

IPNIG MEMBERS' VOICES: November 2015 to March 2016

Speaking out for Nursing: Speaking out for Health

Independent Practice Nurses Interest Group (IPNIG)

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RNAO END Goal 1: Engage with registered nurses and nursing students to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to their professional organization.

Students - News e blast directing them to our refreshed "one stop" web site for all the news you can use, resources and a request to student (s) to help organize twitter tweet blogs on our web site.

Audio interviews by members

1. CBC radio and audio interview re the importance of nurse i.e., entitled When patient advocates are better than doctors - CBC Radio ... [more](#)
2. Services delivered by IPNs in the community provide navigation of the health care system to help all people

News Eblast

IPNIG News e-blast to all members and students [800] of all activities since November 1, 2015 to April 2016

Announcement of this year's project for National Nursing Week May 9-15 i.e., all self-employed nurses working in the private sector or in their own business are asked to write their professional practice nursing profile [250 words] to publish in a professional practice nurses practice guideline manual.

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RNAO END Goal 2: RNAO advances the role and image of nurses as members of a vital, knowledge-driven, caring profession, and as significant contributors to health.

Participation as judge annual RNAO News Media 2015 Best writer news articles / publications contest to judge 50 chosen candidates' articles i.e., winners recognized AGM dinner May 6, 2016.

Collaborating with Ottawa new group IPNs by attending two networking "Meet Ups" in Ottawa November and April to energize efforts on recognition all nurses full nursing capabilities, i.e., CBC interview.

Participation local public open forum meetings York Region "Help shape health care future" conducted by Lisa Queen local newspaper reporter [media writing prize winner Ontario for health care writing]

Participation 2 exhibitions - one nurses and one public

1. Diabetic and Foot Care 19th annual - presented CNO legal scope of practice professional requirements
2. CARP exhibition Ottawa - educating people on nursing care services delivered by IPNs and OHNs i.e., met Margaret Trudeau key speaker on mental health

RNAO END Goal 3: RNAO speaks out on emerging issues that impact on nurses and the nursing profession, health and health care.

IPNIG volunteers to sit on RNAO professional practice nursing profile committee to discuss with RNAO professional practice leaders the development of nurse practice profiles, i.e., creating a matrix to use for nursing profiles.

Consulted with RN leaders on insurance in Bell Conference call with FSCO and FAIR BOD insurance reps and RNAO policy director to discuss recognition of RNs expanded scope of practice, capabilities to sign health care forms and new requirements for insurance IT reporting.

Networking with Ottawa's new group IPNs, to collaborate efforts on educating the "people" where to find available, in place specialized health care nursing services. Many nurses with their broad range of nursing expertise, now operate their own health care nursing business delivering people centered needed health care.

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RNAO END Goal 4: RNAO influences healthy public policy to positively impact the determinants of health, supporting Medicare and strengthening a publicly funded, not-for-profit health-care system. *

Participation with MOL — Office of the Worker Adviser on

Canadian committee making recommendations to Federal standing committee for Federal Regulations to Ban Asbestos Canada BAC [see Globe and Mail](#)

Participation in Canadian Research Disabled Worker Policy CRDWP advocating new Federal policy to protect injured workers from being dismissed from workplace thus allowing 1000's to fall between the cracks receiving no continuing health care ... [see more](#)

Joint IPNIG and IPNIG AGM webcast November 28, 2015 had two meetings ... [summary slideshow](#)

1. Executive meeting agreeing END goal and developing Strategic Plan 2016-2018 in the morning November 28, 2015
2. IPNIG/OHNIG joint AGM Members in the afternoon by Webcast done by professional services allowing participation of members who,
 - Made proposal for “white paper” on what and where RNs work
 - Requested investigation new College Campus Health Nurses scope practice, i.e., similar to OHNs
 - Identified education resources for members, i.e., business savvy, PLP, professional nursing profile, PHC
 - Suggested public education campaign activities to engage people to participate in planning future sustainable health care.

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Other information to share

- Daniel Lau assured accuracy of the PLP information posted on our website "Member Services", i.e., 'Open Letter' on professional liability protection PLP and the RNAO fact sheet on PLP ... [see more](#)
- Two aspects bothered our executive when we received the current member list March 2016
 1. Diminishing number of members
 2. Lack of new leaders to step up to lead our interest group

Communication Details

All members sent email invitation to attend the IPNIG AGM joint webcast - two meetings

1. BOD strategic planning morning November 28, 2015
2. All member Webcast done by professional services afternoon November 28, 2015
3. Summaries AGM posted for all members to view on IPNIG website. Upcoming Events- December 2015 ... [see more](#)
4. Complete streamlining of website to an "open forum" to capture all the RNAO changes. The website is now a bulletin board of dated activities, education, research, data, news, interviews and announcements, i.e., Nursing Week project for collecting nursing practice profiles from self employed nurses.

News e-talk to members [800 -RNs, lapsed RNs and nursing students] delivering "news they can use" [IPNIG Newsletter November 2015- March 2016](#)

Meeting Details

AGM November 28, 2015 Executive meeting in morning and afternoon AGM Members ... [event details](#)

Bell Conference Calls with IG executive third Sunday of month at 4 pm Attendance varies.

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Frequent three way calling across Ontario to discuss current project[s] or VOIP

RNAO Board Policy for Interest Groups

In accordance with RNAO's Board Policies Chapters/Regions without Chapters and Interest Groups are required to serve their members via regular communication among the group. Activities include a minimum of two communications each year, and a minimum of one membership meeting (face-to-face, audio or video conferencing) per year.

As a reminder, in keeping with our policies, Assembly members shall not fail to: Report to RNAO's [Finance Department] by November 1st of each year, the fulfillment of RNAO Policies 7.03(1)(c) and 8.02(1)(c) related to a minimum of two communications and one membership meeting (face-to-face, audio or video conferencing) per year with all members. No funding will be transferred to those who have not reported. Non-compliance with these requirements will result in withholding the full transfer of membership funds from RNAO to the deficient Chapter, Region without a Chapter or Interest Group.