

President's Annual Report for 2018- 2019

Name and Position/Committee: Mollie Cole, President

Activities during this period:

Gerontology Certification Exam(s). Continue to work in the development of a Practice Nurse exam in the specialty of gerontology in collaboration with the Canadian Nurses Association (C.N.A.): seeking CGNA Practical Nurses to volunteer to develop the exam; collaborating with RPNAO to develop educational resources to support individuals to write this exam. The first writing is scheduled for the fall of 2019. The organization continues to support the RN certification exam in collaboration with C.N.A. Volunteers to participate in revisions to the questions have been sought – this work will commence in the spring of 2019.

As of January 2019, there were 2239 nurses certified in gerontology. We continue to have more certified nurses than any other specialty. We continue to promote the exam with employers across Canada.

Education Director. The executive determined that one additional board member was required to focus on organizing educational events for CGNA members, such as organizing regular webinars, study groups for those preparing to write the certification exam(s) and promoting the Choosing Wisely messages. This role will be filled as part of our elections at the AGM in 2019.

Deprescribing Medications. We have formed a partnership with the Canadian Deprescribing Network (CaDeN) and chair the Nursing working group focused on educating nurses on the importance of minimizing medications use in older adults. A series of journal articles on the topic is being organized – the first one will appear in our Perspectives Journal. More information on this association can be found at: <https://www.deprescribingnetwork.ca/>

Standards. Under the leadership of the President-elect and Past-President, the CGNA Standards were reviewed and revised this year and will be presented at the AGM for discussion.

Nursing Students. We connected with nursing students by attend their national conference to speak on Gerontological nursing. Our Communications Director organized a student writing campaign;

National Dementia Strategy. We participated in a conference to inform the development of a Canadian Dementia Strategy, highlighting the need for strong education for all health care professionals. The report from the Conference is available on the Canada.ca webpage: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/dementia/national-dementia-strategy.html>

Business of the organization. We revised a number of operating policies; discussed various financial investment options and document management. Our great thanks to Anthony Lombardo, our Manager, for his dedication to keeping our business in fine operating order, and the Executive and Board for their many hours of volunteer efforts to keep CGNA strong, relevant, and moving forward.

President-Elect and Scholarship Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019

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
 - Attended monthly planning meetings and reported back to CGNA BOD
 - Served as liaison between Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and CGNA conference planning committee to arrange GNC(c) workshop in support of continued certification examination
 - Contributed to the development of a Trends & Issues discussion
 - Contributed to the planning of a Standards & Competencies presentation
- Represented CGNA board on the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Exam Advisory Committee developing a readiness for practice and graduate education exit exam for baccalaureate nursing students
 - Participated in a 4-day meeting in Ottawa involving representatives of various nursing specialties on an exam item review panel, August 14-17, 2019
- Represented CGNA board on several Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) committees
 - Attended Canadian Network of Nursing Specialties (CNNS) working group at quarterly meetings
 - Sought input from various organizational members of the CNNS group to acquire input on Standards & Competencies development as well as wealth management policies
 - Consulted with CNA to nominate CGNA members to contribute to the building of the new Practical Nurse Certification Exam in gerontological nursing through 2018-19
 - Attended monthly meetings with CNA Practical Nurse (PN) representatives to discuss educational supports, item writing review team processes and marketing initiatives
- Participated in ongoing meetings as a CGNA representative on CaDeN Nursing working group
- Participated in monthly BOD planning meetings and BOD executive recruitment activities
- Participated in CGNA executive and full board meetings and adhoc finance meetings
- Co-Chair of the CGNA Standards review (2018-19)
- Chaired the CGNA Scholarship Committee: Received 7 applications for Ann C. Beckingham Scholarship and 3 applications for the Memorial Award by the deadline of January 18 2019
 - Modified reviewer scoring sheet
 - Recruited four reviewers to adjudicate the scholarship applications
 - Recommendations for scholarships approved by the Board on March 13 2019

Past President Annual General Meeting Report for May 2018 – May 2019

Director Reporting: Veronique Boscart

Contact Information: Vboscart@conestogac.on.ca

Current Issues: N/A

Activities during this period:

- Attended and contributed to meetings of Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Conference Planning Committee.
- Chaired Nomination Committee (see separate Nomination Committee Report).

