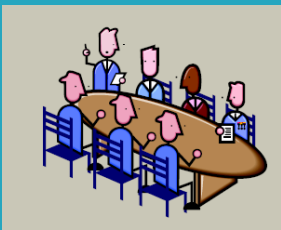# NSNIG Newsletter

## Meet the NSNIG Executive for 2010-2011

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## From the President

NSNIG is in its 15th year since its inception in 1995 and remains one of the more active provincial nursing informatics groups. NSNIG's executive meets by teleconference on a monthly basis and welcomes any member who would like to attend these meetings! Information as to dates and times as well as teleconference information is available on our website at **www.nsnig.ca/.** I encourage everyone to visit our website and navigate around!

This past year, New Brunswick hosted the Fall Atlantic Nursing Informatics Conference and by all reports, was a resounding success! Congratulations to the organizers of the conference.

NSNIG executive is busy planning the fall conference which will be held in Halifax October 27 & 28th, 2011. See page 4, for more details.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Informatics Groups are co-leads on an informatics journal club initiated by Cheryl Stephens-Lee from N.B. This is a great way to keep up-to-date on current issues and trends in nursing informatics both locally, nationally and internationally.

The NSNIG executive would love to hear from you if you have questions or comments about nursing informatics and how it impacts you and the care you provide your patients. We would also be very interested in hearing any suggestions as to what additional resources and tools you would like to have available to you on the NSNIG website at **www.nsnig.ca.**

*Sylvia Wist*
*President, NSNIG*

## What's New

**Journal clubs!** Yes, journal clubs are becoming popular with nurses in all specialty areas. And we, at NSNIG, through the assistance of our Education and Research member, Brenda MacDonald, have partnered with the NB informatics group (NBNIG) in establishing an Atlantic Informatics Group in 2010. As a group you discuss pre-selected journal articles related to a topic of interest. The focus can be on research and education and offers you the opportunity to discuss issues with like minded nurses. In a timely article in the Feb 2011 Canadian Nurse by A. Silversides, *Journal Clubs: A Forum for Discussion and Professional Development'* it highlights the many benefits one can receive in participating in a journal club. Cheryl Stephens-Lee from the N.B. group was interviewed in the article. If interested in participating in the Atlantic Informatics Journal club, please contact Brenda at **Brenda.macdonald@iwk.nshealth.ca**

## Conferences in Review

**Oct 2010 Atlantic Nursing Informatics Conference, Moncton**
The theme of this conference was *The Fabric of Change.*  And this was evident in the presentation by Peggy White, guest speaker from Canadian Health Outcomes for Better Information and Care (C-HOBIC).  She discussed the implementation of a database of standardized nursing assessment terminology – becoming leaders in standardized nursing documentation in Ontario.  For more information, go to: **http://www.cna-aiic.ca/c-hobic/about/default_e.aspx.**
An update on New Brunswick's One Patient One Record, and the Drug Information System initiatives were presented; along with a retrospective view of Nursing Informatics and where it's heading.  Decision Support highlighted benefits of integrated information and qualitative and quantitative benefits and were among the many presenters at the conference.  It was all tied together with how to implement a change management model successfully to enhance staff's coping in an ever changing world. It was an excellent conference!

## Who is an Informatics Nurse?

Heather graduated from St. F.X. U in 1985 and has been working at the IWK Health Centre since 1985 where she first worked as a pediatric nurse (9 years) and has been with the Clinical Trials Research Center at the Canadian Center for Vaccinology (IWK Goldbloom Pavilion) for 16 years.  Heather has been coordinating the work of the 12 nurses monitoring the 12 pediatric centers involved in the IMPACT program (Immunization Monitoring Program Active) since 1998.  The program runs more smoothly due to informatics whether it be screening admissions and outpatients by reviewing their electronic health record where it exists, entering data on reportable events and diseases on secure web modules for the program or the fact that communication by email among all team members from coast to coast is the primary means of communication.  For further information on IMPACT (managed by the Canadian Pediatric Society with funding by the Public Health Agency of Canada) please see the following web site: (**http://www.cps.ca/English/surveillance/impact/impact.htm**)
*Heather*
*IWK  Immunization Monitoring Program Active*

## From the Executive

*Mary Eileen MacPhail*
*President Elect*

Mary Eileen has 20 years experience working in healthcare in the areas of Gen Med, Rheumatology, Ortho, Dialysis and Thoracic; and is currently a Clinical Informatics Coordinator at CDHA.  This role functions as the link between clinical and Information Technology; analyzing clinical processes in relation to manual and automated systems.  She completed her BScN at St FX and has completed a Certificate in Information Technology Solutions from St Mary's University.  For the past several years, she has held the Director of Membership position for the Canadian Nursing Informatics Association (CNIA).

