

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES 2009

Submitted by the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting, November 6, 2009

Current By-Law	Proposed By-Law	Rationale
<p><u>2.0 (2) Associate Member</u> - Any person who has an interest in furthering the objectives of the Association. An Associate Member cannot be an officer or director of the Association or an officer of a chapter, but may be a chair of one or more Chapter committees in the sole discretion of the Chapter Executive. An Associate Member is not entitled to vote on any matter at the Association or Chapter level, but may attend meetings and be heard if recognized by the chair of the meeting.</p>	<p><u>2.0 (4) Associates</u></p> <p>(1) Any Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse who is not practicing nursing in the Province of Ontario; or</p> <p>(2) Any undergraduate nursing student enrolled at an accredited institution in the Province of Ontario studying toward RN or RPN designation with the College of Nurses of Ontario; or</p> <p>(3) Any non-nursing regulated health care professional; or</p> <p>(4) Any non-regulated health care provider</p> <p>may become an associate of the Association upon payment of an annual fee of such an amount or amounts as may, from time to time, be fixed by resolution of the Board and ratified by members voting at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Associates shall be entitled only to those rights and privileges of the Association as may, from time to time, be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors and shall receive a certificate identifying such person as an associate thereof.</p>	<p>Associates, particularly students can be granted particular status determined by the Board of Directors such as membership on chapter committees etc. This could allow students significant participation in the Association, having voice at meetings, short of holding an elected office or having voting privileges. It is not appropriate, nor should it be necessary for a non-resident of Ontario to have to maintain full membership in order to continue a relationship with GNA. It is conceivable that some members who move from Ontario might wish to maintain a relationship without the expenditure of regular membership fees.</p>

<p><u>2.0 (5)Retired Member</u> – Any Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse who is retired from nursing, and who has an interest in Gerontology will be considered a retired member.</p>	<p><u>2.0 (2)Retired Member</u> – Any member of the Association who is not in full-time paid employment and who has</p> <p>(a) reached the age of 60; or</p> <p>(b) reached the age of 55 and maintained regular membership in the Association or other provincial gerontological nursing association for a total of 15 years, may become a retired member. A retired member shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members,</p>	<p>It is necessary to distinguish retired members from those who are not currently employed by defining 'retired.'</p>
<p><u>2.0 (4)Student Member</u> - Any student who is enrolled full-time in as educational program to become a Registered Nurse or a Registered Practical Nurse. A Student Member shall be entitled to the same rights as a Member.</p>	<p>Delete – See Associates above for replacement wording</p>	<p>It is inappropriate to have student with the full rights and privileges on the association. According to this a student could become chapter president and president of the association</p>