



Ontario Nurses for the Environment

ONEIG EC meeting - Updates and planning meeting
Wednesday June 17, 7pm
via Zoom

Present: Lauren Alisson, Hilda Swirsky, Elise Skinner, Sue Munro, Andrea Baumann, Ava Meade, Josalyn Radcliffe, Katharine Harrison, Dominique Baillarger, Victoria, Ruth

Regrets: Mahnoor Javed, Nathan Kelly.

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Introductions:

Present executive

- Elise Skinner – President, Acting Treasurer
- Mahnoor Javed – Membership ENO
- Katharine Harrison - Policy and Political Action
- Josalyn Radcliffe – Communications
- Lauren Allison - Policy and Political Action

Past executive

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

RNAO members

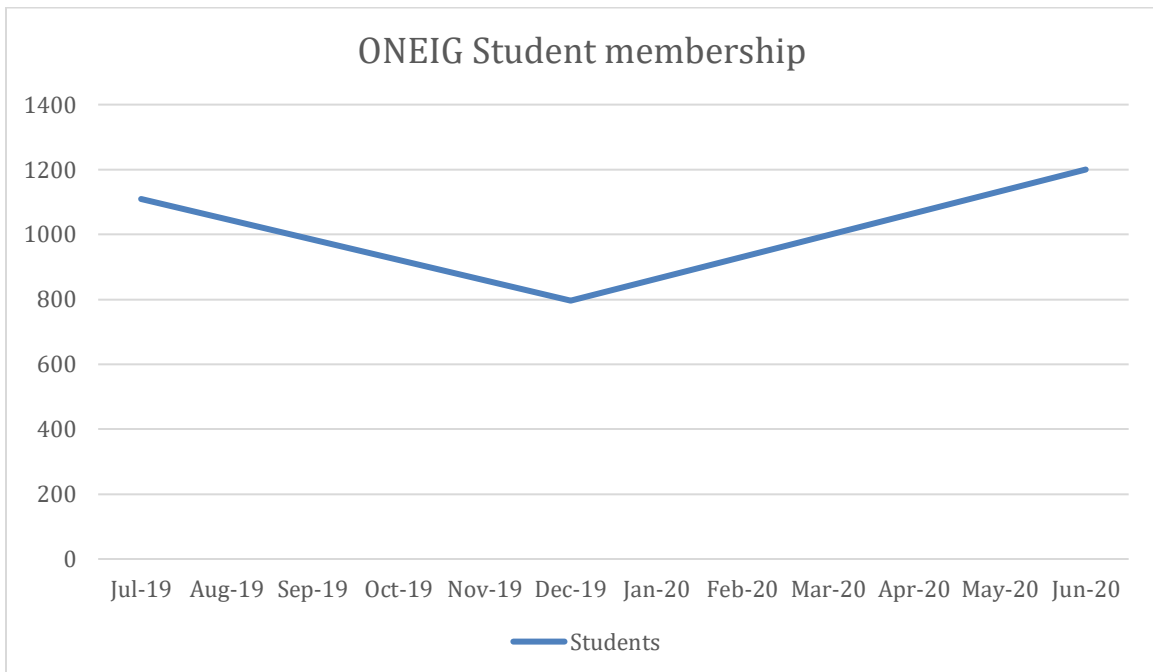
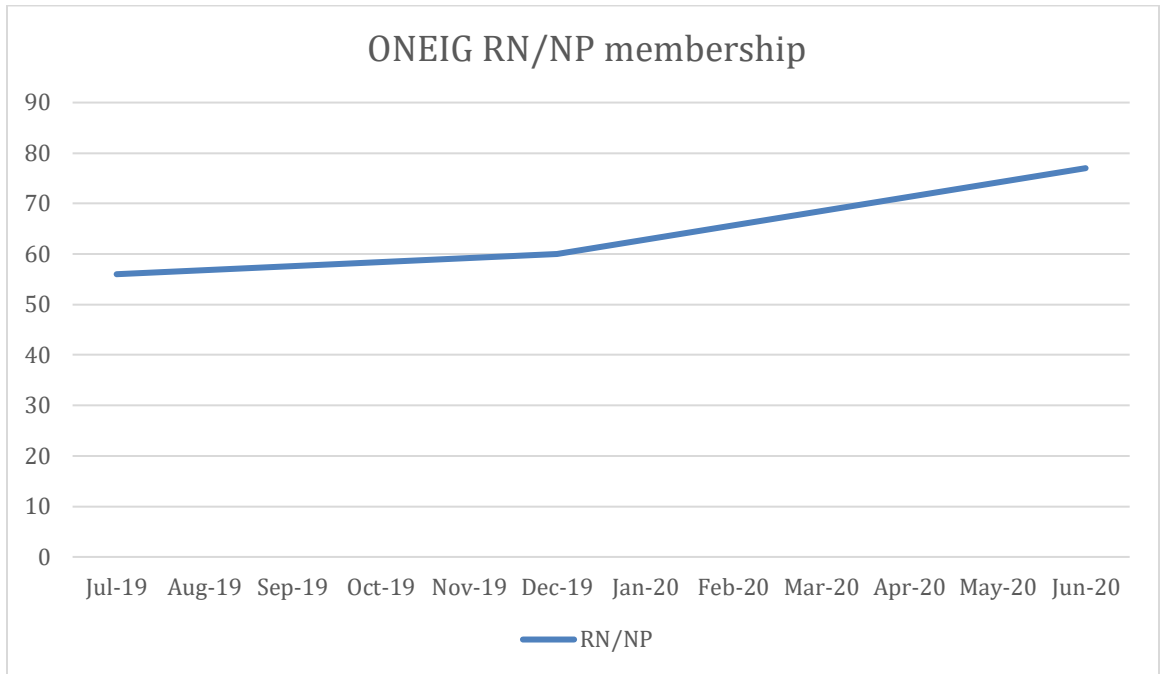
- Kim Jarvi - Senior Policy Analyst for RNAO
- Nathan Kelly – Regional Rep liaison

