



MNIA Annual General Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2013

President's Report

2013 saw the MNIA Executive focusing on the stated goals of the MNIA, specifically the goals of:

- To provide an avenue for networking to nurses within Manitoba interested in nursing informatics
- To facilitate educational opportunities for all nurses in Manitoba

To help reach those goals, the MNIA Executive has been faced with the ongoing challenge of providing educational opportunities that not only provide MNIA members and other individuals interested in health care informatics with informative and relevant topics but also generate a large enough attendance to provide the networking opportunities and promote growth of the organization.

We have explored alternatives such as providing in March a lunch time webinar on eReferrals that we rebroadcasted one evening in May during Nursing Week. We hosted an evening event in September at a venue that allowed the MNIA to offer attendees a very pleasant and easy to access space with free parking, a light dinner and two informative presentations on the new Mental Health Crisis Response Centre and its customized electronic record and the Organ and Tissue Donation Registry and SignUpForLife.ca. Both of these events received very positive evaluations by attendees but did not generate the attendance numbers hoped for by the planning group and did result in a cost deficit rather than the goal of cost neutral that we were planning.

Two MNIA executive positions are open to nominations. The currently vacant Education Chair will be key to helping the 2014 MNIA goal setting. After many years of dedication to the MNIA, Rita Michaud is stepping down from the MNIA Membership Chair. Her organizational skills and willing support will be missed by the MNIA Executive.

Without ongoing membership support of MNIA activities and events, 2014 will be a challenge for the MNIA executive to continue to offer educational events and the opportunities for interested nurses to meet and discuss their common. The open discussion and brainstorming later on this evening will focus on how can we get more people involved with the MNIA and how can we increase attendance at MNIA events.

The MNIA website www.mnai.ca was officially unveiled during the 2007 MNIA AGM on Nov 19th and it is long overdue to a review and update to better meet member needs. One of my personal goals as President is to coordinate the review of the site.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Hinds
MNIA President