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ONEIG AGM and EC Meeting Minutes

Sept 4, 2019

7pm via Zoom

Present: Kerrie Pickering, Andrea Baumann, Susan Munro, Hilda Swirsky, Elise Skinner.
Kim Javi, Barb, Rosalyn Radcliffe, Julianna Hobb

Regrets: Manhoor Javed, Nathan Kelly

1. Welcome
2. Approval of minutes from 2018 AGM

Motion: Approval of the 2018 AGM meeting minutes

Moved: Susan Munro

Second: Kerrie Pickering

Carried

3. President's annual report: Kerrie.

Changes to the executive from election via RNAO platform in June:

- President elect: Elise Skinner
- Past President: Kerrie Pickering
- Membership ENO Mahnoor Javed
- Board Liaison: Nathan Kelly

Remaining executive members:

- Policy and Political Action ENO: Susan Munro
- CANE- ONEIG Liaison ENO: Hilda Swirsky
- Social Media ENO: Andrea Baumann

Executive meeting were held:

- January 18, 2019
- April 2, 2019
- July 25, 2019

Outreach Committee meeting:

- April 9, 2019

Activities:

The rest of 2018 was quite regular Facebook postings and website updates were our main focus to keep members updates. A newsletter was sent out in March to all members.

The key events for 2019 were:



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- the President represented ONEIG at Queens Park Day and spoke to the three main leaders and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care about ensuring environmental issues were on the on the agenda. At the time we focused upon the toxic reduction section of Bill 66.
- At the request of the Friends of Lanark County a letter for caution on the roadside spraying was sent to all municipalities in Lanark County (March).
- An action alert by RNAO to help save the greenbelt (March)
- ONEIG President represented ONEIG at RNAO AGM (April)
- Earth Day with the Paediatric Interest Group at Sick Children’s Hospital Toronto
- Social Media ENO Andrea Baumann and CANE_ONEIG Liaison Hilda Swirsky represented ONEIG at the Vulnerable Road Users Coalition meeting (May)
- CANE_ONEIG Liaison Hilda Swirsky and David Suzuki Foundation Climate Change and Transportation Policy Analyst Gideon Foreman presented a webinar: Climate Change: a state of emergency for health.
- CANE_ONEIG Liaison Hilda Swirsky presented to Toronto City Council on bike lanes
- Make it better campaign

4. Treasurer’s annual report: Kerrie

ONEIG Treasurers Report 2018-2019

2018 opening balance was	\$4,275
Expenses for 2018-2019 total	\$884.18
Input total for 2018-2019	\$2120.00
Closing balance	\$6036.26

ONEIG Financials from the 2018 AGM to 2019

2019			Outgoing	Input	Balance
Balance					4,275
04-Mar	ONEIG domain name		25.13		
22-Feb-19	Queens park Day reimbursement				
	Kerrie Pickering	Total cost	316.16		



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		RNAO reimbursement	193.05		
		ONEIG reimbursement	138.11		4136.89
24-Jul-19	Staples printing for Earth day event at sick kids in April	Total costs	138.82		
	Megabus return Toronto		36.16		3961.02
	Monthly plan fee-for past 5 months		1.95		3951.06
01-Aug19	RNAO members voices			2120.00	6071.06
28-Aug19	Student sponsorship		34.8		6036.26

5. EC activities report: all

a. Hilda – liaison to CANE

- Indicated was attending CANE AGM following weekend and would report back to ONEIG.

b. Andrea – social media

- Described activities maintaining social media presence on Facebook, including regularly posting on activities, events and news articles a few times a week and need to remain non-partisan.
- Described opportunities for volunteers to expand social media presence (i.e. Twitter) and maintain oneig.ca presence.

c. Susan – policy and political action



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- Reported activities
- Discussion on climate change and whether this is a partisan issue according to Elections Canada
 - Kim clarified to group that climate change is not a partisan issue however Elections Canada requires groups to register as 3rd party advertisers once the writ is dropped if they address issues associated with parties and if they spend over \$500 on paid advertising. Not an issue if we are not naming parties and not paying for advertisement.

