



The initial meeting of CAN — Canadian Action for Nutrition convened November 16th, informally chaired by Glenn Rumbell, lawyer and director of the CANNP.

In attendance by invitation: Wendy Gibson, Beth Gorbet, Glenn Rumbell, Paul Fink (CANNP), Rose O’Leary and Karen Gilman (CSNN), Marlene Marshall (Edison), Elizabeth and George Papadopoulos (IHN), Lorene Sauro (CAHN-Pro), Michelle Weir and Patricia Farouk (CSNN Alumni), Briana Santoro (The Naked Label), Sandra Power (Health Coach Success Hub), Margo Laing and Jill Hillhouse. There were others invited, unable to attend.

Why this meeting: Wendy Gibson, Co-Executive Director, CANNP

CANNP was going to undertake this initiative on our own but felt that bringing together a broader group of industry minds would allow the goals to be accomplished faster and more completely.

The situation in Alberta was certainly an impetus for the formation of CAN with the potential threat looming for the rest of the country. To date in the provinces affected, the regulated group (dietitians) has not had any push-back from an organized coalition.

Ultimately, the plan forward would be a ‘proactive’ action as opposed to ‘reactive’, with the notion that it is always harder to reclaim lost ground down the road.

To that end, the thought is to fully and powerfully establish our own identity and open the doors to discussion on how best to proceed with educating the public, and lobbying government and insurers.

The next step: It was generally agreed that a core, overseeing group, be formed from those in attendance. This group will develop priorities and objectives to be undertaken with subgroups of volunteers.

We will keep the Membership posted.