

President's Annual Report for 2017-2018

Name and Position/Committee: **Mollie Cole** (president@cgna.net)

Activities during this period:

- The executive met regularly though this term: June 13, July 11; Aug 29; Sept 12; Oct 17; Nov 7; Dec 5, Jan 17, Feb 28, March 14; April 4; and May 11.
- The CGNA Board met: May 7, Sept 26, Nov 21; Jan 23; April 17 and May 12.
- Gerontological Nursing Choosing Wisely messages were developed by a group of 11 CGNA members who represented a broad geographic and health sector/role of gerontological nurses in Canada. The messages have been approved by CGNA Board, C.N.A. Board, and will be published once Choosing Wisely approvals are complete. CGNA will form key educational activities around these messages in 2018-19 and encourage members to submit QI activities related to the messages to the CGNA2019 conference.
- Partnership with Canadian Deprescribing Network (CaDeN) was formed in the winter of 2018. A working group of nurses, co-led by CaDeN and CGNA to develop resources for Nurses to advocate for appropriate medication use in older adults, with an emphasis on de-prescribing. Education on these concepts will be published in 2018-19.
- 394 Nurses wrote or renewed their gerontological nursing certification with C.N.A. in 2017. CGNA sent notices to the 364 nurses who consented to have their contact information shared with CGNA. There are currently 2399 nurses in Canada certified in Gerontology – the largest group of any of the 20 specialty groups with a certification exam. In 2018-19 we will work with the provincial associations to strengthen our study resources. CGNA participates in the C.N.A. Certification Program Advisory committee.
- We accepted a Professional Development award from MIP to recognize one CGNA member who wrote or re-certified in the specialty of gerontology in 2017.
- CGNA continues to be one of 45 members associations in the Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties (hosted by C.N.A.). To belong to the network, a specialty group must have 30% of its members be Nurses, and 30% of the Nurse members must belong to C.N.A. (down from 50%). In 2018 we will complete a review of our standards to remain fully compliant with the network expectations.
- Several CGNA Education Grants were awarded in 2017-18 (BC, NS, NL, AB and MB).
- We provided a letter of support for RNAO's Preventing Falls and Reducing Injury from Falls, Third Edition Best Practice Guideline.
- We drafted the following policies this term (pending board approval): webinar; sponsorship; virtual membership meetings; social media; investments.
- We nominated Carla Wells for a C.N.A. Merit Award for Education.
- Members of the now dissolved NGNA association in the USA were invited to join CGNA as international associate (non-voting) members of CGNA.
- An advisory committee of new-grads was formed to advise on strategies to engage a new generation of nurses to belong to CGNA.
- Agreement with CGNA's Manager was reviewed and updated.

President-elect and Scholarship committee Annual Report for 2017-2018

Name and Position/Committee: **Lori Schindel Martin, President-Elect and Chair of the Scholarship committee**

Activities during this period:

- Represented the CGNA board on the CGNA Conference Planning committee for the 2019 biennial conference to be held in Calgary May 2-4, 2019
 - Revised the Terms of Reference for the CGNA Conference Planning Committee in collaboration with Co-Chairs
 - Attend monthly planning meetings and report back to CGNA BOD
- Represented CGNA board on the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Exam Advisory Committee developing an alternative exit exam for baccalaureate nursing students
 - Reviewed draft documents provided by psychometricians for content themes
 - Revised entry-to-practice competency statements and practice indicators to be provided to exam question item writing group to begin April 18 2018
- Represented CGNA board as co-lead with Dr. Lorna Guse (a CGNA past-president) on the development of the CASN Gerontology Nursing Entry-to-Practice Competencies (January 2018)
- Represented Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties at quarterly meetings
 - Prepared presentation on CGNA for network meeting April 10 2018
- Analyzed thematic analysis of the biennial conference 2017 trends and issues feedback for discussion by the CGNA board Executive team
- Participated in preliminary meetings between CGNA and the Canadian Deprescribing Network (CaDeN) to develop a CaDeN Nursing working group
- Participated in CGNA executive and full board meetings
- Chair of the CGNA Standards review (2018)
- Chaired the CGNA Scholarship Committee: Received six applications for Ann C. Beckingham Scholarship and 1 application for the Memorial Award by the deadline of March 31 2018
 - Revised the reviewer adjudication duties to include a scoring review of application forms
 - Recruited four reviewers to contribute to the scoring and adjudication of the ACBeckingham and Memorial Scholarship applications
 - Recommendations for scholarships to be approved by the Board and announced at the AGM in May 2018.

