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Message from the President

Happy Nursing Week to all our members and their nursing colleagues!

The vision of CGNA is to promote excellence in gerontological nursing through leadership, knowledge, and scholarship and you our members are the ones who make this possible through your nursing actions throughout the year.

I am coming to the end of my presidency and it is the interactions I have with CGNA members that help to energize me in my various roles as a CGNA member but also as a teacher of gerontological nursing to undergraduate nurses. This winter I'm pleased to say I had the opportunity to teach over 100 nursing students in the required Gerontological Nursing course at Queen's; it delights me when one of the students comes and says she or he hadn't considered this area of nursing but now are. I'd also didn't teach this course on my own – whenever there were topics where I knew of other nurses with expertise in the area – such as Susan Ward-Moser, Past-President for GNAO – they brought their knowledge and stories to the class. The other CGNA connections for this course were the text we used – Lynn McCleary and Veronique Boscart are editors and CGNA members, and the Evidence-informed practice guidelines from various areas of Canada also had CGNA members as authors and editors and the CGNA Standards and Competencies.

I have also felt fortunate in my role to be able to meet and connect with CGNA members across Canada – professional organizations such as ours are made possible through the efforts of many nurses committed to the vision and mission of our members and the clientele with whom we work. I know I said in the last newsletter that Spring was on its way – well it is finally here – I had several clever emails from members suggesting I lived somewhere else than Canada – it has been a long one. That said, Spring is associated with rebirth – it energizes us – it provides for new opportunities. The provincial reports include new board members, new approaches to communicating with CGNA colleagues. The 2013 Biennial Conference to be held in Vancouver at the end of this month is a great time to re-energize – the opportunities to learn about new approaches, exchange ideas, network and bring new ideas and energy back to our home bases is always exciting.

I'm looking forwards to seeing as many of you as possible at the conference. Check out the additional activities taking place at the conference and if you haven't signed up yet for the banquet or silent- auction you need to do so soon. I haven't missed one and nurses truly know how to have fun!

Diane Buchanan, RN, PhD, GNC(C)

President, CGNA

REPORTS FROM PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

ALBERTA GERONTOLOGICAL NURSES ASSOCIATION

[WWW.AGNA.CA](http://www.agna.ca)

The Alberta AGM and education day is: Gerontological Nursing – We are all in it together was held in April. AGNA aims to have 8 chapters by the end of 2013. The new website has been launched. Lynn Moulton is the new AGNA President

Submitted by: Mollie Cole, AGNA Past- President

GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

[WWW.GNABC.COM](http://www.gnabc.com)

GNABC will be holding it's AGM at the 2013 CGNA conference. The members of GNABC have been very active in planning for the conference. The membership chair is setting up a Facebook page for members.

Submitted by: Liz Ilczaszyn, President GNABC

MANITOBA GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING ASSOCIATION

MGNA held an Education date in April.

Submitted by: Leslie Dryburgh, MGNA President

NEW BRUNSWICK GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING ASSOCIATION

NBGNA held their AGM and Education session in April. Dawn Fenton is the new President.

Submitted by: Violet Budd, NBGNA Past-President

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR GERONTOLOGICAL NURSES' ASSOCIATION

NGNLA are planning their AGM for the Fall and are working on a new website.

Submitted by: Lisa Adams, NLGNA President



NOVA SCOTIA GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING ASSOCIATION

[WWW.NSGNA.COM](http://www.nsgna.com)

The Nova Scotia Association has their AGM & Education Session coming up on June 13, 2013. For details check the website.

Submitted by: Sohani Welcher, NSGNA President

GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING ASSOCIATION ONTARIO

[WWW.GNAONTARIO.ORG](http://www.gnaontario.org)

The GNAO has been looking at launching social medial tools. They have been politically active and participated in the Queen's Park campaign; pictures are posted on their website.

Submitted: Lori Schindel Martin, President, GNAO

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING ASSOCIATION

Elaine reported that PEIGNA hosted their Annual Education day, April 19th on "meaningful care for older adults".

