The Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL) encourages the development of special interest groups by registered nurses who have a common interest for professional development in a defined area of nursing practice, education, administration or research.

The ARNNL recognizes that special interest groups are valuable to the promotion of the profession, to enhancing quality of care and standards of practice, and to the development of knowledge and competency through sharing among peers. ARNNL liaises with special interest groups, as experts in their practice area, to inform relevant decision.

Special Interest Groups operate independently from ARNNL and according to their own Bylaws and Constitution.

Special Interest Group (SIG) recognition by the ARNNL is as follows:

1. The SIG must notify the ARNNL, in writing their interest in being recognized as a SIG in accordance with ARNNL’s By-Law Article XI
2. The SIG letter will be reviewed by a Nursing Consultant to ensure its alignment with ARNNL’s mandate.
3. The Communications Officer will recognize the new SIG through ARNNL’s media (i.e., Regulation Matters, Twitter, etc.
4. Administrative personnel will add the new SIG information to the ARNNL website.

When recognized as a SIG, the ARNNL will endeavour to provide:

1. Accommodation for meetings in ARNNL House, when space is available. Requests are to be made through the Executive Director’s Executive Assistant as far in advance as possible.
2. Publication of information or articles of interest from the special interest group in ARNNL ACCESS (articles must be submitted at least two months prior to publication).
3. Use of the duplication equipment at ARNNL House at cost.

In return, the ARNNL:

1. May meet annually with representatives of special interest groups for information-sharing and discussion.
2. Reserves the right to request representation from special interest groups on committees established in relation to that specialty, or to seek their assistance where necessary on relevant issues/projects related to the specialty.

The process for recognition as a SIG is available at www.arnnl.ca.

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