Additional notes and items to report:

Thank you to all the Executive members and the Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication.



Secretary Annual Report for 2018-2019

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

Activities during this period:

- Attended every Executive and BOD meeting since the AGM of 2018.

Executive Meetings: June 1, 2018

July 18, 2018

October 10, 2018

December 12, 2018

February 13, 2019

April 19, 2019

May 1, 2019

BOD Meetings: September 12, 2018

November 14, 2018

January 9, 2019

March 13, 2019

May 2, 2019

- Prepared, circulated and filed all meeting minutes.
- Worked with Executive members to update and file administrative policies.
Policies updated this term:
Investment – June 27, 2018
Education Coordinator Position – November 14, 2018
Honourary Membership – January 9, 2019

CGNA Treasurer Report - January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
Annual General Meeting
May, 2nd 2019

1. Membership Report for April 01, 2018 – March 31, 2019.

Total Members and Associates: 2365

Members: 1500

Associates: 45

Students Associates: 820

Detailed breakdown of membership is included within this report (page 2).

2. Financial Statement January 01, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

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, 2019 – December 31, 2019.

The 2018 CGNA budget was approved by the Board of Directors on January 9th, 2019. Please refer to the 2019 budget for further details.

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

OHCD (Ouseley, Hanvey, Clipsham and Deep) was appointed by members as CGNA's public accountants to perform financial reviews for the years 2015- 2018. Appointment of the 2019 public accountants will occur at the AGM, May 2nd 2019.

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 | 2018-2019 |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Alberta | 185 | 164 | 234 | 230 | 212 | 234 | 261 | 250 | 273 |
| British Columbia | 234 | 278 | 199 | 286 | 219 | 222 | 241 | 209 | 186 |
| Manitoba | 59 | 43 | 58 | 65 | 75 | 123 | 132 | 101 | 106 |
| New Brunswick | 14 | 22 | 14 | 22 | 34 | 39 | 39 | 36 | 37 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 10 | 8 | 44 | 5 | 11 | 20 | 30 | 46 | 29 |
| Nova Scotia | 36 | 44 | 63 | 75 | 64 | 75 | 90 | 93 | 76 |
| Ontario | 60 | 1730 | 1932 | 1954 | 1843 | 1925 | 2751 | 2052 | 1572 |
| PEI | 24 | 19 | 20 | 22 | 22 | 47 | 37 | 35 | 45 |
| Quebec | | 3 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 11 |
| Saskatchewan | 12 | 18 | 12 | 14 | 22 | 24 | 14 | 14 | 12 |
| Other non-conjoint | | | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 18 |
| TOTAL | 695 | 2329 | 2578 | 2681 | 2508 | 2713 | 3609 | 2867 | 2365 |

This table includes all CGNA members, associates and students
British Columbia and Ontario numbers are preliminary lists received up to 31 March 2019.

Breakdown of CGNA Members, Associates and Students March 31, 2019

| | Members | Associates | Students | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Alberta | 239 | 17 | 17 | 273 |
| British Columbia | 170 | 3 | 13 | 186 |
| Manitoba | 96 | 6 | 4 | 106 |
| New Brunswick | 36 | 0 | 1 | 37 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 29 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| Nova Scotia | 64 | 9 | 3 | 76 |
| Ontario | 790 | 7 | 775 | 1572 |
| PEI | 43 | 0 | 2 | 45 |
| Quebec | 6 | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| Saskatchewan | 11 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Other non-conjoint | 16 | 2 | 0 | 18 |
| TOTAL | 1500 | 45 | 820 | 2365 |

Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association

Operating Budget

January - December 2019

| Income | Proposed Budget |
|---|---|
| 4110 GO - Membership Fees | \$ 54,000.00 |
| 4115 GO - Educational Income | \$ 1,200.00 |
| 4120 GO - Advertising | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 4122 GO - Perspectives | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Uncategorized Income | |
| Total Income | \$ 57,200.00 |
| Gross Profit | |
| Expenses | |
| 5110 GO - Board Expenses | \$ 150.00 |
| 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... | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 5150 GO - Website | \$ 300.00 |
| 5153 GO - Database Fee | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 5155 GO - Grants (Research Awards) | \$ 2,500.00 |
| 5160 GO- Postage, Mailing & Courier | \$ 50.00 |
| 5162 GO - Annual Filing | \$ 20.00 |
| 5170 GO - Insurance | \$ 850.00 |
| 5172 GO - Operation Management Fee | \$ 40,000.00 |
| 5173 GO - Provincial Support | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 5185 GO - Network & Partnership | \$ 200.00 |
| 5190 GO - Journal | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 5193 GO - Webinars | \$ 500.00 |
| 5195 GO - Photocopy, Printing & Stat... | \$ 50.00 |
| 5210 GO - Accounting & Audit Fee | \$ 4,000.00 |
| 5211 GO Bookkeeping | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 5215 GO - Promotion | \$ 650.00 |
| 5220 GO - Telephone | \$ 700.00 |
| 5233 GO legal fees | \$ - |
| Total Expenses | \$ 75,870.00 |
| Profit (deficit) | -\$18,670.00 |
| | <i>To be offet by conference profit</i> |

CGNA Communications Director Annual Report for 2018- 2019

Name and Position/Committee: Communications Director

Activities during this period:

- Online presence through Facebook page;
(<https://www.facebook.com/CdnGeroNursingAssoc/?ref=settings>); Twitter also used but administered by CGNA Manager
 - See attached Excel document for stats on Facebook engagement
- Working with Perspectives Editorial team to:
 - Consider and work on reducing factors that may inhibit ability to publish and meet goal of 4 issues per year (had 2 issues in 2017/2018)
 - review TOR; ongoing
 - Consider Advisory Group; ongoing
 - Recruit new Editorial team member Roslyn Compton
- Working with Newsletter Editor Christine Johnston to ensure regular (3 issues in 2018; 1 issue published in March 2019 with goal of 2-3 more in 2019) of CGNA newsletter; coordinate submissions from Executive and BOD members
- Attend CGNA Executive and BOD meetings regularly
- Helped develop role description for new Education Director position; select candidate and work with her to develop role and goals
- Assist with marketing of CGNA biennial conference and attend conference planning meetings
- Attend and contribute to Immunize Canada meetings on behalf of CGNA
- In Fall 2018, organized and facilitated a webinar on “Geriatric Addictions: Facilitating Successful Transitions to LTC” led by Marilyn White-Campbell

CGNA Communications Director Annual Report for 2018- 2019

Name and Position/Committee: Lillian Hung, Interim Education Director

Activities during this period:

- Working with CNA to co-host the preconference workshop: Gerontological Nursing Certification (GNC) – Commit to Excellence
 - Introduce CGNA members to the new certification exam for practical nurses (PN) who care for older people
 - Identify topics that are core competencies for gerontological nursing that are reflected in the PN and RN certification examinations and aligned with CGNA Standards & Competencies 4th Edition 2019;
 - Explore educational strategies for CGNA members to prepare for the new PN certification examination as well as the existing RN certification examination
- Developing the role and goals of the Education Director under the kindest support by Heidi Holmes
- Leading a 6-week study group in Vancouver BC to support nurses writing certification exam in May.
- Attending CGNA Executive and BOD meetings
- Assisted with planning of the successful 2019 GNABC conference in BC
- Presented at the 2019 GNABC conference: Innovation & Technology April 4-6

Nomination Committee Report May 2019

Director Reporting: Veronique Boscart

Contact Information: VBoscart@conestogac.on.ca

Activities during this period:

1. Positions for the CGNA Executive Committee and Board of Directors

The Nomination Committee (Veronique Boscart, Michelle Heyer and Heidi Holmes) completed the nominations activities set out in the Nomination Policy.

There were eleven positions to fill:

- President-Elect;
- Secretary;
- Director of Communications;
- Director of Education; and
- Directors for seven provincial associations of Alberta, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, New Brunswick, Ontario, and Prince Edward Island.

There were two positions filled from previous elections

- Treasurer; and
- Director for British Columbia.

The call for nominations was distributed to members by email, on the website, and in the newsletter. The deadline for nominations was February 22, 2019. Eleven nominations were received. All positions are acclaimed. The slate of candidates is attached to this report.