Secretary Annual Report for 2017-2018

Name and Position/Committee: Joyce Taekema, CGNA Executive Secretary

Activities during this period:

Since assuming the secretarial position in 2017, my duties have included the following:

- Attended every monthly Executive and quarterly BOD meeting.
- Prepared and posted meeting minutes.
- Worked with Executive members to address the filing of documents on the shared drive.
- Circulated letters to employers in PEI for the purpose of encouraging support for gerontological certification on behalf of CGNA.
- Represented CGNA and GNABC, associations under the specialty umbrella of CNA, at the Canadian Student's Nursing Association National Conference for the "speed dating" event; engaged and provided students with information and invited them to consider gerontology as their professional focus.
- Working with the Executive to foster connections among the gerontological association members of CGNA.

CGNA Treasurer Report - January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
Annual General Meeting
May 12, 2018

1. Membership Report for April 01, 2017 – March 31, 2018

Total Members and Associates: 2,867

Members: 1577

Associates: 77

Students Associates: 1213

Detailed breakdown of membership is included within this report (attachment 1 & 2).

2. Financial Statement January 01, 2017 – December 31, 2017

For further details on the financial review, the CGNA Unaudited Statement of Financial Position is available as a supplement to this document.

3. Budget for the period of January 01, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

The 2018 CGNA budget was approved by the Board of Directors on January 23, 2018. Please refer to the 2018 budget for further details.

4. Accounting firm Ouseley, Hanvey, Clipsham and Deep (OHCD) for CGNA Financial Statements for 2015, 2016 and 2017

OHCD (Ouseley, Hanvey, Clipsham and Deep) was appointed by members as CGNA's public accountants to perform financial reviews for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Appointment of the 2018 public accountants will occur at the AGM, May 12, 2018.

Michelle Heyer RN, BScN, MSc (CGNA Treasurer)

CGNA MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-2018
Alberta	185	164	234	230	212	234	261	250
British Columbia	234	278	199	286	219	222	241	209
Manitoba	59	43	58	65	75	123	132	101
New Brunswick	14	22	14	22	34	39	39	36
Newfoundland and Labrador	10	8	44	5	11	20	30	46
Nova Scotia	36	44	63	75	64	75	90	93
Ontario	60	1730	1932	1954	1843	1925	2751	2052
PEI	24	19	20	22	22	47	37	35
Quebec		3	2	6	6	4	8	12
Saskatchewan	12	18	12	14	22	24	14	14
Other non-conjoint				2	0	0	6	19
TOTAL	695	2329	2578	2681	2508	2713	3609	2867

This table includes all CGNA members, associates and students
Ontario numbers are preliminary lists received up to 31 March 2018.

Breakdown of CGNA Members, Associates and Students March 31, 2018

	Members	Associates	Students	Total
Alberta	225	13	12	250
British Columbia	177	17	15	209
Manitoba	91	8	2	101
New Brunswick	34	1	1	36
Newfoundland and Labrador	41	2	3	46
Nova Scotia	79	11	3	93
Ontario	874	7	1171	2052
PEI	33	0	2	35
Quebec	5	4	3	12
Saskatchewan	13	0	1	14
Other non-conjoint	5	14	0	19
TOTAL	1577	77	1213	2867

Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association Operating Budget January - December 2018

