



# Ontario Nurses for the Environment

ONEIG EC meeting - Updates and planning meeting  
March 12, 2020  
530 pm via Zoom

Present: Elise Skinner, Andrea Baumann, Katharin Harrison, Josalyn Radcliffe, Lauren Allison, Kayleigh

Regrts: Hilda Swirky, Sue Monroe, Mahnoor Javed, Kim Jarvi, Nathan Kelly

## 1. Welcome and introductions

- Elise Skinner – President
- Andrea Baumann - Social Media
- Katharine Harrison - Policy and Political Action
- Josalyn Radcliffe – Communications
- Lauren Allison - Policy and Political Action
- Kayleigh – ONEIG member

## 2. Vacant ONEIG executive position: Treasurer, CANE liaison, student representative

## 3. Motion Approval of EC minutes from Dec 2019 - Elise

Moved: Andrea

Second: Josalyn

## 4. Acting treasurer's report: Elise

- Account spreadsheet and screenshot of account circulated to ONEIG EC.
- No new significant expenses incurred since last meeting.
- Received 1460\$ in membership dues up to January, deposited in February.
- Total balance 6187.56

## 5. Membership survey and next steps

- Josalyn presented slide deck on results



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Climate Change

Greening Healthcare

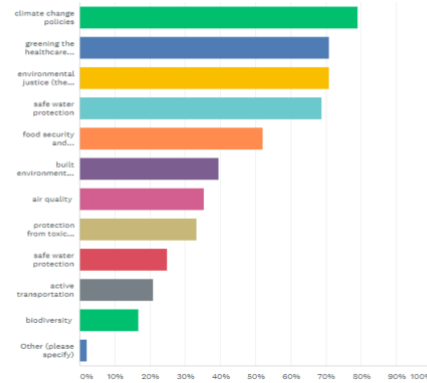
Environmental Justice

Safe Water Protection

Food Security and Sustainability

Which environmental health issues do you think should be high priority for ONEIG?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 0



## What would you like to see from ONEIG? Any tips or feedback for us to consider?

**More opportunities:** volunteering, research, workshops, events, interprofessional collaboration, discussions, for students/new grads

### **Communication:**

Internal: more updates/newsletters, volunteer opportunities, research opportunities, local initiatives, educational newsletters

External: advocacy, having our voices heard

**Topics to consider** (for events/advocacy): Advice on how to make a difference, how to maintain and encourage hope, toxic substances in food/water/products

## Lots of Outreach Volunteers!

33 out of the 48 participants signed on to the member outreach team!

How would we like to engage this group?



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6. Mobilizing members at large – Josalyn and all
  - Plan to have meeting with members at large to get to know group, interests, geographic location and plan mobilization of volunteers accordingly.
  - Possibility for sub-groups/event related
7. Environmental research resolution – item deferred
8. Earth Day and April 17<sup>th</sup> Day of Climate Action planning – All
  - Josalyn and Elise talked about call for planning for Ontario Climate Action Day April 16, different ways to get involved.
  - Plan for social media campaign/connecting members to local actions for Day of Climate Action (Josalyn and Andrea)
  - Plan for webinar for Earth Day – plastics and human health (Katharine, Lauren, Elise)
9. ONEIG AGM – Elise
  - IG AGM hosting at RNAO AGM costly (150\$ for videoconferencing, no Zoom available, additional costs for catering).
  - Anticipated small number of attendees, issue of AGMs hosted at same time members of multiple IGs cannot attend simultaneous groups
  - Budgeting for the year outside of expected costs (~700\$ accommodations for bylaw mandated events) leaves ~700\$ for other mandated activities. AGM hosted at Hilton would limit options for other activities congruent with ONEIG by-laws.
  - Motion to have ONEIG AGM in fall via Zoom
10. RNAO AGM



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- ONEIG will be an exhibitor – Josalyn and Elise will connect about planning for this
- ONEIG water resolution and June AGM – Josalyn will speak to resolution, planning for this
- Plan to gather with other ONEIG members at AGM in informal coffee dinner after AGM.

## 11. Social media – Andrea

- Updates re: Facebook 2-3 posts/week, each post 40-100 reach, 0-7 clicks/likes on average, continues to be great way to connect with membership. 339 likes and 383 following page.
- Comment from Kayleigh--did not know about Facebook. Emails via portal to have Facebook and email link (not done in recent emails).
- Andrea's social media role will be up for election this spring and role will need to be filled.
- Discussion about possibility of expanding social media presence, discussion for Katharine to possibly manage a Twitter account, given tool use/potential/reach in political sphere.
- Question about guidance available from RNAO, link on RNAO website for social media posting guidance.

## 12. Membership Numbers: Elise

- As of this week: 69 RNs and 1077 students
- Numbers in December 60 RNs and 796 students
- End of last year: 58 RNs and 1047 students

## 13. Interest group elections

- For ONEIG, starts in May – vacancies/up for election: Social Media, PPA (2), student liaison, CANE liaison, treasurer
- Transition period over summer for new elect EC members to take role officially at Sept AGM.
- Months from election to officially taking role to allow mentoring



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### 14. Climate action and nurses week 2020 – Katharine workplace in Ottawa

- Activities planned for May 11<sup>th</sup> week
- Plan to include presentation on env/health and to host booth
- Opportunity to recruit new members and share info on health and the environment
- Build on work of fall toolkit – Elise to send latest version to Katharine
- Memberships for ONEIG to be part of raffle for RNAO members (at no cost to group)
- Motion for funds of about 50\$ for promotion of ONEIG vision, mission and objectives –Katharine
- Moved – Elise, Second - Lauren

### 15. ONEIG website

- ONEIG website should be ready this month as per update provided at RNAO Assembly from IT team.
- Reminder to ONEIG IG to draft bios for website

### 16. ONEIG newsletter – item deferred.

### 17. QPD and February Assembly updates

- Lauren provided overview of QPD and highlights from Assembly
- Mike Schreiner was thanked on behalf of ONEIG And he thanked ONEIG for their leadership on env health issues.
- Noted that ONEIG will present as an IG at fall IG Assemble meeting
- Noted commendation from Doris on ONEIG's stellar leadership over fall 2019.

### 18. Email communication to ONEIG members



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- Elise noted that members can send communications to ONEIG members via email portal, reminding that while she has access to the portal, members can put forward messages to go out. Message needs to be titled and drafted.

19. Date of next meeting – EC meeting in June