



# Head, Heart & Hands

Nova Scotia Child Care Association's Membership Newsletter

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## What will NSCCA's priorities be for 2004-2005?

NSCCA's members are invited to gather at the Fall Rally to develop a vision for the association for 2004-2005. Members unable to attend can participate in the visioning exercise by completing the attached questionnaire and returning it by November 10 to NSCCA, 100-1200 Tower Road, Halifax, B3H 4K6.

The Rally will be held on November 13, 10 am-2:30 pm, at Bethany United Church Hall, Clinton Avenue, off of Dutch Village Road at the Armdale Rotary in Halifax. Also included in the program will be a workshop on Self Reflection using the NSCCA's Standards of Practice and lunch. Pre-registration is required by November 10 either by mail or by calling 423-8199 (HRM) or 1-800-565-8199.

## Join a NSCCA Committee!

The Nova Scotia Child Care Association (NSCCA) uses committees to accomplish its goals and involve its membership in establishing the direction of NSCCA. NSCCA has Three standing committees related to its objectives-

- Ethics Committee- To educate and facilitate the ethical practice of its members;
- Advocacy & Communications Committee- To advocate and support its members in their provision of quality child care;

- Standards Committee- To educate and facilitate the use of standards of practice in its members (PLAR committee is a sub committee of this committee)

Membership participation is crucial to the quality of work accomplished by the committee and the organization. NSCCA seeks out members who have an interest and/or expertise in the committee's focus. If you are interested in serving on a Committee, contact the NSCCA Board of Directors indicating what committee you are interested in serving on. Give your name, phone both daytime and evening, and email address if you have one. A Board member will contact you.

## Professional Development 2004-2005

Enclosed are the Professional Development offerings by NSCCA for its members. Saturday Morning PD will be offering workshops using the CCCF Partners In Quality Series. The Partners In Quality Series is built around factors that influence the quality of our practice. Each workshop is 2 hours of reflection, interaction and discussion with your colleagues.

## Application for CCCF Affiliate Status

NSCCA has submitted an application to the Canadian Child Care Federation for Affiliate Status in the organization. When a provincial/territorial organization joins as an affiliate organization of the Canadian Child Care Federation, all members of the affiliate organization receive all benefits of membership in the CCCF which are:

- four issues of *Interaction* each year
- four Resource Sheets per year
- free copies of many project products when first released
- one vote at the CCCF Annual General Meeting.
- access to the Policy Knowledge and Response Network website

The application is being reviewed and a decision is anticipated in the near future.

## Welcome to New Board Members!

Carrie Melsom and Catherine Cross responded to the call for nominations and for the Board of Directors. They have joined Elizabeth Hessian, Heather Hansen Dunbar, Elaine Ferguson and Bronwien Richardson. NSCCA chair, Anne Culling is off on maternity leave and Bronwien is acting in her absence. The Board is looking forward to Members' participation in establishing priorities for NSCCA for the next year. Make your voice heard either by attending the Rally or completing the enclosed NSCCA vision questionnaire.

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## Vision 2004-2005 for NSCCA Member questionnaire

**Return by November 10 to NSCCA, 100-1200 Tower Road, Halifax, NS B3H 4K6**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR REFLECTION!**

The goals of NSCCA are

- To educate and facilitate the ethical practice of its members and support its members in applying ethics to their work.
- To educate and facilitate the use of standards of practice in its members
- To advocate and support its members in their provision of quality child care

### **Ethical Practice:**

What do you need for your practice to be ethical? Think in terms of material resources, professional development, support network, etc.

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What do those who aren't NSCCA members need to know about the ethical practice of NSCCA members?

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### **Standards of Practice**

What do you need for you to be skilled in demonstrating the NSCCA Standards of Practice? Think in terms of material resources, professional development, support network, etc.

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What do those who aren't NSCCA members need to know about the NSCCA Standards of Practice?

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### **Advocacy & Communication**

Think about your working conditions, recognition by society, training opportunities and costs, etc. What needs to happen for you to increase the quality of your practice?

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What does NSCCA need to say on your behalf in their advocacy activities?

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