Income	Proposed Budget
4110 GO - Membership Fees	\$ 54,000.00
4115 GO - Educational Income	\$ 1,200.00
4120 GO - Advertising	\$ 600.00
4122 GO - Perspectives	\$ 600.00
Uncategorized Income	
Total Income	\$ 56,400.00
Gross Profit	
Expenses	
5110 GO - Board Expenses	\$ 140.00
5130 GO - Travel & Accomodations	\$ 1,400.00
5135 GO - Executive Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
5140 GO - AGM Costs	\$ 1,000.00
5145 GO - Bank and Credit Card Ch...	\$ 1,700.00
5150 GO - Website	\$ 300.00
5153 GO - Database Fee	\$ 4,500.00
5155 GO - Grants (Research Awards)	\$ 2,500.00
5160 GO- Postage, Mailing & Courier	\$ 50.00
5162 GO - Annual Filing	\$ 20.00
5170 GO - Insurance	\$ 800.00
5172 GO - Operation Management Fee	\$ 35,000.00
5173 GO - Provincial Support	\$ 2,000.00
5185 GO - Network & Partnership	\$ 220.00
5190 GO - Journal	\$ 5,000.00
5193 GO - Webinars	\$ 500.00
5195 GO - Photocopy, Printing & Stat...	\$ 50.00
5210 GO - Accounting & Audit Fee	\$ 5,500.00
5211 GO Bookkeeping	\$ 5,000.00
5215 GO - Promotion	\$ 450.00
5220 GO - Telephone	\$ 700.00
5233 GO legal fees	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 71,830.00
Profit (deficit)	-\$15,430.00

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Communications Annual Report for 2017-2018

Heidi Holmes, Communications Director CGNA

Activities during this period:

As the first Communications Director on the CGNA Executive, I have spent the past 10 months surveying our communications. This includes: social media channels (Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn), the CGNA website, Perspectives journal, and the CGNA newsletter. I have met at various times throughout the past year with individuals/committees who have worked on these various communications and tried to better understand their needs, barriers and supports the CGNA Executive and me as Communications Director can provide. Each of the communication channels is outlined below:

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/canadian-gerontological-nursing-association/>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CdnGeroNursingAssoc/>
 - Increase in last quarter (Jan-Mar 2018) of *likes* to page, but would like to see increase in hits/likes to page as we have 854 followers
 - Increase overall (and continuing to increase) of daily engaged users
 - Increase in the number of people who saw Page posts over last quarter
 - Overall, an easy to use medium that provide a way to promote the association and related events.
 - Have also used as a means to promote/partner with other agencies, such as Immunize Canada and AdvantAGE
- Twitter https://twitter.com/cgna_ca
 - Will re-engage volunteer who agreed to lead this platform, once social media policy is approved (~ April 2018).
 - Have a member of the CGNA conference planning committee (Duaa Mohamed) who is willing to lead Twitter use for conference promotions.
- CGNA website <http://cgna.net/>
 - Provides set/archived information and resources regarding CGNA
 - Links to membership portal
- Perspectives Journal:
 - Members include: Lorna Guse (Editor in Chief); Dawn Prentice (Associate Editor); Diane Buchanan (Editorial Team). Also uses Cinch Graphic and Web Design for publishing and a team of reviewers
 - Last issue [39(30) came out in 2016/2017. Latest issue [39(4)] was to come out in January of 2018, but did not. Planned now for April 2018. Next issues

planned for June 2018. Life issues caused delay; continue to work with Perspectives team in supporting publication, providing needed information, attending meetings (last meeting was April 4th; next meeting planned for July 4th, 2018) and encouraging timeline for publishing

- Cost is ~\$1200 per issue. Income for Perspectives was ~\$1200 for 2017. Plan is always to have 4 issues out/year, although not currently happening. Once timeline is more set, need to examine budget and costs more closely.
- 16 manuscripts currently being reviewed

- CGNA newsletter:

- Last issue came out January 2018
http://cgna.net/uploads/CGNA_News_Winter2018.pdf
- Next issue coming out in May 2018. Newsletters are archived on website
- Meet with Christine Johnson (Editor of newsletter) regularly by email to discuss needs/submissions to newsletter, publication needs and barriers, supports that can be provided, etc. Anthony Lombardo also assists with newsletter
- Current plan is to continue with 4 issues per year, but make the Winter and Summer (~January and July/August) issues smaller and have bigger issues in Spring and Fall