3. Vacant ONEIG executive position: Treasurer, CANE liaison, student representative, social media
4. Approval of EC minutes from March 2020 EC. Tabled by Elise, Moved 1st by Katharine Harrison, 2nd Hilda Swirsky.
5. Acting treasurer's update. Financial statement circulated to executive, with screenshot from account. No funds utilized since Dec 2019, funds at 6183.66. Plan to discuss utilization of funds as later agenda item.



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6. Membership Numbers: As per Carrie on June 17th, we have 77 RN/NPs members and 1200 student members.





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7. ONEIG AGM. Members reflected on the new format of the AGM, that is was well done given the limitations however some challenges in terms of communication and participation. Comments that AGM good blend of new technology with compassion and flexibility.

Members Voices – there was disappointment expressed that these were not featured as part of the AGM. ONEIG developed a short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwU-KDbpDfM>

Plan to add this to Facebook and other social media platforms.

8. ONEIG water - resolution #2 debrief . Resolution passed with 97% approval from consultative representatives. Josalyn described the amendment process, that final wording of the resolution was strengthened in reference to rights based approach to water and integrating more wording about collaboration into the resolution.

Changes to languages to include partner leaders and ensuring that process in place to support public ownership of water resources. Overextraction a focus.

Discussion of process for resolution next steps with RNAO. RNAO Board meets to prioritize actions on resolutions. We will wait for RNAO to reach out for further direction and RNAO does report back at next AGM on actions taken on previous resolutions.