2. Honorary Life Membership Award

The Nomination Committee (Veronique Boscart, Michelle Heyer and Heidi Holmes) completed the nominations activities set out in the Nomination Policy.

The call for the Honorary Life Membership Award was distributed to members by email, on the website, and in the newsletter. The deadline for nominations was February 22, 2019. Two nominations were received for the Honorary Life Membership Award: Poh Lin Lim and Dr. Sharon Moore.

The completed nomination packages were submitted to the Board of Directors.

Additional notes and items to report:

Thank you to Michelle Heyer and Heidi Holmes, for serving on the Nomination Committee.

Slate of CGNA Directors 2019-2020

Starting a new 2 year term:

President-Elect: Elaine Campbell (Starting 1st year of a 2-year term)

Director, of Communications: Julie Rubel (Starting 1st year of a 2-year term)

Director, of Education: Lillian Hung (Starting 1st year of a 2-year term)

Director, Alberta: Edyth Andison (Starting 1st year of a 2-year term)

Director, Manitoba: Victoria Marek (Starting 1st year of a 2-year term)

Director, Newfoundland and Labrador: Sue Mandville-Anstey (Starting 1st year of a 2-year term)

Director, Ontario: Therese Lim (Starting 1st year of a 2-year term)

Director, Prince Edward Island: Eileen Larkin (Starting 1st year of a 2-year term)

Renewing a 2 year term:

Secretary: Joyce Taekema (Starting 1st year of a second 2-year term)

Director, New Brunswick: John MacDonald (Starting 1st year of a second 2-year term)

Director, Nova Scotia: Julie Sutherland-Jotcham (Starting 1st year of a second 2-year term)

Completing a term from the previous elections:

Treasurer: Michelle Heyer (Completing the 1st year of a 2-year term)

Director, British Columbia: Lillian Mac Taggart (Completing the 1st year of a 2-year term)

Note, the position of President is appointed, having been elected as President-Elect 2 years ago. Dr. Lori Schindel-Martin is starting the 1st year of a 2-year term as President. Similarly, Mollie Cole is starting the 1st year of a 2-year term as Past-President.

March 17, 2019

Research Committee Report

The research committee was involved in reviewing abstracts for the 2019 CGNA conference in Calgary. Reviewers from across the country provided feedback on 169 abstracts.

The 2019 Research Award competition resulted in four applications. After reviewing the applications, the committee unanimously agreed that Roslyn Compton was the successful applicant.

The committee is always seeking new members as several of our members.

Members interested in being on the Research Committee should send an expression of interest to the Chair.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sherry Dahlke



Perspectives Annual Report for 2018-2019

Editor-in-Chief Reporting: Lorna Guse, Editor-in-Chief

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

During 2018, our Terms of Reference were updated and sent to CGNA Executive for approval. These Terms of Reference will be minimally revised in 2019 to allow for the introduction of an Advisory Committee for the Editorial Team. In 2018, succession planning began for the Editorial Team. Roslyn Compton was offered the position of Associate Editor for a three year period. Dawn Prentice will assume the Editor-in-Chief duties in December 2019.

Activities during this period:

Editorial Team Meetings (2018): The Editorial Team (Lorna Guse, Dawn Prentice and Diane Buchanan) and Heidi Holmes (CGNA liaison person) met several times in 2018: January 10 April 4, July 4, August 30, September 3, October 1, October 15. A joint meeting between the Editorial Team and CGNA Executive was held on September 5. Three issues of *Perspectives* were published in 2018: 39 (4) and 40 (1) and 40 (2).

Additional notes and items to report:

1. In 2018, we received 15 manuscripts. We also continued to see a rise in submitted literature reviews. We decided to revise our *Guidelines to Authors* to provide more information on literature review (systematic, scoping and rapid) and to invite a librarian to write an article on the criteria of types of different reviews in *Perspectives* 40 (3). New *Guidelines to Authors* will be published in 2019.
2. In 2018, we revised the headings in *Perspectives* to “Research”, “Practice Improvements Projects”, Student Papers: Future Leaders” and “Systematic, Scoping or Rapid Reviews”
3. *Perspectives* has 30 reviewers with national representation. In 2018, we established CGNA membership as a criterion for accepting new reviewers. This will be published in 2019.
4. We wanted to know what readers wanted from *Perspectives*. The Editorial Team developed 3 questions that Heidi Holmes placed on twitter. Response was low. These questions will be revisited at our *Perspectives* Table at the CGNA Biennial Meeting
5. *Perspectives* advertised the Student Writing Contest and will publish the outcome of this contest in 2019

