel informed us that any legal impediments have been removed. Should any organization persist in challenging, harassing or annoying our members, it is our intention to take all legal avenues available to us to ensure they cease and desist from any such behavior in future.
- 8) We are pleased to report that one of our members successfully dealt with a challenge by a Naturopathic College.
- 9) Our Insurance Committee has been making significant progress in organizing an approach that we feel will be most helpful in assuring the benefits are paid.
- 10) We would remind those of you who have not purchased your malpractice insurance that this is necessary to ensure renewal of your membership and that we still have an arrangement with Partners Indemnity Insurance Brokers Ltd, if you need it.
- 11) Your designations with BNMDP-NA/NMCC are not academic degrees, but are to validate your educational standing. Designations must be renewed annually to validate your position on the registry with the Board of Natural Medicine Doctors & Practitioners – North America & Natural Medicine Certification Council.
- 12) The certification serves to identify services, which meet the standards as established by the BNMDP-NA/NMCC and must be surrendered when registration ceases or at the request of the Disciplinary Committee of BNMDP-NA/NMCC.
- 13) While BNMDP-NA/NMCC recognizes and acknowledges your membership with other provincial associations and other organizations, but membership in such organizations does not negate your membership obligations with BNMDP-NA and NMCC.
- 14) Special thanks to membership director Dr. Jimmy Nanda for his tireless efforts of getting many of his colleagues to become members of BNMDP-NA/NMCC this year.
- 15) We look forward to hosting our annual seminar/conference in early Spring. We have held off this annual event because we were attempting to co-sponsor the Seminar in conjunction with the Clinics for Humanity. Also because we wanted to ensure the legal items that were outstanding, were dealt with.
- 16) Finally, on a pleasant note, we are pleased to inform you that Dr. Sheila McKenzie has been appointed as Deputy Minister of International Parliament for Safety and Peace. We wish her good luck as she faces this new challenge. Don't worry, however, we are not really losing her, as we will be dealing with her through WONM and she still remains an active advisor to the Board.

In closing, you can clearly see it has been a very busy year and we have actively worked to ensure more professionalism and to raise the standard of our designation in the community.

So on behalf of myself and my family, our Sr. Administrator Ms. Lucy Mangassarian, Paul Henderson and family and Dr. Sheila McKenzie and family, I would like to wish you the best of the Season and all prosperity in the coming year.

May you and yours be healthy, happy and successful.

Sincerely,

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*President*