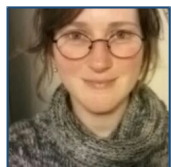


## Message from Cara Spittal, newly appointed FRPA Review Officer:



Hello! My work supporting the recognition of the experience and education of people trained outside of Canada intersects nicely with the work of the FRPA Review Office. For two years, I was employed by the Province of Nova Scotia as the Recognition Prior Learning (RPL) Coordinator, leading the development and implementation of provincial RPL policies, programs and services related to RPL and International Qualification Recognition. In a previous life, I received my Ph.D. in History at the University of Toronto in 2009. I was the Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellow in Canadian History and an Assistant Professor at Dalhousie University from 2010-2013.

I was appointed FRPA Review Officer on 11 January 2016, and since then have enjoyed getting up-to-speed on the file. In addition to reaching out to you, scheduling our first breakfast meeting and reconvening the Ad Hoc Advisory Group, I am keen to get back on track with FRPA Reviews. I am also committed to ensuring that the FRPA Annual Reports for 2013-14 and 2014-15 are tabled in the legislature this month and made available online.

I look forward to working with you to further develop the Review Office and ensure that licensing processes are transparent, objective, impartial and fair.

### Breakfast Meetings

The results of the poll are in! The majority of Regulatory Bodies voted that the FRPA Review Office continue hold meetings in the morning.

Breakfast Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis at the Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel, from 8-10am on the following dates in 2016:

- Wednesday, 9 March
- Wednesday, 18 May
- Wednesday, 14 September
- Wednesday, 7 December

Please RSVP by email to the Review Officer:  
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### FQR and LMCG Working Group Update

Much like the FRPA Review Office, both the Foreign Qualifications Recognition Working Group (FQRWG) and the Labour Mobility Coordinating Group (LMCG) understand that regulatory bodies require additional support in the implementation of registration practices that are fair, transparent, timely and consistent across jurisdictions. The FQRWG is an ad-hoc federal/provincial/territorial group that focuses on foreign qualifications assessment and recognition processes and pathways from pre-arrival to workforce participation. If you would like to learn more about the FQRWG please visit <http://www.flmm-fmmt.ca/english/view.asp?x=1>

The federal/provincial/territorial Labour Mobility Coordinating Group (LMCG) supports the coordination, implementation and monitoring of Chapter 7 of the Agreement on Internal Trade. For more information please visit the LMCG's website at <http://www.flmm-lmcm.org/english/view.asp?x=1>

If you would like more information on either of these groups, please contact: Kaitlin Ashley, Labour Mobility Coordinator, at 902-424-3968 or [kaitlin.ashley@novascotia.ca](mailto:kaitlin.ashley@novascotia.ca).

### Conferences

Save these dates for 2016!

#### CNAR Conference and Pre-conference Events

November 1-3, Toronto, ON

The Toronto Marriot Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel

Check it out online: <http://www.cnnar.ca/en/events>



#### Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation, Annual Education Conference

September 15-17, Portland, Oregon



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### Multi-stakeholder Work Group Update

The Multi-stakeholder Work Group model is a collaborative approach to tackling the challenges of international qualifications recognition. Profession-specific work groups bring together all the key partners on a regular basis to ensure fair, transparent pathways to licensure, remove unnecessary barriers, identify gaps, advocate for alternate pathways and work together to develop innovative and practical solutions.

Currently there are twelve Multi-stakeholder Work Groups, including: Architects, Construction Electricians, Dental Professions, Dietitians, Engineers, Lawyers, Medical Lab Technologists, Nurses (RN & LPN), Pharmacists, Physicians, Social Workers and Teachers.

*"The Multi-stakeholder Work Group model is a powerful, proven and practical tool for realizing the fundamental intention of FRPA"* Susan Wedlake, former Registrar, Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists.

For more information or to explore the idea of organizing a work group in your field, please contact: Jan Sheppard Kutcher, at 902-424-4637 or [jan.sheppardkutcher@novascotia.ca](mailto:jan.sheppardkutcher@novascotia.ca).

## Upcoming Events • Action Items

- **Recognition of Prior Learning Key Informant Interviews and Surveys:** Collective Wisdom Solutions has been engaged by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education (LAE) to help develop a Recognition of Prior Learning system in Nova Scotia with the flexibility and responsiveness needed in today's economy. We would like to thank in advance those regulatory bodies who participate in key informant interviews and complete surveys which will provide LAE with crucial information regarding the work you are doing in the field of RPL, lessons learned and ideas for the future.
- **FRPA Annual Survey:** due on 15 February
- **Breakfast Meeting**—Wednesday, 9 March, 8-10am at the Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel.

## 2015 FRPA Review Reports

- Nova Scotia Securities Commission
- Nova Scotia Dietetic Association
- Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists
- Registered Professional Foresters Association of Nova Scotia
- Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission
- Nova Scotia Teacher Certification

## Links

- [FRPA Review Office](#)
- [Labour and Advanced Education](#)
- [RPL and Labour Mobility Unit](#)
- [Multi-stakeholder Work Groups](#)
- [Nova Scotia Office of Immigration](#)
- [Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia](#)
- [Nova Scotia START](#)
- [Careers Nova Scotia](#)

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