



# Annual General Meeting

## Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Zoom Meeting

#### Present:

Paul-André Gauthier, President.  
Rashmy Lobo, Director of Finance.  
Elsabeth Jensen, Director of Research & Education.  
Kadeen Briscoe, Director of Communication and Secretary.  
Emily Fung, Director of Membership and Services.  
Robin Coatsworth-Puspoky, Workplace Liaison ENO.

#### Absent/Regrets:

Stacey Roles, Director of Policy, Practice and Political Action.  
Krissy Jordan, Graduate Student Representative.

1. Welcomed by the President at 10:04 AM.
  - Notice of the AGM meeting: Newsletter February 17, 28; March 7, May 23, 30; June 4, 2025.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> call for nominations: April 24, May 3, 13, 20 (deadline May 23).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> call for nominations: from May 27, June 1, 7 (deadline June 10).
2. Secretary of the meeting Kadeen Briscoe.
3. Declaration of conflict of interest  
None to be declared.
4. Approval of Agenda.  
-**Moved by** Elsabeth Jensen, **seconded by** Emily Fung.  
Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes from June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
-**Moved by** Rashmy Lobo, **seconded by** Elsabeth Jensen.  
Carried.
6. Reports:
  - 6.1. President:
    - 6.1.1. Report – The report provided an overview of the group activities undertaken by the team. CNS-ON Resolution presented was **unanimously** adopted by the RNAO AGM on May 30. It was well received, and no modification was required.

- 6.1.2. The CNS-ON will receive the RNAO Interest Group/ Association of the Year award at the assembly meeting this coming Fall; Paul-André will be in attendance. The information is available on the RNAO website.
- 6.1.3. Paul-André was invited and presented on May 27 to the Unity Health Toronto CNS group meeting.
- 6.1.4. Newsletters- feedback. –2 Newsletters completed, one sent before the AMG— outline 2 awards.
- 6.1.5. Election results:
- President: Paul-André Gauthier (acclaimed)
  - Director of Finance: Rashmy Lobo (acclaimed)
  - Director of Research & Education: (2<sup>nd</sup> call for nomination *in progress*).
  - ENO Social Media: (2<sup>nd</sup> call for nomination *in progress*).
  - ENO Workplace Liaison: Robin Coatsworth-Puspoky (acclaimed).
- 6.1.6. CNS-ON Survey -short presentation – Paul-André included the results in the annual report; therefore, he referred us to our annual report for the details.
- 6.1.7. RNAO AGM Resolution #3 (Added by Paul-André)—
- 6.1.7.1. Paul-André discussed the resolutions from the RNAO AGM, including areas for development. Attendees at the RNAO AMG unanimously approved the resolution on CNS Prescribing presented by CNS-ON.
- 6.1.7.2. The College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) has an annual fee of \$84 for retired nurses to retain their titles, otherwise, they receive a letter from CNO indicating that they cannot use the term ‘nurse’; attendees at the RNAO AGM opposed the fee and found it offensive to nurses. This resolution was **unanimously** carried.  
The CNO will review its position.
- 6.1.7.3. In regard to the meeting with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) – CNS Prescribing: the President will take the lead as expected and speak on behalf of our CNS association. He is asking that Elisabeth and Stacey join him in representing CNS-ON to meet with the College of Nurses regarding, along with Doris Grinspun, RNAO CEO. If one of these two members is unavailable, Robin will join. There will be a meeting with Doris and possibly other RNAO staff then, followed by meetings with the

CNO. The association has the funds to cover the meeting expenses, including travel and accommodation. The successful integration on CNS prescribing into practice will make Ontario a leader in Canada.

6.1.7.4. Several representatives from the Ministry of Health and the CEO of CNO attended the Thursday evening event for the AGM and Paul-André exchanged a few words with them.

6.2. Director of Research and Education—Elsabeth Jensen

6.2.1. There is nothing new to report that is not covered in the submission. There is an ongoing focus on the competencies CNSs need to meet for the designation.

6.3. Director of Policy, Practice, and Political Action—Stacey Roles

6.3.1. See report additional information.

6.4. Director of Finance & Past-President: -- Rashmy Lobo.

6.4.1. The president made slight modifications in the written report circulated. April 30, 2025 balance is \$36,439; the educational awards need to be included in the submission; RNAO provided the membership funding.

6.4.2. Financial Report for November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024:

Fund from membership dues is	\$3,705.00
2 educational awards:	<u>\$4,719.51</u>
Yearly balance is	- \$1,014.51
➤ Balance in the bank:	\$34,698.00 (as of November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024).

6.4.3. Report from internal auditor (Rashmy Lobo- Paul-André Gauthier to be done).

6.5. Director of Communication / Secretary—Kadeen Briscoe

ENO Communication meetings are held at noon, which conflicts with the work schedule—nothing to add to the report.

6.6. ENO Workplace Liaison. Robin

- No additional information added to her report circulated.

6.7. Director of Membership, & Services. — Emily Fung (see report)

6.7.1. Emily will aim to connect with other APNs/CNSs in different organizations through her network.

- Emily suggests attending Assembly and Interest Group meetings to garner support from other associations to navigate membership issues at the RNAO.

6.8. Graduate Student Representative. The president provides a report from previous newsletter article submissions.

--Laura Freeman has stepped down as the Graduate Student Representative.

**Motion to adopt all the reports presented at the CNS-ON AGM:**

**-Moved by** Elisabeth Jensen, **seconded by** Emily Fung.

Carried.

7. New Business:

7.1. CNS-ON Awards:

7.1.1. CNS of the year Award – No nomination received.

7.1.2. CNS Graduate Student Awards – 2- awards in progress, York University -Robin Coatsworth-Puspoky and University Western Ontario -Cheryl Forchuk, are the advisors.

7.1.3. CNS-ON Education award for conferences: Two awards approved in June 2025 to Mary-Lou Martin; in April 2025 to Tara Tourloukis.

7.2. Other topics to be discussed. CNS-ON Education Session

August 27 at 7 PM is the proposed date for the CNS-ON educational event for members, which Robin and Elisabeth will present.

Emily would make a feedback survey for the education session. Elisabeth suggests a CNS meeting to plan the colleague-to-colleague for CNS-ON.

8. Next meeting: June 2026 (TBD)

9. Adjournment at 11:23 AM Rashmy and Robin

**-Moved by** Elisabeth Jensen, **seconded by** Emily Fung.

Carried.

Submitted by:

*Kadeen Briscoe*

Secretary of the AGM meeting  
CNS Association of Ontario.