

**THE
PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATION**



**REGISTERED
PSYCHIATRIC
NURSES
ASSOCIATION OF
SASKATCHEWAN**

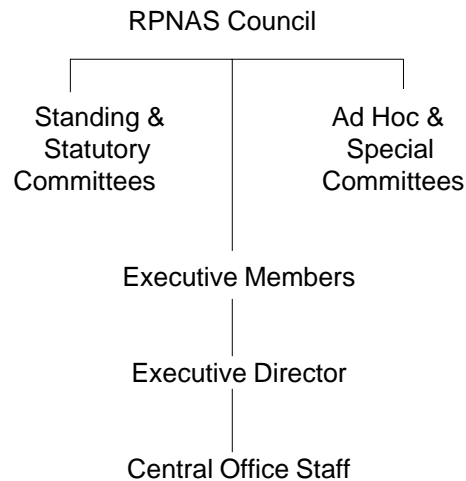
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The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan (RPNAS) represents registered psychiatric nurses throughout the province.

The Association is governed by a provincial council, representative of the membership and the public. Council members are nominated and elected by mail ballot from the membership at large. Public or consumer representation is by appointment and is the responsibility of the Minister of Health. All council members have full voting rights and privileges as enacted in the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Act and bylaws.

The day-to-day activities of the Association are coordinated and executed by central office staff and administered by an executive director appointed by council.



PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION

The RPNAS:

- *acts as the registration and licencing authority for registered psychiatric nurses in the province;
- *sets and ensures standards of practice for members;
- *represents the profession on practice and professional issues;
- *evaluates education programs in psychiatric nursing;
- *offers bursaries, scholarships and educational assistance to graduate and student psychiatric nurses;
- *sponsors annual workshops;
- *evaluates the credentials of psychiatric nurses educated outside Canada to determine eligibility for membership;
- *provides malpractice insurance protection for members;
- *publishes a newsletter and other printed material for the information of members and the general public;
- *encourages continuing professional development of members;
- *maintains contact with members through branch representatives; and
- *provides a variety of membership services and consultation through central office.

BRANCHES

At the regional level branches:

- *enhance the relationship between members and the provincial association;
- *provide and promote continuing education programs for members locally;
- *represent the profession at the grassroots level on issues of local concern;
- *provide opportunities for social interaction among members; and
- *communicate local concerns of members to the provincial association.

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