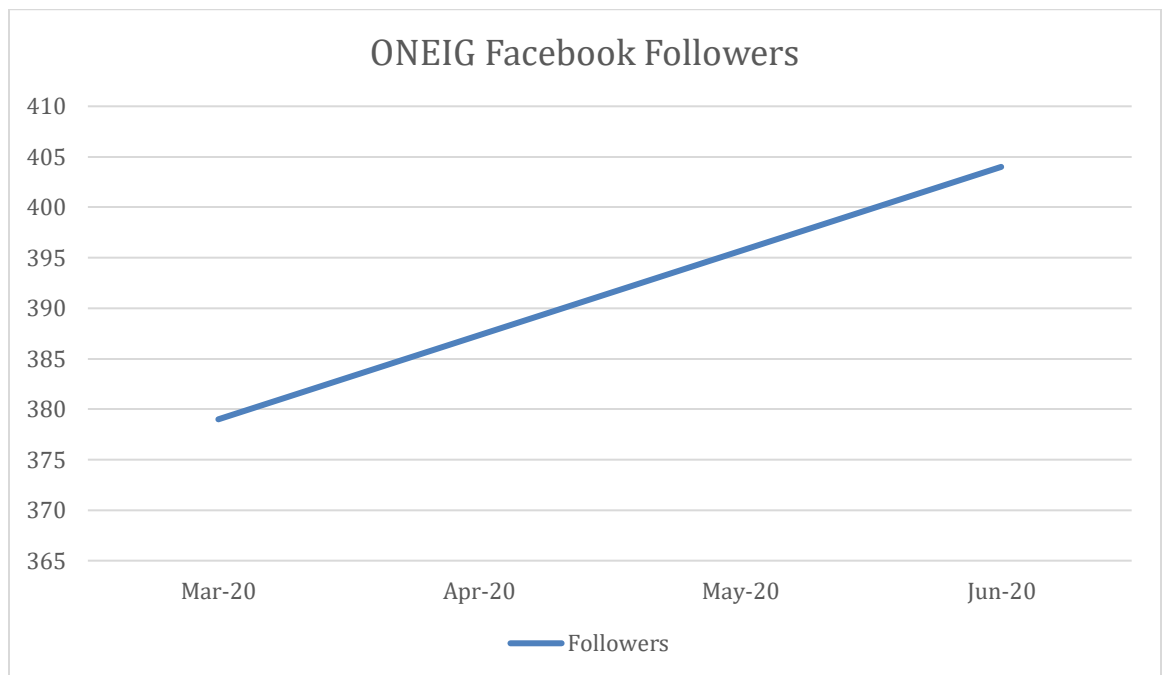
We talked about how we (ONEIG) own our resolution. In relation to next steps of the resolution, Kim described that actions taken by RNAO are strengthened by the continued participation of resolution submitters.

Sue provided an update to say that she was able to provide feedback regarding wording related to Bill 132. Will need to see if feedback used to change wording.



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9. Environmental research – resolution #3 debrief – Hilda described that the resolution needed many changes through amendment discussion, such as the wording around “research” initiated by RNAO. The resolution was carried with over 70% voting in favour.
10. Membership survey and mobilizing members at large – Josalyn described interest in communications campaign around water and pollution. An email distribution list is prepared for members interested in ad hoc volunteering.
11. Social media – Andrea, Josalyn, and Lauren. Facebook followers of ONEIG page up by 25 since last quarter.





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- Discussion about utilizing social media platforms more fully, more engagement. Possibly set up poll/suggestions for items members want ONEIG to work on in the future. Option to do raffles/prizes.
12. Interest group elections – Elections to begin shortly, had been postponed due to covid.
 13. Plastics webinar, next steps with recording – Webinar went well, experience helped with confidence with the process, desire to do more of this.
 14. Another webinar? – Plan for a separate meeting to plan webinars over next few months. To discuss timelines, topics – focus on water - and plan for how recording to be used/shared.
 15. The Story of Plastic special screening – Discussion about the film from those who had a chance to see it, mixed feelings expressed about the piece, concern not focused enough on situation in north America and too long; other view strength of film is global focus. Plan for Elise to thank Story of Plastic team for the special screening permission.
 16. ONEIG funds – Discussion of different ideas to utilize funds to support mandate of ONEIG. Could to giveaway of Best Practice Guidelines, renewable/reusable items, books, picnic pack. Option for winner to be able to give away prize if not something they will use. Other option, paying for ONEIG members to attend events/courses related to environmental health/justice.
 17. ONEIG website – Elise – website delayed because of COVID. As per IT team, website could be ready to go live in next few weeks. Elise will follow up with IT team on next steps.
 18. ONEIG newsletter – Noor - deferred



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19. Date of next meeting. Poll to go out in early August, plan for first two weeks of
Sept– AGM