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## Marilyn Quinn, New Brunswick Nurses Union President, Retires Post AGM

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FREDERICTON - More than 200 registered nurses will gather at the Delta Fredericton this week for the New Brunswick Nurses Union's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting. Held from Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, this meeting marks the retirement of NBNU's longest standing president, Marilyn Quinn.

Quinn was elected in 2004 and has served six consecutive two-year terms. She brought 39 years of nursing experience. Under Quinn's leadership, NBNU has developed and fostered many longstanding, positive working relationships within labour and healthcare, both provincially and federally.

Provincially, Quinn has led negotiating teams to achieve 16 collective agreements during her presidency. Quinn has been instrumental in advancing the concerns of members about many serious issues, such as safe patient care, professional practice and workplace violence. She currently serves as chairperson of the Board of Trustees for both the Certain Bargaining Employees (CBE) and the New Brunswick Public Service (NBPSP) pension plans.

NBNU is pleased to announce that Paula Doucet has been elected by acclamation as the new president, effective October 27, 2016. Most recently employed at the Chaleur Regional Hospital in Bathurst, Ms. Doucet brings with her 20 years of nursing experience.

Doucet has a long and proud labour background having served as Vice President of NBNU for the past 13 years, 16 years as local President of the Bathurst Hospital, and Executive positions with both the NBFL and Bathurst & District Labour Council. Ms. Doucet's extensive experience in collective bargaining and working within the labour movement in NB will be a tremendous asset.

At the forefront of discussion during this year's AGM will be the need for provincial legislation to protect registered nurses, and all healthcare workers, from the ever present threat of workplace violence. Delegates at the AGM will also debate and vote on resolutions which will set the direction of the Union for the coming year.

Linda Silas, President of The Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions (CFNU) will address the assembly on issues faced by registered nurses and unions across the country on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

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