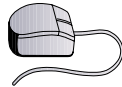


NSNIG NEWSLETTER

Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group

Spring/Summer 2005



Well another year has come and gone, or is that almost two years! Can you imagine that it was back in 2003 that we all met in Antigonish for our last Fall educational workshop? Well if you've missed all the friends that you made there and networking that you did, hold onto your hats because we're back! The times they are changing (I will not break into song here) so for NSNIG's 10th anniversary we look to the Past, Present and Future of nursing informatics. We hope you will join us in celebrating. The education group has been busy planning venue, speakers, topics, presentation and much more so we hope to see you there.



Susan Gillis, President

NSNIG continues to work with our national colleagues at CNIA who have put forth some wonderful initiatives such as E rounds and we look forward to their 1st National Nursing Informatics Conference "Nurses & Informatics: Transforming Healthcare" this September in Toronto. Check out their website for more information. If you are not a member of CNIA take advantage of their reduced membership fees for members of NSNIG.

Keep reading the Newsletter for more information on NSNIG's Fall education workshop and for details on CNIA's E rounds.

Back in February we had an opportunity to hear from Cathy Saunders on her position of "e-learning". She provided the group with a sense of how and where her position fits within Capital Health District. We love to hear from nurses about the work that they do in their facilities and initiatives that they are undertaking in informatics. So if you are doing something that you think we would like to hear about, contact any of the executive because we'd love to hear from you.

Well that's it from this mouse hope everyone has a wonderful summer and hope to see you in the Fall!

*Susan Gillis,
President, NSNIG*

Meet the NSNIG Executive For 2004-2005



President: Susan Gillis
President-Elect: Mary Eileen Wall
Past President: Mary Eileen Wall
CNIA Representative: Nancy McCara
Secretary: Peter MacDougall
Treasurer: Sylvia Wist
Education/Research: Nancy McCara
Public Relations: Cheryl Stephens-Lee

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Poster Display at the CRNNS Annual General Meeting



NSNIG Poster Display: Sherry Bowman



*Drawing for the 2005/2006 NSNIG Membership:
Linda Russell (L), Sylvia Wist (R)*

NSNIG was represented at the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia (CRNNS) AGM on May 18th and 19th with a poster display. The booth was manned by Sylvia Wist and Sherry Bowman. There was an increased interest from previous years, as evidenced by the number of participants who completed ballots.

This interest most likely has been sparked by informatics initiatives around the province. Such as, the implementation of the NS health information system in various districts, as well as the Horizon Surgical Manager (HSM) and the Horizon Patient Folder (HPF).

The winner of the complementary 2005/2006 NSNIG Membership was Debbie Mander of Coldbrook, NS.

Congratulations Debbie and Welcome to NSNIG!

Fall Conference: The Past, Present and Future

As Susan mentioned, (pg. 1) the executive group is busy preparing for a fall conference. This is sure to be an extra special event as it coincides with NSNIG's 10-year anniversary. The keynote speaker is:

Roy Simpson, RN, C, CMAC, FNAP, FAAN; *Mr. Simpson has more than 30 years of experience in Nursing Informatics. He is a contributing editor for three professional journals, culminating in his publishing over 600 articles on Nursing Informatics.*

So mark the following dates and details on your calendar and spread the word:

WHEN: 3rd November 2005, 13:00 - 18:00
4th November 2005, 08:15-16:15

WHERE: Holiday Inn Select
1980 Robie Street,
Halifax, NS

WHO: All nurses, physicians, informaticians, health care providers and students are welcome.

WHY:

- ✓ To promote awareness of the role of Nursing Informatics in professional nursing practice.
- ✓ To provide an opportunity to network with informatics professionals at the provincial, national and international level.
- ✓ To gain perspective on the provincial health information strategy.

For further information contact:
Cathy Saunders 902.473.7727 or
email cathyesaunders@cdha.nshealth.ca

Website Evaluation Skill

As nurses, we have good critical-thinking skills. It is important to use them to their fullest when evaluating information found on the WWW. A simple mnemonic we can use to get a quick handle on “the good, the bad, and the ugly” that exists on the web is: To determine if you are **PLEASED** with the site.

P-Purpose: What is the author’s purpose in developing the site? Are the author’s objectives clear? Another hint to the purpose: decipher the uniform resource locator (URL). GOV is the domain for a government agency; EDU is for an educational institution, ORG for an organization, COM for a commercial service, MIL for the military, and NET for a network service.

L-Links: Are the links off the site functioning? Do they lead to reliable sites?

E-Editorial: (site content) Is the information contained in the site accurate, comprehensive and current? Is there a particular bias or is the information presented in an objective way? Also assess who is the site designed for: health professionals, patients, consumers or other audiences? Is the information appropriate for its audience? Are there misspellings and grammatical errors?

A-Author: Who is the author of the site? Does that person or persons have the appropriate credentials? Is the author clearly identified by name, and is contact information provided?

S-Site: (style and Functionality) Is the site easy to navigate? Is it attractive? Does it download quickly or have too many graphics and other features that make it inefficient?

E-Ethical: Is there contact information for the site developer and author? Is there full disclosure of who the author is and the purpose of the site?

D-Date: When was the site last updated? Is it current? Is the information something that needs to be updated regularly. Generally health care information should be updated every 12 to 18 months.

Reference

Nicoll, L.H., (2000). Quick and effective website evaluation. CIN Plus. 3(3). 12-13.

CNIA eROUNDS



CNIA has prepared 10 presentations; each delivered in short, 20 minute or less video or audio-recorded sessions. These sessions are a fast and convenient way to stay updated with information that matters for all healthcare professionals.

The sessions qualify participants to earn continuing education credits. Once you have completed the 10 courses and if you are eligible for certification (see eligibility details on CNIA’s website) you will be emailed a completion certificate.

Check out these Websites!

<http://www.nsnig.ca>

<http://www.cnia.ca/>

<http://www.coachorg.com/>

<http://nursing-informatics.net/>

<http://www.onig.on.ca/>

<http://www.amia.niwg.org/>

Suggestions to the Editor:

Please write the editor with comments or ideas for this newsletter and for information you would like to share with your fellow NSNIG members.

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**Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group (NSNIG)
Application Form**

Effective: June 1, 20 __ to May 31, 20 __

Type of Membership: Place a checkmark in one box.

- Active** (means voting member of NSNIG as a result of holding current membership with the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia (CRNNS))
Cost: \$20.00 per annum

- Associate** (means Registered Nurses in a province other than Nova Scotia, or Licensed Practical Nurses from any province, or undergraduate students enrolled in nursing education that are not enrolled with the CRNNS, or student practical nurses. Cannot vote or hold office)
COST: \$10.00 per annum

- Other** (Interested individual whose application will be considered by the executive. Cannot vote or hold office).
COST: \$10.00 per annum

Please Print:

Name: _____ **Position/Title:** _____

Institution: _____

Home Mailing Address:

Name and Street #: _____ **Apt. #** _____

City: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Work Telephone:** _____

Fax No: _____ **email:** _____

CRNNS Registration No. _____

Name of the Provincial Association: _____ **Registration #:** _____

**Please remit payment to:
Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group
C/O Sylvia Wist, Treasurer,
2 Appian Way,
Dartmouth, NS B2X 3G5**

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Website: www.nsnig.ca

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