

MEMBERS' VOICES: September 2020 – February 28, 2021
Speaking out for Health: Speaking out for Nursing

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END 1 - Engage with registered nurses and nursing students to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to their professional organization.

- Posted information on our website and on our Facebook page for members and BScN students.
- Presentations were made to BScN students at Laurentian University regarding the role of the RNAO and benefits of membership in RNAO by the Financial ENO (French BScN program) and the Political Action ENO (English BScN program).

END 2 - RNAO advances the role and image of nurses as members of a vital, knowledge-driven, caring profession, and as significant contributors to health.

- ENO colleagues attended the Queen's Park zoom meetings on February 25th, 2021.

END 3 - RNAO speaks out on emerging issues that impact on nurses and the nursing profession, health and health care.

- Members have participated in Action Alert activities.
- Our Political Action ENO participated in a Zoom presentation with Jamie West in December and in January, participated in a panel interview on CBC Radio regarding the Latest Stay at Home Order.
- Our treasurer did three interviews with Radio-Canada in French regarding concerns of nursing staff burnout during the pandemic and the need of support for the public regarding physical distancing, wearing a mask, hand washing, and staying home when so ordered.
- Our Political Action ENO did a MCTV interview about the bill. "Support for Adults in Need of Assistance Act 2021" introduced by France Gélinas MPP for Nickel Belt at Queen's Park.
- At our General Meeting in December, Irmajean Bajnok, Senior Policy Analyst at RNAO gave a talk on "Nurses Scope of Practice and Its Impact on Our Future" to our members.

END 4 - RNAO influences healthy public policy to positively impact the determinants of health, supporting Medicare and strengthening a publicly funded, not-for-profit health-care system.

- We met with France Gélinas, MPP for Nickel Belt and Jamie West MPP for Sudbury, on December 14, 2020 as part of Queen's Park-on-the-Road.
- Our executive is involved in discussions with France Gélinas, MPP and health critic for the NDP and Jamie West, MPP regarding protecting vulnerable adults living at home; opioid crisis and LTC homes funding.

Number of communications 11

Number of meetings 5

- Executive meeting – 3 via Zoom.
- General meeting. December 8, 2020 via Zoom. Guest Speaker: Irmajean Bajnok, Senior Policy Analyst, RNAO.
- AGM – January 26, 2021 via Zoom.