

## **President's Message**

### **Happy Fall to the members of NSGNA**

CGNA had a successful conference in Mississauga, Ontario with several NS representatives attending. The theme was "To Live is to Age- Raising the Bar for Excellence". The presenters were excellent and represented the vast specialties in gerontological nursing across Canada and the USA with similar issues and challenges identified.

Ontario has been welcomed as the newest conjoint member into CGNA and this will become effective November 1, 2011. The Ontario president took the opportunity to meet with us during the board meeting and it was an excellent opportunity to meet with board members from across Canada and discuss common issues and challenges.

*Perspectives*, a well established peer reviewed Gerontological Nursing Journal published by GNA (Ontario), will become a national Journal managed by CGNA. The Journal will be a welcomed addition to the educational initiatives CGNA has moved forward showcasing the many researchers, educators and caregivers in gerontological nursing. All members will soon be receiving *Perspectives* as part of their membership fees.

As many of you are aware, CGNA webinars have begun. The cost for members is 20 dollars and for non-members 25 dollars. A webinar or web conference, allows a presenter(s) to share what's on their computer desktop with people in other locations--in real time, over the web. Participants will be able to view the slides on their computer through a web program and listen to the presentation through an audio conference line. Presenters are selected based on their expertise in the field of gerontological nursing. Participants will be able to ask questions on line or by telephone. (CGNA online 2011)

As an NSGNA Executive, we would like to streamline NSGNA processes to increase the profile of gerontological nursing. Plans for increased and regularly updated communication with membership through the NSGNA website and the upcoming November AGM and Education Session have also created rejuvenated enthusiasm. You will notice that similarly to the CGNA newsletter, we have decided to make the NSGNA newsletter a bulletin, and would like your feedback on how this is working.

The NSGNA Executive has worked a great deal over the last several months to develop the motions for the upcoming AGM (to be sent out to members via email). We have re-developed our NSGNA *Mission*, *Vision*, and *Roles* to align with the CGNA. This has been a great piece of work and we will put this to the membership for review.

Please explore the new CGNA web site and our updated NSGNA website, and consider rejoining the organization and/or re-establishing your connection with NSGNA's Executive.

**I hope to meet many of you at the November 7<sup>th</sup> AGM and Education Session at the Holiday Inn Harbourview in Dartmouth, NS** – see website for details. Please do not hesitate to email or call myself, or any member of the Executive with ideas or questions. We are always happy to hear from you.

**Sincerely,**

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