

AGNA Provincial News

The Provincial Newsletter of the Alberta Gerontological Nurses Association

Blog

The following is in part the message posted to acknowledge our error in monitoring and timely intervening for the AGNA Blog –

“On 30 September 2013 a blog posting was made on our AGNA website that was disrespectful to the older person’s that we serve. This posting has been removed and we apologize for this comment. In this a virtual world we recognize that the posting is never truly gone. A ‘virtual statement’ reflects on the profession of nursing and is held to the same standard as in person verbal statements. As a CARNA Specialty Practice Group we strive to adhere to the governance policy that reflects CARNA’s vision, mission and values.”

During the past weeks we have reviewed our AGNA guidelines to CARNA’s Social Media guidelines (December 2011) and the C.N.A. Social Media (August 2012) policy. We have revised our policy statement and restructured the operations guidelines that will be reviewed at the Provincial



Board meeting on March 12th.

This has reinforced the dynamic of communication – whether face-to-face or in written format that words chosen, tone and font size selected conveys a message. No matter our professional education, designation or role in health care ‘social media is about interactions between people, using technology as a conduit’. We all need to take the time to understand social media communication – for what is and is not appropriate.

As noted in the Blog post – ‘AGNA remains committed to professional and respectful communication across our provincial community of practice – whether in person, member meetings, teleconferencing, and web based sessions, social media and electronic newsletters’. Details on our progress with this learning opportunity will be shared in the next issue of this newsletter as well as being posted on the website.

Conference and AGM - Registration is open!

Friday April 25th 2014 - Red Deer Lodge

Registration is now open for the AGNA 33rd Conference and AGM. For more information and to register, go to

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



Membership Renewal

As outlined in the January Provincial News and at your Chapter meetings, registering for **annual AGNA / CGNA conjoint membership** has changed.

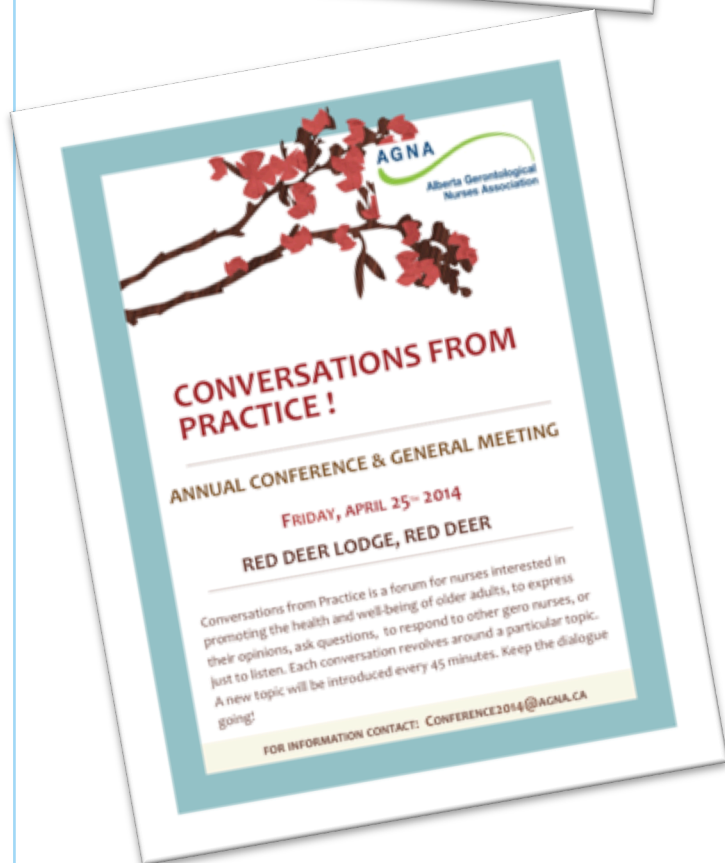
Registration is thru the CGNA website at www.cgna.net.

The CGNA website is now taking registrations and renewals for the 2014 -2015 membership year. Membership year is from 01 April to 31 March of each year.

Conference and AGM

Red Deer Lodge and Conference Centre is the place to be on **Friday 25th April for our 33rd Annual General Meeting and Education Day!**

This year's theme is '*Conversations from Practice!*' with topics ranging from dementia strategies, the impact of last year's floods on long term care residents, dynamic of changing circumstances on one's life and raising the voice of continuing care. Please see detailed information that was distributed on 20 February or on the [AGNA website](http://www.agna.ca). The education day registration is now open on the AGNA website. You also have the option of mailing in the registration.



Running for Office

Have you considered running for office?

There are two **Provincial Executive positions** open for nomination and election at the Annual General Meeting – office of Secretary and office of President-Elect.

Process for Nomination as well as an outline of the role and duties is posted on the AGNA website with the AGM. Details including the agenda and supporting documents will be posted later in March.





Chapter News

New Chapter Forming

Denise Holman has related the excellent efforts of members who are working to establish a chapter for the **Drayton Valley / Breton / Rimbey** area. Please refer to the Drayton Valley/Breton / Rimbey tab in the Chapter section of the website for details on how you can get involved as well as upcoming member meetings.

Edmonton Chapter

Tammy Damberger, Chapter Chairperson
Edmonton Chapter related the success of the annual joint dinner meeting with the Edmonton Chapter of the Alberta Association on

Geriatrics on 23 January. Tammy was able to seize the moment during the dinner to discuss with the guest speaker the honorable Health Minister Fred Horne key aspects of health issues for older persons as well as the role of Nurse Practitioners.

reIGNITE

Several members from Edmonton Chapter attended and presented at **the 'reIGNITE'** Addiction and Mental Health Nursing conference held on 23 and 24 January 2014 in Edmonton.

Pictured above (l to r) are: Sandra Holowaty, Yvonne Reitsma, Lynne Moulton and Tammy Damberger .



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Questions are welcomed on:

- *Membership*
- *Volunteering*
- *Events*
- *Ideas*
- *Conference and AGM*
- *Study Groups*
- *CNA certification*
- *...and more!*

