



MNIA Annual General Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2015
17:30 CRNM Building
890 Pembina Hwy, Winnipeg

President's Message including CNIA Report

2015 continued to bring challenges to the MNIA due to the abbreviated MNIA Executive and a decline in active membership involvement. It is hoped that renewed interest in this organization can be fostered in the upcoming year and allow the MNIA to increase educational opportunities in 2016.

I have had some people approach me saying "Why doesn't the MNIA do a presentation on such an such a topic --- it is something I am interested in". When I reflect back that if it is a subject they are interested in, why don't they share that interest and offer to do a short presentation --they seem perplexed that I would ask them to contribute to the education of other members and not just be on the receiving end. - . I challenge MNIA members to come forward with "Lunch and Learn" style presentations about areas of interest that could be offered to MNIA members via Webinar that I would be happy to facilitate --- it is through the sharing of information and experience that we can all learn.

The annual autumn "Evening of Informatics" continues to provide our main opportunity for MNIA members and also other interested people to attend a very informative event on an informatics related topics with a broader interest. This year's event was offered free to MNIA members as a show of appreciation for their continued support of the organization. Membership applications were included in the registration packages for 2016 and a reminder to renew membership for 2016 will go out to the MNIA mailing list shortly.

I have served as the Manitoba representative to the CNIA Executive meetings. Other provincial nursing informatics groups have also been struggling with membership participation with the exception of regions with educational institutions offering nursing and/or health care informatics programs. One region has expanded membership to beyond nursing and is now a Clinical Informatics association -- the MNIA has always offered an associate membership to non nursing disciplines.

The CNIA will be increasing annual membership to \$100 to be implemented in 2 increments over two years - \$75 in 2016 and \$100 in 2017. In an effort to help strengthen jurisdictional ties, Jurisdiction membership remains at a significantly reduced level of \$30 (\$33.90 with GST/PST) MNIA membership fees for 2016 remain at \$20 for regular members so a combined MNIA and CNIA membership would only cost \$53.90. Visit the newly updated CNIA website www.cnia.ca for all that the CNIA has to offer.

The MNIA will be an event sponsor to the Dr. Kathryn J. Hannah Lecture *The Nursing Informatics Journey and the Future* held on November 25th in support of the new national nursing informatics scholarship inspired by Dr. Hannah and established in partnership with the Canadian nursing informatics community and the Canadian Nurses Foundation. MNIA involvement in such events will help to strengthen the ties of the MNIA to the informatics community and support the goals and mission of the MNIA

Respectfully submitted,
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