Submitted by: Elaine Campbell RN MN GNC(C), PEIGNA President

Watch for more details with the Provincial reports starting in the Summer Issue!

CGNA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 30, 2013 | 3:30pm – 4:30pm Pacific Time

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel (to be held in conjunction with the CGNA 2013 Conference)

At this year's AGM, the business agenda will include reports from Executive Committee members and provincial designates, review of budget, and presentation of scholarships and research grants.

The AGM agenda and other meeting support documents will be made available on the website before the meeting.

CGNA 2013 Special Events at the Conference

CGNA ISSUES SESSION

Thursday, May 30, 4:30PM – 5:30PM

The CGNA Issues Session is an open discussion forum where members will be provided with an opportunity to discuss and identify key topics in gerontological nursing from across the country.

GNABC – AGM

Thursday, May 30, 5:30-6:30

***PERSPECTIVES* Meet and Greet the Editors**

Thursday, May 30, 6:00-7:00

Banquet and Silent Auction

Friday, May 31st – check the website for tickets and donation forms

Perspectives Journal:

The editors for *Perspectives* would like to announce the new Editor for the journal starting this summer is Dr. Lorna Guse who was the feature Meet our Member in the Winter issue of *Perspectives*. Welcome Lorna.

Forthcoming Special Issue

NICHE HOSPITALS IN CANADA

Perspectives Journal will be publishing a special issue focusing on NICHE hospitals in Canada.

Older adults are the primary users of hospital care and services. Many hospitals are developing innovative services for older adults. One such innovation is the application of NICHE principles in Canadian hospitals. NICHE designated hospitals in Canada are developing infrastructures to cope with the complex features that older people and their families bring to the hospital setting.

With the aim to promote excellence in hospital care for older people, Perspectives Journal is currently inviting papers on the following topics:

- Description of an innovative program/project (for example, staff development or role enhancement specific to in-patient or out-patient care of older people)
- Facilitating inter-professional team (for example, building and sustaining effective inter-professional point-of-care teams)
- Family-centered care (for example, innovations for engaging family members and supporting transitions of care both within and between settings)
- Transitions of care within in and between health care settings (for example, engaging community partner, experiences of older people and family members of coming to hospital, being in hospital and leaving hospital)

Nursing and interdisciplinary papers that present research findings and evaluation results from projects or descriptions of innovative projects should discuss process and outcome measures.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Boltz will serve as guest editor for this special issue. Dr Boltz's research has focused on system-level interventions to prevent functional decline in older people, She has led the practice initiatives at Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE), a program of New York University College of Nursing that has almost 400 hospitals and affiliate post-acute providers in North America.

Electronic Submission deadline: July 31st 2013

Queries may be sent to Perspectives editorial team via email to Belinda.parke@ualberta.ca

Author Guidelines: Please follow [current author guidelines for Perspectives Journal](#). In addition to these guidelines, an abstract must be submitted of no more than 150 words. Only electronic submissions are accepted.

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17TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE
on Gerontological Nursing

**PERSONHOOD & CARING: HONOURING
THE OLDER ADULT'S LIFE JOURNEY**

May 29 – June 1, 2013



REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE MAY 29 – JUNE 1, 2013!

The Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association (CGNA) is pleased to announce its 17th Biennial Conference at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, British Columbia. The theme for the 2013 conference is '**Personhood & Caring: Honouring the Older Adult's Life Journey**'.

As professionals responsible for the health care of the older person, we strive to continually improve our expertise in our challenging working environments and to develop as leaders. This conference will provide you with gateways to meet and dialogue with older adults, nurses and interdisciplinary colleagues, across the FULL spectrum of life's journey and care (acute, home health, community, mental health, residential, assisted and independent living). We are developing a robust and exciting program of learning and experiences to energize our collective passion to achieve the mission of CGNA – advocacy and solutions to address the health concerns of older Canadians and the nurses who participate with them in health care.

VISIT WWW.CGNACONFERENCE.CA FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

- CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
- PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
- ACCOMMODATION
- TRAVEL GRANTS
- SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES, ETC.

We look forward to meeting you in May 2013.

MAY 29, 2013 – JUNE 1, 2013
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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA