

It is the start of a new, and hopefully with your help, a productive year for IPNIG!

At the IPNIG AGM in November, the IPNIG executive discussed whether to proceed with three planned activities in 2014. The IPNIG AGM November 21, 2013 Minutes are posted online. ... [click here](#)

- Survey the members on the diversity of independent nursing service performed
- Monthly (or bi-monthly) education meetings with members to network using both face-to-face and online capabilities
- Host an education symposium in May at Blue Mountain convention center for nurses and community members to discuss current health care status

Since the November 2013 AGM, the IPNIG executive had a follow up meeting December 12 and a meeting December 19 with the RNAO Policy liaison and the RNAO BOD Interest Group representative. Subsequently the IPNIG executive made an executive decision to cancel the education event in May 2014. The education symposium has been strategically deferred to May 2015.

IPNIG will take this year to concentrate on **monthly meet ups** to network with members for their perspective, learn from each other and ask how IPNIG can support their independent nursing practice. Also important, IPNIG will take time to gather more resources and contacts to successfully make a large *Think Tank* symposium happen in May 2015.

One constant question this year, posed to IPNIG members and the public community — *“How do you visualize full utilization of the nursing capabilities, including independent practice nurses?”*

IPNIG are seeking professional consultants to advise how IPNs can be integrated into the health care system. We will also seek a professional writer for news ready material to post for public awareness describing IPNs health advocacy and navigation of the health system for our clients.

On the IPNIG website [The News You Can Use](#) has been revised. Each month, you will receive a monthly progress update on IPNIG activity. Each month there will be a selected [News Flash](#). This month, review the recently released January 2014 public survey by Health Council of Canada — [Where You Live Matters: Canadian Views on Health Care Quality](#)

You can help us! We ask you to detail in writing your practice profile as a self-employed Registered Nurse working in your work area, i.e., *“direct patient care, education, research, administration or consultation”*. The goal is to collate the profiles to highlight the diversity of the nursing work performed by Independent Practice nurses. IPNIG will collate this information in a reference manual. Here are Guidelines to get you started ... [click here](#)

Planned member surveys will ask what you need to make your business work. This will provide *“member’s needs”* for incorporation in the monthly meet-ups.

We look forward to the coming year and working with you,

Your IPNIG Executive