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ONEIG AGM and EC Agenda  
December 11, 2019  
6 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Andrea Baumann, Susan Munro, Nathan Kelly, Josalyn Radcliffe, Mahnoor Javed, Elise Skinner, Kim Jarvi, Margarita Salvatore, Hilda Swirsky, Katarina V, Katharine Harrison

**Regrets:** Jeanne Lambert

1. Welcome
2. Update since last meeting: Elise
3. Approval of EC minutes from Sept 2019 EC + AGM  
Moved: Andrea  
Second: Josalyn
4. Acting treasurer's report: Elise  
Moved: Susan Munro  
Second: Margarita
5. Membership Numbers: Elise  
As per Carrie on Dec 6, ONEIG currently has membership of 796 students (1047 total for last year) and 60 paid members (up from 58 total from last year).  
Numbers (students) expected to increase as membership is free and recruitment drive by RNAO ongoing.
6. Members introduced themselves and roles during the call:

## **Present executive**

- Susan Munro - Policy and Political Action
  - Susan noted that she plans to step down from role at this time but will continue to support mentoring of new PPA executive members.
  - Observed on the value of applying the nursing process and skills on matters outside clinical sphere
- Elise Skinner - President
- Andrea Baumann - Social Media



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- Hilda Swirsky - ONEIG-CANE Liaison
- Mahnoor Javed – Membership ENO

## **RNAO members**

- Kim Jarvi - Senior Policy Analyst for RNAO
- Nathan Kelly – Regional Rep liaison

## **New to executive**

- Katharine Harrison - Policy and Political Action
- Josalyn Radcliffe – Communications
- Margarita Salvatore – Treasurer
  - Communicated the importance of timely documentation of expenses and reimbursement as per RNAO 30 days.

7. Vacant ONEIG executive position: Student representative, PPA

8. General business

a. Fall webinar, advocacy tool kit and federal election

As per Carrie, 67 people logged in on day of and 58 have viewed the webinar since.

Discussion included comment that webinar supported supported by work of DSF. Reflection that partnerships involved very important to leverage nurses' voice. Toolkit shareability noted as handy resource and well timed.

Organization will continue to approach RNAO to leverage credibility, voting, capacity of nurses as advocates, group to stay open to further partnership opportunities.

Opportunity to utilize the webinar format noted as vehicle for future activities.

b. Bill 132: deputizing, action alert, editorial, next steps



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Discussion/commentary on the short notice of the changes brought in the omnibus bill, affected 83 pieces of legislation. No significant changes made to schedules 9 and 16 despite action alert and deputizing as part of RNAO. Comment on importance of speaking out and having concerns recorded in Hansard. Discussion for aim of future efforts regarding similar type of legislation, need to raise the political cost of bad actions as relates to environment.

For future involvement on legislative issues and time involved, it was commented that work of ONEIG on legislative issue significant in comparison to other interest groups.

c. ONEIG Newsletter: Noor

Noor to send out email document outlining what she hoped to discuss in regards to issues of upcoming articles for the December issue

d. Submitting RNAO Resolution (deadline Dec 17)

Jeanne Lambert approached ONEIG with interest to put forward resolution re: Blue Communities. Discussion on Blue Communities resolution.

Description sent by Josalyn: 1. Recognize water and sanitation as human rights. 2. Ban or phase out the sale of bottled water in municipal facilities and at municipal events. 3. Promote publicly financed, owned, and operated water and wastewater services. Concern expressed re: need to



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postpone for a year, given short turn around. Majority present indicated in favour of water/blue communities resolution. Concern expressed re: ability to contribute given short timelines however members Katharine offered to provide feedback. Josalyn volunteered to connect with Jeanne Lambert about possibility to put resolution together and report back to group.

e. Financial planning for 2019-2020:

- Plan for January financial meeting to plan for annual expenses.
- Hilda noted need to look at what RNAO reimburses before looking at expenses.

f. Members at large

- Explained that ONEIG exec does not know names/contact of ONEIG members at large.
- As related to website, Margarita's idea for a chatroom feature for members noted, as highlights a possible tool to connect with members.
- Noor is monitoring ONEIG's gmail account
- Andrea noted previously had an Outreach Committee – group of ONEIG members at large interested in being more involved however not wanting to be part of executive committee.



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- Josalyn volunteered to maintain a list of these contacts
- Discussion had on survey—previous discussed at AGM in Sept. Josalyn proposed this as a way to find out who are members are (inviting them to share contact info if wanting to get more involved) and what they want.
- Discussion about how ONEIG currently connects with its members. As per Elise, this is via email through RNAO portal. Emails sent go to all ONEIG membership who agree to receiving email and via Facebook for those who are following the ONEIG page. Items sent by email to membership often reposted by Andrea on Facebook.
- Katharine and Noor noted opportunities with undergrad students as desire to get involved. Opportunity in connecting with campus-based interest/activist groups on campus. Opportunity to leverage outreach committee in doing this.

## g. Member engagement initiatives

- Margarita described idea of pamphlet to provide, with description of all interest groups as a tool to profile RNAO IGs, including ONEIG.



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- Opportunity to engage with membership via other social media platform noted as possibility however requiring point person who can ensure platform (i.e. LinkedIn) remains updated.
- Andrea described way to share news items with ONEIG facebook page by tagging ONEIG.
- Katarina V stated willing to help organize the revisiting/volunteering and see how to extend the social media presence. Katarina V to reach out via ONEIG email.

## h. ONEIG website: Elise

- As per early December conversation with RNAO dept, website under development as per previous plan. RNAO IT to have site ready by mid-January.
- Bios for new executive members. Andrea to send out email with sample bios from old website as example for new members.

## i. Book giveaway Whose Water is it Anyway: Elise

- Book purchased for giveaway prior to seeking approval of group.
- Winner of contest was Sarah Reynolds, individual with frequent activity on ONEIG Facebook page.
- Motion put forward by Margarita for Elise to be reimbursed for purchase of book.



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- Motion moved by Susan
- Seconded by Hilda

j. Activities in the up-coming year: All

- Queen's Park Day – Feb 19 (evening prep) – 20 QPD
- Assembly – Feb 20 (evening) – 21 Assembly meeting
  - Margarita discussed need for financial planning prior to determination of how many members can attend RNAO event. Financial planning meeting for January.
- AGM – June 12, 2020
  - Discussion for Josalyn to attend if resolution sent.
- ONEIG AGM
  - Hilda proposed prior to meeting option to have ONEIG AGM at time of RNAO AGM, with booked room. Hilda only available on chat, topic deferred to March executive committee meeting.

9. Other business:

- a. Submitting expenses to treasurer
  - Margarita addressed this in her introduction.
- b. ONEIG by-laws – discussion review for sustainable travel clause, expense limits



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- Given time constraint of meeting and would involve change to by-laws, item deferred for later meeting.
- On chat, Katarina V expressed willingness to look at ONEIG bylaws.

10. Date of next meeting