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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:

We have been struggling to have good engagement among members in our chapters overall, including from rural settings, and for some of our chapters (such as Lethbridge, and some events being held in Edmonton). We are working on reaching out in different ways, including working with GoToMeeting – to hopefully reach out to more members.

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

One of the more successful activities for our association this term was a study group that was held by our Calgary chapter this past fall. There were in person sessions, and they were available remotely to out of town members via GoToMeeting, and the sessions were recorded and uploaded to the members only section on the AGNA website. A number of our members, especially from Calgary, were involved in the planning of the biannual CGNA conference this year taking place in Calgary in May 2019. The three main active chapters (Calgary, Red Deer, and Edmonton) all have had regular meetings and education meetings, including sessions on Pharmacy services provided in Red Deer for chapter members, students, community members, etc., on a provincial program called Destination Home, a joint networking dinner between our Edmonton Chapter and AAG with a talk on dementia, among other topics.

Additional notes and items to report:

We look forward to welcoming our new, upcoming president, Edythe Andison, and new treasurer Sherry Dahlke, to their upcoming roles this year.

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Provincial Association: GNA British Columbia

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Lilian MacTaggart - President

Contact Information: lmactaggart23@gmail.com

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

While we have significantly increased our membership by 50% (141/212) in 2018, our association faces ongoing challenges of active membership participation at the chapter level. There are local chapter executive positions not filled, and a noticeably decreased number of attendees in the monthly educational sessions at the local chapters. There are potentially three chapters folding should there be a continuing lack of members' support to keep the chapters active.

Activities during this period:

There are 8 chapters in BC. Each Chapter strives to actively provide monthly educational sessions. Educational topics are posted on our website and on Facebook.

At the provincial level:

1. Created a Membership Campaign poster which was widely distributed to the local long term care facilities. Chapter presidents reached out to CNA/GNC certified nurses who were not CGNA/GNABC members and to student nurses as part of a membership campaign. The Nanaimo 2018 conference also brought in new members.
2. Wrote the Social Media policy with the Media chair before launching Facebook and streamlining the posting of website contents.
3. Co-chaired with Marie Blair (GNABC president-elect) to work with Simon Fraser GNABC Chapter in hosting the 2019 GNABC Conference and AGM in Coquitlam on April 4, 5 and 6, 2019.
4. Replaced the old website platform that has old technology with one that provides improved system security and allows our media chair to self manage our website page. We

are currently trialing the new website platform for membership registrations (and hopefully conference registrations) and payment online with only minimal issues with on-line transactions.

5. Endorsed GNABC members who have expressed their interest in participating and supporting CGNA's initiatives/projects by having our members participate in working groups and in the CGNA executive. Traci Skaalrud, Simon Fraser GNABC chapter president, volunteers in a group to develop a Practical Nurse Certification Exam in Gerontology. Dr. Lillian Hung, Richmond-Vancouver GNABC chapter president, participates in the working subgroup to review the 2010 Standards/Competencies for the gerontology certification exam, and is the interim Director of Education with CGNA. Joyce Taekema, Central/North Vancouver Island Chapter president, serves as the CGNA secretary.

6. Continued to participate as an active director for BC at the CGNA Executive and Board of Directors.

Additional notes and items to report:

Plans for 2020:

1. Revisit purpose of GNABC.
2. Review ad hoc Membership position
3. Maximize the use of Squarespace capabilities appropriately ie can we use it for on-line registrations and payments for membership and conference fees?
4. Address Chapters' sustainability: how do we engage members to take on active executive positions and participation at their Chapters' educational sessions and activities?
5. Plan /support Chapter host for the 2020 GNABC Conference and AGM.