- The social media channels and website are overseen by CGNA management, who also provides assistance in the production and distribution of the journal and newsletter
- As Communications Director I have also put forth a draft of a social media policy to be reviewed by BOD in April 2018. This will provide some guidance for staff and volunteers, as well as CGNA members regarding use of social media related to CGNA
- As Communications Director I also am looking to start up our webinars again (have been none since Spring 2017). Executive agrees there needs to be an Education designate to oversee this as well. Ideas for upcoming webinars include: de-prescribing, addictions in the older adult population, and driving assessments. Continue to try and plan for these and book a speaker.
- As Communications Director I am also on CGNA biennial conference planning committee as the Conference Promotion and Public Relations member, with local assistance from Duaa Mohamed. I have been attending meetings as part of this committee and begun promotion of the conference as well as researching and developing a plan for PR and promotions over the next year. Finally, I try to attend all CGNA monthly Executive meetings and provide updates, information and assistance.

Research Committee Report for April 10, 2018

Name and Position/Committee: Sherry Dahlke Chair of the Research Committee

Activities during this period:

We received two applications for the 2018 CGNA research grant. Unfortunately, there were challenges with both of the applications and they were not rated as fundable. Selected feedback from the three reviewers has been sent to applicants.

Additional notes and items to report:

Dr. Sherry Dahlke and Dr. Susan Slaughter are co-chairs for the scientific committee for the CGNA 2019 conference. The call for abstracts has gone out. A list of reviewers for the abstracts is being compiled.

Respectfully submitted

Sherry Dahlke

Dr. Sherry Dahlke, PhD, RN, GNC(C)



Perspectives Annual Report for 2017-2018

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Current Issues facing *Perspectives*, Journal of the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association:

During 2017, there was ongoing discussion about updating our Terms of Reference and the Guidelines for Authors in *Perspectives* to be more helpful to those who submit manuscripts. Diane Buchanan and Lorna Guse will jointly be working on this in June 2018.

Activities during this period:

Editorial Team Meetings (2017): The editorial team (Lorna Guse, Dawn Prentice and Diane Buchanan) and Heidi Holmes (CGNA liaison person) met four times in 2017: February 27, April 17, July 17 and October 12.

Two issues of *Perspectives* were published in 2017: 39 (2) and 39 (3). We expect to be back up to four issues per year in 2018. (Issue 39, 4 will be out in April 2018 and 40, 1 is in progress to be out for June 2018.)

Additional notes and items to report:

1. In 2017, we received 11 manuscripts. In 2016 and 2015 respectively, we received 15 and 15 manuscripts so this is a little below average. Out of the 11 manuscripts, 2 were from students, one of which has been published and the other will be considered for publication.
2. In 2017, we have noticed a rise in the number of literature reviews (also known as “scoping reviews”) that had been submitted (4 of the 11 manuscripts that were submitted in 2017). These manuscripts have value as “knowledge translation/transfer” pieces when the implications for gerontological nursing practice are highly evident. Coming out of our team discussions, Dawn Prentice volunteered to seek examples of guidelines that we could send to authors who submit these manuscripts that outline the elements of knowledge translation/transfer. We are considering limiting these manuscripts to one per issue. For each issue, we aim a balance among empirical research, knowledge transfer, “clinical corner” and student articles.
3. Two new reviewers joined the editorial reviewers in 2017 for a total of 27. We seem to be able to manage with this number but new reviewers are always welcome. A call for reviewers is included in every issue of *Perspectives*.
4. In 2017, we were contacted by the International Academy of Nurse Editors (INANE) offering a free membership to *Perspectives*. This is a bona fide organization and Lorna Guse may attend the conference in August 2018 (out of her professional development allocation). There may be broad issues and information of interest to *Perspectives*.

BOD Provincial Annual Report for May 2017 – April 2018

Provincial Association: GNABC

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Catrin Brodie RN, MN (GNC) Provincial
President

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Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

Recruitment and retention for executive members and chapter membership.
Membership has significantly dropped even with focused work at the provincial level
on recruitment

Activities during this period (e.g. educational sessions, chapter activities):

Provincial conference April 12-14, 2018 facilitated by central/North Vancouver Island
chapter

A President BC GNABC Message April 2018

I want to thank everyone who continues to volunteer their time as provincial executive and chapter executive members. It is not easy to spend your energies at work and then commit your own time for continued advocacy and support of the seniors in our care and in our communities.