6. Election of Officers: welcoming membership ENO Manhoor Javed and president Elise Skinner

7. Update to ONEIG by-laws

Proposed change to Article 4 (8) so that it corresponds to the notification period in Article 5 (4)?

Article 4

8. Notification of Meetings: Members will be notified of meetings, by email, as per the most current membership list. Notification will be 6 weeks in advance of the meeting date, including the AGM.

Article 5

4. Meetings of the EC: [...] Meeting date notification will be sent by the Membership ENO fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Motion: Change to ONEIG Bylaw Article 4, section 8.

Moved: Kerrie

Vote in favour (majority): Susan, Andrea, Kerrie, Elise, Rosalyn

Carried



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8. Vacant ONEIG executive positions

- Policy and political action, student liaison, finance , communications
- Interest expressed in survey of members, particularly student members for interest in involvement and recruitment to EC positions. As per Kerrie, last survey of membership done in 2016.
- To be determined – new survey to be sent membership – interests, desired degree of involvement.

9. General business

a. Involvement of membership

b. Activities in the up-coming year

- Federal election – Federal election – Kim, RNAO election platform scheduled to be released week of September 9. Planning for webcast Sept 25.
- RNAO Fall Tour – Elise to send message to ONEIG membership to encourage participation.
- Standard: Queen’s Park Day
- Recruitment of membership – efforts to continue through various outreach activities throughout year.

10. Date of next AGM – September 2020

11. Approval of minutes from July 25, 2019 Executive meeting

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12. September climate change election webinar with David Suzuki Foundation



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The focus would be on mobilizing the vote/climate action advocacy. The proposed content was as follows:

- *Why this election is so important in relation to mitigating climate change*
 - *RNAO's Federal election platform - environmental platform*
 - *Ways to mobilize vote for climate action in our communities (work/academic)*
 - *Importance of/how to be non-partisan*
 - *Highlight the One earth, one vote campaign*
 - *Utilizing the [Environmental platform asks](#)*
 - *Time for feedback from participants on mobilizing the vote*
 - *Post webinar - Include a mini toolkit for mobilizing the climate action vote (i.e. template powerpoint for those who want to present to colleagues/schools, utilizing social media, template email signature, other)*
- Gideon to send draft ppt to be circulated to EC membership
 - Hilda agrees to help facilitate webinar
 - RNAO environmental platform – not yet available as per Kim.
 - Julianna suggesting inclusion of elements for advocacy kit
 - Prior to webinar, circulate among membership questions to be asked during webinar to generate discussion.
13. Sponsoring student memberships: Elise. 3 student memberships sponsored by ONEIG this year. Question for Kim regarding the value added to visibility of ONEIG from student sponsorship. Kim will follow up on this.
14. Update: Make It Better campaign
- a. Andrea described using provided media kit for Facebook posts
 - b. Kim to follow up on request from campaign for video testimonials from health professions, how climate change impacting practice. Will circulate to EC.
15. Student representation



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- a. New vacancy, discussion around students previously expressing interest
 - b. Elise to send call out for volunteers, discussion of survey of membership
16. Social media – additional presence Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram – this would be an opportunity for future volunteer to ONEIG
17. Ecojustice, CELA, CEC and Sustainability Network Present the 2019 Environmental Law Toolkit Workshop Oct 1st –
- Susan and Kim will attend. Discounted rate with multiple attendees from same organization.
 - Decided that ONEIG would sponsoring attendance for interested members, Elise to send call out via email and Andrea on social media
18. David Suzuki at University of Toronto Sept 14 –
- Decided that ONEIG would purchase/reimburse tickets for ONEIG members wanting to attend and willing to write about experience for Newsletter. Elise to send email to membership and Andrea to send call out on Facebook.
19. Date of next EC meeting – early December, Elise to circulate poll in mid November.