## From the Executive (cont...)

*Brenda MacDonald*
*Education/ Research*

Brenda MacDonald graduated from the Aberdeen School of Nursing and later completed her BScN degree at St FX University and her Master of Nursing at Dalhousie University. Brenda has worked at the IWK Health Centre for almost 30 years and her work experience includes clinical practice in obstetrics as well as nursing research, quality management, accreditation coordinator and privacy manager.  Her current position is Manager of Evaluation and Privacy at the IWK.  Brenda has been an active member of NSNIG for over 10 years and is currently holds the Education and Research position.

*Nancy McCara*
*CNIA Representative*

Nancy received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from St. Francis Xavier University and a Master of Nursing from Dalhousie University. She has obtained the CPHIMS-CA certification and a PMP designation.

Nancy began her career as a staff nurse at the Halifax Infirmary. Since that time she has had experience as an Assistant Head Nurse, Head Nurse and Special Projects Coordinator in Nursing. Her interest in the area of Nursing Informatics began with the implementation of the GRASP System at the Halifax Infirmary in 1980. In the area of informatics Nancy has held a variety of positions including consultant, Project Manager, Manager of MIS and most recently Director of Application Support at HITS-NS.

Nancy has given numerous presentations on various aspects of nursing informatics. She has served on several committees to advance the practice of nursing informatics. Currently, she is the jurisdictional representative from Nova Scotia for the Canadian Nurses Informatics Association (CNIA).

## Nurse One

Did you know that Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) has partnered with Health Canada to develop the **Nurse One** website?  This national web site is designed for the Canadian nurse and provides access to health care information to support nurses in delivering evidence-based care, helps manage their careers and connects them to colleagues.  There is a public and 'members only' website. To register, you need to indicate your province of registration; your registration # and your name.  Once this is validated, you will receive an email with your username and password.  There are professional practice and development resources; a library with numerous databases and references; a discussion network; and much more.  Mark this site, **Nurse One** as a favourite:
**http://www.nurseone.ca/**



Double-click, Control, Shift — it's totally intuitive!



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## Upcoming Events

April 20th, 2011 – NSNIG Teleconference 12:00 – 13:00. These are monthly meeting for all members to participate. To join, please visit our website: **www.nsnig.ca**

April 28-29, 2011 – CRNNS Nursing Leadership Conference, Dartmouth, N.S.. View details at: **http://nsnursingleadershipconference.org/**

May 6, 2011 – LOG ON! Nursing Information Technology and the Future conference, Montreal, Quebec. View details at: **http://www.fayefox.org/default0.asp?docid=7&mp=7&lang=en**

May 8-13, 2011 - ORNAC 22nd National Conference, Regina, Sask. View details as: **http://www.ornac.ca/conference/**

June 5 – 8, 2011 – Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association, Winnipeg, Man. To view details: **http://www.cona-nurse.org/en/Conference/index_conference.php**

June 17 – 19, 2011 National Institutes of Health Informatics, Waterloo, Ont. To view information: **http://www.nihi.ca/index.php?MenuItemID=160**

June 23 – 26, 2011 Rutgers College of Nursing Annual International Nursing Technology Conference, Mass. To view details: **http://nursing.rutgers.edu/cpd**

Sept 11 – 14, 2011 Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology Annual Conference, Halifax, N.S. To view details: **http://www.cano-acio.ca/annual_conference_conference**

Oct 27 – 28, 2011 – Atlantic Nursing Informatics Conference, Halifax. To view details: **http://www.nsnig.ca/atlantic-informatics-conference-2011.html**

## *Membership*

As they say, membership has its privileges. As a member of NSNIG, you can be set up with a user name and password to access additional information to the Members Only website to: view additional information on the Events Calendar; obtain information on how to attend the monthly conference calls (open to all members; review the minutes of the NSNIG meetings; plus more. Also, consider joining CNIA (Canadian Nursing Informatics Association), to gain a national perspective of where informatics is heading in Canada and abroad. Visit our website at: **www.nsnig.ca**

**Please Note:** Your membership will expire May 31st, 2011. To complete your membership application form, **click here** to go to the Membership page to download the registration form.