There will be new executive members and chapter presidents after May of this year. I would like to also express my gratitude to these up and coming members for their work, advocacy and participation.

Lilian MacTaggart will be our next provincial President and I welcome her to this role. I will be able to assist with any coaching and mentoring over the next two years as past president. I would also like to thank Kim Martin who will now be stepping down from this position. I appreciate her guidance and support, as I finish my term.

Many of us have been active members of GNABC for years and it is important for sustainability and succession planning to try and motivate and engage others. Otherwise, there is a real fear of losing momentum and slowly having chapters close or merge, which we have been experiencing. I believe we need to move forward with new technologies to communicate and engage with our younger colleagues as they enter their careers, with their focus on caring for the older generation. I continue to encourage all members to tell your colleagues of this organization and the gerontological educational topics we provide, that will enhance their professional development and improve best practice and care of seniors.

Thank you once again, and I am looking forward to the next several years with GNABC.

Sincerely, Catrin Brodie RN, MN, (GNC)

BOD Provincial Annual Report for May 2017 – April 2018

Provincial Association: Alberta Gerontological Nurses Association (AGNA)

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Jason Woytas, President

Contact Information: president@agna.ca

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

The biggest issue that we've had over the past year is around the continued low activity/ membership levels in our rural/ smaller centers. In our smaller centers there are either members present but no members who can take on leadership activities within the area, or there are very few members altogether compared to our urban centers. In recent months, we've had requests from Fort MacMurray chapter and Rimbey, Drayton Valley, and Breaton to close. To further look at this, the provincial executive is planning a survey to go out to membership to look at the possibility of having a virtual chapter for people not in an urban center. We are also trialing an online platform (GoToMeeting) to look at having a more viable platform to support such an endeavor.

Activities during this period (e.g. educational sessions, chapter activities):

We are holding our annual education day "Building on the Best" on Friday, April 20, 2018, with a number of topics on polypharmacy, urinary incontinence, MAID, a leadership panel and depression/ suicide risk among the elderly. Our urban centers have been quite active, with joint AGNA/ AAG sessions in both Calgary and Edmonton. Calgary has had sessions, including a discussion with RN/ City of Calgary Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart, a review of geriatric education at Mount Royal University, a session on appropriate prescribing for older adults, and a presentation of research on Family Caregiver Perceptions of Support in Calgary. Edmonton had sessions from Caregivers Alberta, the Dementia Help Line, and a movie and pizza night. Red Deer chapter had sessions on mindfulness and healthy aging, an art project with dementia patients, and a follow-up presentation on laneway housing project that was initially presented at our conference last year. Our advocacy group has also been able to produce an article and webinar in conjunction with CARNA.

Additional notes and items to report:

Work is well underway to plan for the 2019 CGNA Biannual Conference in Calgary, AB on May 2-4, 2019. We are excited to be working with the CGNA in the planning and organization of this conference.

BOD Provincial Annual Report for May 2017 – April 2018

Provincial Association: Manitoba Gerontological Nursing Association

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Poh-Lin Lim

Contact Information: plim2024@gmail.com

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

Membership recruitment (on going):

As of April 15, 2018, MGNA/CGNA Active members = 56; Pending renewal =45.
Last reported membership in February 2018 was 93. Some members might be late in renewing.

Established Facebook for media outreach <https://www.facebook.com/MGNA-Manitoba-Gerontological-Nursing-Association-898176606940445/> and Manitoba Gerontological Nursing Association webpage <http://www.mgna.ca/> Membership is promoted on MGNA webpage as well as CGNA webpage.

Membership categories and fees reviewed and approved by membership 2018-2019 membership year.

Liaise with community partners interested in care of the elderly.

Ongoing outreach and offer educational and networking opportunities for nurses and associates interested in Gerontological Nursing.

Continue to provide a platform for members to network, advocate, educate and to discuss current issues and innovative ideas to improve care for the elderly.

