

## BNMDP/NMCC-ASSOCIATIONS

### BNMDP-NA/NMCC History

The Examining Board of Natural Medicine Practitioners known as "EBNMP" was established in 1998 in Ontario, Canada by its founders and Past President, Dr. Sheila McKenzie and co- directors, Dr. June Kelly and Dr. Allan Austin to satisfy the demand for a registry for Doctors of Natural Medicine and Naturotherapy / Natural Medicine Practitioners. In 2003, the organization was re-named the Examining Board of Natural Medicine Practitioners-North America "EBNMP-NA," remaining a corporation constituted under the laws of Ontario and a Canadian Examining Board was also established under the auspices of Dr. June Kelly to handle registrants at the DNM level 1. Due to numerous disagreements, the Canadian Board (EBNMP Canada) under the auspices of Dr. June Kelly decided in 2006 to administer EBNMP Canadian entity separately from EBNMP-NA. . In July 2006, The EBNMP-NA re named its Canadian sub entity as the Natural Medicine Certification (NMCC) a Canadian non-profit corporation while retaining EBNMP-NA/BNMDP-NA registration in the US.

**The Intention of Founders was for unification and re-establishment of the Traditional "Nature Medicine" profession which is not the same as our modern Medical Naturopathic profession.**

In 1902, Benedict Lust organized the Naturopathic Society of America, which was reorganized, in 1919, as the American Naturopathic Association (ANA). In 1921, Lust was elected president for life. Shortly after he died, a combination of inter-personal and philosophical differences caused the organization to split in two, forming the Eastern ANA and the Western ANA, each with its own constitution, officers, programs, and conventions. The Eastern naturopaths were determined to follow the example set forth by Father Kneipp *et al.*, while those in the West seemed determined to "medicalize" naturopathy. "Proclaiming their distinct perspectives, the two camps developed their own textbooks: Paul Wendel's *Standardized Naturopathy* (1951) and Harry Riley Spittler's *Basic Naturopathy* (1948)."

The EBNMP-NA/BNMDP-NA is the only group accredited and recognized by its American Naturopathic Association who has maintained their traditional natural approach to healing.

The name "NATUROPATH" in fact, is controversial and its true origin is unclear. It is known that the word was coined; possibly from "nature" and "homeopathy," a system of healing that was established and was most recognized at the time. Many early Naturopaths objected to the name because, in literal translation, it means 'natural disease.' However, Lust credited its coining with helping to end his persecution.

"The persecution became so intense that we could not use the words cure, healing, therapy, therapist, physician, doctor, or any similar title. We were all in despair. Finally we decided to use the word 'Naturopath' as being the only safe term by which we could designate ourselves as having to do with "the natures cure" and disease (Lust, 1921: 479)."

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The term 'doctor' originated in 1303, and stems ultimately from the Latin, *doctor* "teacher," from *doct-* stem of *docere* "to show, teach, and "Originally" make to appear right." The familiar form of "medical professional" dates from 1377 though was not common until the late 16th century. Thus, the term 'doctor' cannot be appropriated by any one group. In 1998 a group of Natural Medicine Practitioners reclaimed their rights to traditional natural medicine by use of the title, DNM-Doctor of Natures Medicine in honour of Dr Lust's original intentions. They are dedicated to upholding the principles articulated by Dr Benedict Lust and to preserving traditional natural medicine health care for future generations while unifying Doctors of Natures Medicine "DNM" and Practitioners of Natures Medicine "NMP/RNP". The By-law of both the EBNMP Canada and EBNMP-NA clearly states that professional associations shall be established in various states of the United States and the Provinces of Canada to help with professional development for members only after they are certified by the EBNMP organizations.