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Provincial Association: MGNA

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Victoria Marek, President

Contact Information: vmarek@misericordia.mb.ca

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

Membership: Active-94 (66 pending 2019 renewal), 7 new, 47 lapsed. Of the active, 9 are associate members, 3 are students, and the rest nurse members. Membership decreasing due to no longer having the auto renewal.

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

Successful annual conference in October 2018. Maintaining quarterly executive and member meetings with an hour of education at the member meetings. Support of a research project that will look at and compare aging in place policies across Canada. Discussion surrounding the levels/hours of care for LTC in Manitoba, with the introduction of the MNU report and proposed NDP Bill 201 which supports an increase to 4.1 resident care hours and mandatory reporting to the government that these hours are maintained. Supporting attendance at the CGNA National conference in 2019 with scholarships.

2018 Education Topics Presented at MGNA Member meetings:

Feb 2018: rTMS Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

Presenter: Grant Rutherford B.Sc. E, M.Sc. E, PhD(C)

May 2018: WRHA Dementia Care Program

Presented by Joanne Dinicola, manager PCH Program Initiatives & Allison Bell, Pharmacy manager LTC Program

Oct 2018: Annual Conference Keynote Speaker: Lynn Granke & Erin Wiebe, MD – MAID & End of Life Discussions

Other topics: Suicide in Older Adults, Mental Health and the Older Adult, Addictions and Co-occurring disorders, LGBT2SQ & Seniors: Addressing Social Isolation

Nov 2018: Fear, Defensive Strategies and Caring for Cognitively Impaired Family Members
by Dr. Laura Funk and Dr. Racheal Harron

2018 Representation of MGNA at Manitoba Conferences (exhibitor booth):

LTCAM- Long Term Care Association of Manitoba

Dementia Care Conference

Additional notes and items to report:

Successes: Very successful conference with new and exciting topics that support a holistic approach to caring for the older adult. Membership has remained fairly stable in 2018. Turn out for the meetings/education evenings have been great this year.

Challenges: Loss of people from the executive (past president and some shared positions such as education and membership lost the second half of the shared spots). New executive members learning the ropes: president, treasurer, and president elect. Loss of CGNA Board member (Tara McNaughton to BC).

Goals: Increase membership with a President and President elect tour of the PCHs in Winnipeg. Increase student membership with continuing to expand our connections/relationships to the University of Manitoba and Red River College. Advocate for excellence in care of the older adult by supporting actions to improve care and increase funding for care hours in LTC. Membership wants to create position statements that align with CGNA directions. Attendance and representation at the CGNA National level. May AGM will be a wine and cheese to hopefully bring in more membership.

Maybe: look at hosting a National Conference!!!

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Provincial Association: New Brunswick Gerontological Nursing Association

Name and Role of Director Reporting: John MacDonald, NB President

Contact Information: d1ds@nb.sympatico.ca

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

Our challenges are twofold. Recruitment and retention are by far the greatest challenges like in so many other provinces. Many of the nurses that work in the province are at the point in their career where the focus is on preparation for retirement, the average age of an RN in the province is 45. Retention is also a challenge, although New Brunswick is not as big as other provinces, it is a single chapter. This causes unique problems for attending meetings. Geographically speaking, for a member to attend a meeting from the northwest of the province in the southeast is a 4 and a half hour drive one way. We have come up with several ideas for recruiting RN's including visits to long term facilities to speak directly to RN's regarding the benefits of being a member, sending congratulation letters to RN's who have completed CAN Certification in Gerontological Nursing, and letters to those who currently have certification but have not yet sought out membership. We have also had success in video conferencing, which will help us overcome the distance challenge. Video conferencing has also let us maintain the valuable educational component of our meetings.

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

We try to meet at least three times per year. This year we had to cancel our December meeting due to a combination of weather and an inability for the executive to be able to meet at a set date. Our next meeting is scheduled for May. We did a successful video meeting in the fall between sites in Moncton and Miramichi. This component included an educational session on oral care in the elderly and the challenges and solutions for oral hygiene in long term care. It was very enlightening. Every year, the York Care Center in Fredericton puts on a Symposium on Excellence in Aging Care. The New Brunswick Gerontological nursing Association always has a presentation table set up to provide education on our mandate and recruit new members.