Activities during this period (e.g. educational sessions, chapter activities):

MGNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on April 25, 2017 at Holiday Inn Airport West with reported membership number of 138. MGNA Nursing Award of Distinction Recipient was Leslie Dryburgh, Clinical Nurse Specialist of Grace General Hospital. Education presentation was “My Health Teams: presented by Gitane Ouellet and Snjezana Dukic from WRHA.

New executive committee members welcomed and inducted for 2017-2018 were:

President: Tara McNaughton

President Elect: Stacey Morgan/Victoria Marek (current)
 Past President: Poh-Lin Lim
 Treasurer: Joyce Stabner
 Secretary: Jennifer Moran/ Twyla Jaworski (current)
 Media/Website: Brandy Stadnyk
 Membership: Gayle Dyck/ Donna Romaniuk & Suzanne Dyck (current)
 Education: Tricia Coulter

2017-2018 General Meetings (GM) held as followings:

2017 September 19 GM: Business meeting followed by education presentation entitled, “Holding onto Mamie: My mother, dementia, and me.” A book by Elizabeth Murray, local author.

2017 November 28 GM: Business meeting followed by education presentation entitled Emergency Nurses’ Experiences of Caring for Persons with Dementia, presented by Jennifer Fulcher, RN MN, Nursing Educator, Victoria General Hospital

2018 February 27 GM: Business meeting followed by education presentation entitled: rTMS —Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation An International Clinical Trial in the Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease. Presented by: Grant Rutherford B.Sc. E, M.Sc. E, PhD (c).

Due to unforeseen circumstances the MGNA AGM with spring conference: Emerging Issues: Health Care for the Older planned for April 16, 2018 was postponed.

The 2018-2019 AGM will be held on May 22, 2018 at CRNM, 890 Pembina Hwy from 5pm – 7 pm. Executive members will be inducted at the AGM.

An education presentation about initiatives within the WRHA Dementia Care Program will be presented by Joanne Dinicola and Allison Bell following the business meeting.

The 2018 MGNA biennial conference will be held on October 5, 2018.

Additional notes and items to report:

2 MGNA Membership Drive Booth was held at:

1. National LTCAM conference held in Winnipeg on May 9, 2017.
2. 26th Annual Provincial Palliative Care Conference Winnipeg Palliative Care Conference held on September 14 – 15, 2017.

MGNA provided travel grants (\$1250) that was shared by MGNA members who applied to attend the 2017 CGNA conference held on May 3-4, 2017 in Ottawa.

BOD Provincial Annual Report for May 2017 – April 2018



Name and Role of Director Reporting: Julie Rubel, Past President

Contact Information: julie.rubel@gmail.com, <https://gnaontario.org/>

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

GNAO has recently decided to have four of its eleven chapters move to inactive status. This decision allows new leadership to come forward to fill vacant executive positions at the chapter level. The timeline for moving from inactive to chapter closure has been set for one year (Spring 2019).

To support members during this time of renewal, GNAO's North East Chapter created an initiative to determine a technology platform which can enable the vital work of chapters, namely educational events, meetings, and virtual networking. Results from this initiative are anticipated in Fall 2018.

Communication and the ways in which GNAO accomplishes this has been a theme over the past year. GNAO is working with its professional associations (RNAO and RPNAO) to ensure timely access to all GNAO communications. GNAO has also increased its social media presence and refreshed its website.

Activities during this period (e.g. educational sessions, chapter activities):

GNAO continues to offer education sessions in many of its chapters as well as to partner with other geriatrics-focused groups to deliver joint networking and education opportunities. New partnerships in the last year include: University Health Network/ Sinai Health System, Ontario Geriatric Learning Center, and Canadian Deprescribing Network.

In April 2018, GNAO hosted its first provincial conference since 2014. The conference brought together three chapters (North West, Greater Hamilton Area, and Niagara) to plan and co-host the biennial conference in Niagara Falls on April 12 & 13. The theme, 'It Takes A Village', saw a multidisciplinary bill of presenters, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Samir Sinha.

