

Meeting Minutes Summary

Meeting	CANM BC Chapter Meeting
Date and Time	May 19, 2026, 1:00–2:00 p.m. Pacific / 8:00 p.m. UTC
Duration	Approximately 1 hour
Purpose	To introduce participants to the newly incorporated CANM BC Chapter, review foundational governance documents, discuss strategic priorities, and identify next steps for member engagement and advocacy.

Attendees

Participants and contributors:

James Curtis, Nicolas Lapierre Rondeau, Eric Lachance, Philip Cohen, Rebekah Bahr, Gina Leong, Muhannad Najim, Sharon Gerhony, Kathryn Darras, Urvi Joshi, Moira Stilwell, Isabelle Savoie, Marjorie Gonzalez, Elizabeth Pucsek, Katherine Zukotynski

Key Discussion Points

- **Chapter formation and purpose:** The group reviewed the rationale for creating a BC-based nuclear medicine organization to reduce siloed planning across health authorities, support collaboration, and help coordinate provincial priorities, particularly around PET, theranostics, education, and workforce planning.
- **Incorporation and governance:** The chapter has been incorporated under the BC Societies Act, with a PO box and foundational documents prepared. The meeting reviewed the charter, bylaws, terms of reference, and affiliation agreement with CANM.
- **Relationship with CANM:** The chapter will remain affiliated with CANM while retaining provincial autonomy. CANM's existing infrastructure, relationships, data, and sponsorship connections were noted as valuable supports.
- **Membership and voting:** Governance documents will likely be put to an online vote after confirming the eligible BC membership list. The general membership, rather than only the executive, is expected to vote on foundational documents.
- **Executive structure:** Proposed initial executive roles include chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary or administrative support, and members-at-large. The group emphasized the importance of including non-physician representation, particularly technologists and physicists.
- **Strategic objectives:** Proposed priorities included practice quality, patient access, fair compensation, member engagement, strategic partnerships, and data acquisition/consolidation to support advocacy and planning.
- **Practice quality:** The chapter may support continuing education, technologist education, standard development, standardized reporting, peer review, regulatory engagement, and outreach to patients and referring providers.
- **Patient access:** Members discussed the need for equitable and timely access to nuclear medicine services, including non-oncologic PET, and better transparency around wait times and resource allocation.
- **Advocacy:** The group discussed advocacy related to non-oncologic PET access, the existing briefing note, possible MLA engagement, and the need to register as a lobbying entity now that incorporation is complete.

- **Technologist engagement:** Participants emphasized that the chapter should not be physician-only and should actively include technologists. Concerns were raised that a \$150 technologist membership fee may be a barrier before the chapter has demonstrated value.
- **PET technologist credentialing and compensation:** Participants discussed concerns about PET technologist training requirements, pay differentials, potential recruitment barriers, and the need for an offline working discussion before forming a formal chapter position.
- **External engagement:** The chapter plans to build relationships with CANM, CAMRT, physicist organizations, Doctors of BC, academic and research partners, industry, and potentially representatives at the CAMRT meeting.

Decisions and Agreements

- Foundational governance documents will be reviewed further and likely voted on online after the eligible membership roster is clarified.
- The chapter should maintain a provincial focus while collaborating with CANM and escalating national issues to CANM when appropriate.
- The chapter should seek meaningful representation from technologists and other non-physician nuclear medicine professionals.
- Rebekah Bahr volunteered or was identified as a likely non-physician/member-at-large contributor, particularly given her BCIT, PET/CT, and technologist education experience.
- Eric Lachance confirmed willingness to serve as a member-at-large.
- The chapter should consider an initial opt-in or grace-period approach for local technologist engagement rather than immediately requiring paid membership.
- The chapter should proceed with registration as a lobbying entity to support appropriate advocacy activity.

Action Items

Action	Owner / Lead	Status / Notes
Confirm current BC CANM membership numbers, names, and contact information for voting and communications.	Nicole La Pierre / CANM	To be provided after the meeting.
Set up online voting for governance documents and the non-oncologic PET briefing note once the voting roster is confirmed.	James Curtis / Executive group	Planned.
Upload meeting slides to the chapter website.	James Curtis	Committed during the meeting.
Create an opt-in communication or web form for interested technologists and other members to join the chapter mailing list or local roster.	James Curtis / CANM support	Suggested as a non-spam outreach approach.
Register the chapter as a lobbying entity.	Nicole Lapierre Rondeau / Chapter executive	Next governance step following incorporation.
Hold an offline discussion on PET technologist credentialing, training requirements, compensation, and recruitment implications.	James Curtis, Rebekah Bahr, Muhannad Najim, interested technologist and physician leads	Needed before forming a formal position.
Engage CAMRT BC representatives and explore chapter presence or meetings at the CAMRT event.	James Curtis / Alex Fontana / chapter representatives	Lindsay Ellis was identified as a CAMRT representative contact.

Suggested Next Meeting Focus

- Finalize voting process and eligible membership roster.
- Confirm initial executive and member-at-large roles.
- Review and vote on governance documents and the non-oncologic PET position/briefing note.
- Define a practical technologist engagement plan, including membership fee approach and education priorities.
- Develop a chapter position or response on PET technologist credentialing and compensation once more facts are gathered.
- Advance data collection priorities related to wait times, workforce, service capacity, and access gaps.