

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

1 October 2017



Dear Graduate of the Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH) School of Nursing

We are writing to you about changes to the legal status of the Alumnae Association of the RJH School of Nursing¹ (the Association).

WE NEED YOUR CONSENT FOR YOU TO BE A MEMBER

What has changed and why?

With our youngest grads in their mid-50s (class of January 1983) we are looking to the future. The reality is our Association cannot last forever; at some point, it will not be feasible to continue. At our 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) the Alumnae voted to hire a part time archivist and start the process to disband our Archives Museum by 2020 and transfer our collections to the University of Victoria, Royal BC Museum and other related organizations. In the coming years, more changes requiring legal authority will need to be made. To do this, the Alumnae needs to be a legal entity, which until now it has not been.

Having examined the different options available and with appropriate legal advice, the Executive recommended to the members at the AGM that significant benefits are to be gained by the Association becoming an incorporated society.

This change moving the Association from being unincorporated to an incorporated society, occurred on 7 July 2017, under the BC Societies Act (2016). Most Canadian nursing school and university alumni associations are incorporated. Unlike unincorporated organizations, an incorporated body, such as the Association, offers many advantages:

- It has a separate legal existence from its members. This means that, in its own right, it can:
 - employ people;
 - own assets (financial, archival items);
 - enter into contracts, agreements, leases;
- Governance: The Association's past constitution can stay the same
- Limited liability: Previously members of the executive could be personally sued for any of the Association's debts and associated liabilities. Incorporation means that if the Association is sued, the personal assets of the board members will not be at risk.
- Accountability: The business of an incorporated Association is overseen by its Board of Directors who are accountable to the members and the government Registrar. The Association must file annual accounts with the provincial Registrar as well as Revenue Canada.

¹ Not every RJH graduate joined the Alumnae Association in the past.

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Advantages to being a member:

- ❖ There are still no membership fees.
- ❖ Every RJH graduate is eligible to be a member of the Association
- ❖ Every member of the Association:
 - Can vote at the AGMs
 - Can have a say in Association dissolution issues

- ❖ *To be a member you must now ensure that we have your current postal address, phone number and if available an email address.*

Next steps:

1. We need your consent for you to be a member of the incorporated Alumnae Association of the RJH School of Nursing.

2. Please notify Anne Boldt, Director at Large (memberships) that you:
 - a. Consent to be a member
or
 - b. Do not want to be a member

Email: anne.lorne@gmail.com

OR mail Anne at: PH3 - 620 Toronto St, Victoria, BC V8V 1P7

3. Ensure that we have your correct postal address, phone number and email address (if you have one).

More information:

For enquiries, please go to <http://www.rjhnursingalum.com/home-page/> and select “membership” or write to the Association at the address below.

Thank you

On behalf of the Board of Directors

President Diane Clements
Past President Alice Sims

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