Additional notes and items to report:



GNAO wishes to thank its board members, current and outgoing, for their commitment, creativity, and passion over the past year. The association is in capable hands as we move through this period of change.

BOD Provincial Annual Report for May 2017 – April 2018

Provincial Association: Nova Scotia Gerontological Nurses Association

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Julie Sutherland-Jotcham

Contact Information: Julie.Sutherland-Jotcham@nshealth.ca

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

Maintaining membership as well as attracting new members.

Providing members with information about education events within the province as well as online resources via our webpage as well as Facebook.

Activities during this period (e.g. educational sessions, chapter activities):

On Sept 18, 2017, NSGNA held an education evening at St. Mary's in Halifax. Topics included: Addiction in Older Persons, Music Therapy and Palliative Care in Dementia. We had 50 attendees from across the province.

The executive have been planning for our Annual AGM and Education Session which is now scheduled for May 9, 2018 in Dartmouth, NS.

Members have been encouraged to consider attending CGNA 2019 and we will be promoting the event at our Education evening and AGM.

Providing members with information about various education opportunities and online resources.

Our executive for 2017-18 is:

President & Facebook: Julie Sutherland-Jotcham

President Elect: OPEN

Past President / Nominations: Jennifer Hayes

Treasurer: Esther Stamm

Secretary: OPEN

Public Relations / Website: Susan Savage

Representatives: Raylene MacDonald Tracey Coombes, Ruth Slack,

Additional notes and items to report:

BOD Provincial Annual Report for May 2017 – April 2018

Provincial Association: New Brunswick Gerontological Nursing Association

Name and Role of Director Reporting: John MacDonald

Contact Information: d1ds@nb.sympatico.ca

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

Current issues facing our association revolve around recruitment and retention of members. The fact that a large portion of RN's are nearing retirement age, distance to travel, the ability to contact RN's in different venues are all challenges. As a geographically smaller province with a single chapter attending meetings is a challenge for some, often requiring hours of travel. Finding a means of teleconferencing that is cost efficient, accessible to members, and would allow video for our education sessions has been a challenge to find. Going into the spring and summer the goal will be to find solutions to these challenges.

Activities during this period (e.g. educational sessions, chapter activities):

Due to some issues over the winter, we were unable to have formal meetings. Our next meeting is planned for June 1, 2017 in Moncton, NB. We have come up with some ideas to recruit members, including letters to past and present RN's who have been Certified with the CGNA in Gerontological nursing, and travelling to the various Nursing Homes in the Province to offer information sessions on becoming members.

BOD Provincial Annual Report for May 2017 – April 2018

Provincial Association: PEIGNA

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Susan Clory, President

Contact Information: saclory@ihis.org

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

- Growing our membership
- Increasing our exposure at a provincial level

Activities during this period (e.g. educational sessions, chapter activities):

- General meetings held in September, November , and February.
- Information booth at “Making the Connection” conference in October 2017.
- Education day scheduled on April 20, 2018. The topics covered include Best Practice Approaches for Accommodating BPSD, oral care, polypharmacy and the caregiver’s role.

Additional notes and items to report:



BOD Provincial Annual Report for May 2017 – April 2018

Provincial Association: Newfoundland and Labrador Gerontological Nurses Association (NLGNA)

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Carla Wells

Contact Information: cwells@grenfell.mun.ca

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

Growing Membership - At the end of last Membership year our membership was at 40 and hoping this will continue after the membership renewal period.

New Website - To increase membership our new NLGNA website is up and running as well as our new Facebook page has been developed. See www.nlgna.com

Activities during this period (e.g. educational sessions, chapter activities):

Provincial Conference & AGM - We held a Provincial Conference and AGM in October 2017 with over 80 in attendance. We had guest speakers from several areas of practice, education, and administration. This education day was positively evaluated by attendees. Plans are started for our next AGM and Provincial Education Conference to be held in October 2018.

NLGNA Bursary - We have awarded an ARNNL Bursary to one NLGNA member in this reporting year.

Additional notes and items to report:

Bylaw Revision - Our bylaws have been revised and more closely reflect the CGNA bylaws.

Change in Executive - There will be a change in our Executive that will take place at our AGM in October.