### **Appointments**

Dr. Bruce Ally was appointed in 2007 as President of the BNMDP-NA/NMCC while Dr. McKenzie moved in as chief advisor and as a Head of the World Organization of Natural Medicine (WONM), which the organization is affiliated with. The intention of the founders was the propagation and re-establishment of "Natures" medicine in both the United States and Canada. The associations were to be established to help with the responsibility of professional development for members. Some Associations were established in the southern United States, British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. Dr Habib was appointed in Ontario to head up the Ontario association (ODNMA) for the doctor's level while Dr. Linda Henderson was appointed as head of the Ontario Natural Medicine Practitioners Association (ONMPA) for the practitioner's level in 2007, based upon the recommendation of Dr. McKenzie. To date Dr. Sulaiman Habib did not fulfilled any of the appointed tasks but seek to establish more divisions to the detriment of the profession contrary to the mandate of its founders.

### **NOTICE TO ALL DNM/RNP IN ONTARIO**

- Certification as a DNM or CNP/RNP can only be conferred by a board which is established to confer certification (BNMDP-NA/NMCC Board).
- Certification is a statement or declaration that one has completed a course of study, passed an examination, or otherwise met specified criteria for certification.
- Certification provides the consumer, insurance companies and government with more information about a practitioner. It also gives practitioners a way to increase their competency through a course of study and exams, and to advertise or inform others of their completion of this course of study.
- The purpose of certification is to set standards, educate practitioners and inform the public. Failure to meet the certification obligation means that the practitioner is no longer certified and must return certification document to the Board.

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- The Board cannot be responsible for members who do not pay dues and follow misguided individuals, who think it is appropriate to lead members astray to the detriment of the growth and fulfillment of its mandate for propagation of Traditional Natural Medicine in North America and for the government to take us as a profession seriously.
- Certification is renewable yearly, for example a lawyer, an accountant, a dentist, even a car mechanic, must renew his/her registration with registering organization, to retain status.
- We, the founder, president and directors of these organizations consider the actions of ego directed factions distracting, time consuming, most draining and potential death of our profession.
- ***All non active registrants of the Boards that received the certification as DNM or RNP must return such documents as the Board will not be liable for your protection.***



### **BENEFITS OF BEING BNMDP-NA/NMCC REGISTRANT**

- North America recognition and accreditation (United States and Canada)
- DNM, CNP/RNP's in North America are recognized as meeting the standards in natural Medicine education as established by WONM
- DNM, CNP/RNP's under BNMDP-NA/NMCC standards are parallel and in some instances surpass medical naturopathic and other natural Doctors curriculum both in Canada and the United States and is the gold standards world wide
- Standardized accreditation with portability to more than twenty countries around the world (Asia, Europe, South America etc)
- Opportunity to participate in Clinic for Humanity programs (Doctors and Practitioners for humanitarian Medicine)
- Regional Congress & Educational Seminars
- World symposium (over twenty countries)
- Hospital internship and externship (in partnership with WONM Clinics for Humanity program)
- Natural Medicine Journal
- Accreditation recognized by regional associations (United States, Canada and other countries)

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- Professional Continuing education workshops & Seminars
- Eligibility for special group rate on malpractice insurance
- Eligibility for reimbursement of service fees by many Major Insurance Companies
- Frequent Email update
- Quarterly Professional Newsletter
- Standardized treatment protocols to minimize the risk of harm to the public

***Before joining any faction association or leaving your group portent certifying organization which is the “bona Fide” group, you need to ask yourself these questions.***

- What can an association that is a fragment of a parent group that is rebellious to its parents mandate do for you?
- Does faction groups operating according to the mandate of the parent organization?
- Is the faction group responsible for re-establishing “Natural Medicine” in North America?
- Where did the head of the faction group received certification in the first place? The parent group?
- Does the faction responsible for certification?
- How organization be self-sustaining without member’s renewals fees.

**Please call 416-756-9355**  
to return home  
and re-instate your membership as we  
are working toward formalizing our  
profession with various governments.

As per BNMDP-NA By-law, we are actively propagating Natural Medicine practice by helping to support and to establish Canadian and USA Natural Medicine Associations. Please contact BNMDP-NA if you would like to establish an association in your Province or State.



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