

President's Report



As I complete my term as NSGNA President, I want to sincerely thank all of you for joining NSGNA and adding so much to our association – one that continues to actively participate and engage others in continuing gerontological nursing education, advocacy, research, and other activities aimed at maintaining, as well as improving the health and well being of all older adults. I recognize that there are many professional, nursing, and/or specialty associations competing for our limited time and attention. NSGNA and CGNA have always provided me with the opportunity to surround myself with gerontological nurses who are extremely knowledgeable, compassionate and role models and within these organizations, I have always felt very much “at home.”

I want to relay a special “thank you” to those members who have generously volunteered even more of their valuable time to represent NSGNA at provincial and national events, symposiums, and to contribute thoughtful, expert gerontological nursing commentary and evaluation for national nursing discussion papers on topics such as seniors’ oral health, end of life and palliative care.

NSGNA’s Executive are also well deserving of praise for their ongoing efforts as your district representatives, treasurer, secretary, website and Facebook communications managers. They have participated in Executive meetings (1 face-to-face meeting was held in Truro; the remainder were teleconferences) held every 1 – 2 months and with discussions and contributions aimed at dealing with current gerontological nursing issues, the review and reorganization of NSGNA’s By-Laws, creating and maintaining communication lines with potential and current members (NSGNA Facebook page, website and advertisements, etc.)

NSGNA was happy to once again sponsor members’ attendance at the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia’s Annual Research Breakfast and Lunch Sessions earlier this year. NSGNA proudly remains an Associate Member of the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia. Our members also enjoy the benefits of this membership including reduced registration fees for their events and education sessions.

NSGNA was also an invited Exhibitor at the “Geriatrics 701” full day of education provided on April 10th, 2015 by the interdisciplinary health care team of the Centre for Health Care of the Elderly (CHCE) and Division of Geriatric Medicine, at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax, NS.

Following our 31st NSGNA AGM and Education Sessions on May 12th, NSGNA will once again participate at the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia’s Annual General

Meeting and Education Day with a Table Display promoting gerontological nursing and NSGNA on May 13th, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted May 12th, 2015,

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