Additional notes and items to report:

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NLGNA Annual Report for 2018- 2019

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

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Carla Wells, CGNA Board Representative, NLGNA

Contact Information: cwells@grenfell.mun.ca; (709) 634-5802

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

The current issue facing NLGNA is membership recruitment. Membership is currently 22 members. NLGNA is in the process of planning an Education Day May 2019 to help increase our membership.

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

The Executive had four meetings during this year with most discussions around membership and planning for an Education Day.

During this reporting year we had our Website updated and have developed a Facebook page.

NLGNA is exploring various platforms with a goal of setting up virtual education sessions and hosting the AGM via this platform.

Updates to the Provincial by laws are ongoing.

Additional notes and items to report:

There will be a change in Executive this coming year with Mary Beresford-Osbourne (President Elect) taking on the role as President.

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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:

Recruitment & retention of members.

Engaging membership participation in executive roles; we have a few open positions for over a year now with no interest. Current vacancies areas follows: President-elect & Secretary.

Providing members with information about educational opportunities & events happening across the province as well as online resources.

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

Sept 14, 2019 AGM and education evening held with approximately 42 in attendance; only 10 being NSGNA members. Presentations included: "Nurse Medical Examiner Role"; "EDAH and the Green Sleeve Initiative" as well as "Stroke Prevention & Management across the Continuum of Care".

Information sent to all members encouraging them to attend CGNA 2019 in Calgary.

Additional notes and items to report:

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Provincial Association: Gerontological Nursing Association Ontario

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

Contact Information: julie.rubel@gmail.com www.gnaontario.org

Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

GNAO is proud of our 1,689 members, including RNs, NPs, RPNs, nursing students and retired nurses (as of January 31, 2019). This number does represent a decline in both Registered Class and student members. We look forward to further analysis to determine next steps to retain current members as well as to engage new members.

GNAO is also proud of our emerging plan to utilize web-based platforms to deliver educational opportunities. We would like to thank our North East Chapter for their leadership in piloting several platforms to determine which will best fit our needs. We would also like to thank Kathy King and Kim Ritchie for their leadership in developing a working plan to move this project forward. GNAO intends to first use this technology at our 2019 AGM, thus increasing access for members across the province.

GNAO remains committed to our role on the Ontario Geriatric Learning Center (OGLC) steering committee. This role allows GNAO to share its expertise to aid in the development of geriatric-focused educational offerings. Further information about this project can be found at <http://geriatrics.otn.ca/>

GNAO continues to work towards timely and consistent messaging for each of our three streams of membership (RNAO, RPNAO and online-joining members). We have worked hard to develop a communication guideline which we feel will allow us to meet our responsibility to keep our members informed and engaged.

Finally, GNAO continues to have four inactive chapters. The provincial board is presently determining how best to move forward to ensure value for membership in these areas of the province as well as ensuring a strong association.

Activities during this period:

Over the past year, many of our seven active chapters have held educational events. Most chapters continue to offer these events in person though, as noted above, we hope to increase the use of web-based platforms to increase the accessibility of our educational offerings. As noted, for the first time, GNAO will utilize GoToWebinar for its AGM in April 2019.

Our provincial board continues to meet four times per year, with two in-person meetings and two meetings by teleconference. In addition, local chapters hold executive meetings to organize educational events and strategize around recruitment initiatives.

GNAO provincial executives are involved in partnerships, such as that with the OGLC, as well as with our provincial and national nursing associations (RNAO, RPNAO, CGNA).

Additional notes and items to report:

GNAO is proud to announce a full slate of candidates has been brought forward for the 2019 elections. Details to follow in late March 2019.

GNAO will host its AGM on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the Holiday Inn at Yorkville. The event will feature a special presentation by the Alzheimer Society Toronto. As noted, the event will welcome members in person as well as by electronic means using GoToWebinar. Registration details will be available in late March 2019.

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Provincial Association: Prince Edward Island Gerontological Nursing Association(PEIGNA)

Name and Role of Director Reporting: Susan Clory RN, BScN, MPA, GNC (c), Past President of the PEIGNA, BOD

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Current Issues facing the provincial gerontological nursing association:

Membership

Visibility of the Organization

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

Held an open house to promote membership and visibility in November 2018.

Education session booked for the Spring 2019.

Additional notes and items to report:

