

MEMBERS' VOICES REPORT: October 1 – December 31, 2010.
Speaking out for Health: Speaking out for Nursing

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POLICY/POLITICAL ACTIVITY

- CNSIG members responded to RNAO action alerts by sending out letters to government officials.
- Paul-André Gauthier, Director of Finance, attended the two candidates' debates for Mayor in Sudbury in October 2010 (see the region 11 report for more details).

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

- Paul-André Gauthier appeared in the Sudbury Star regarding the municipal election. October 15 (p. 9) picture; October 25 (p. A4) interview.
- Paul-André Gauthier met and did a follow-up via e-mail with Carol Mulligan, Sudbury Star in October 27th and November 16th, 2010 to discuss the 2011 RNAO – Electoral platform.

MEMBER SERVICES

- CNSIG held 2 executive meetings by teleconference on October 12 and November 22, 2010.
- Fall newsletter published in October 2010 and e-mailed to our members.
- Carmen Rodrigue and Lynn Kachiuk attended the Canadian Institute of Health Research awards ceremony held in Ottawa on November 16, 2010 on behalf of RNAO Executive Director Doris Grinspun.
- The Ottawa satellite CNSIG met for breakfast on December 3, 2010. Twelve members participated and discussed future activities for 2011. The group decided to plan another activity in late May-early June in Ottawa.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- CNSIG is hoping to recruit representatives for the following portfolios:
Policy, Practice & Research.
- CNSIG provided a key chain to our 2009-2010 members in November 2010.



STUDENT REPRESENTATION / INVOLVEMENT WITHIN INTEREST GROUP

- Charissa Chiu, nursing student enrolled in the Masters CNS stream at the University of Ottawa attended the CNSIG Ottawa satellite meeting.

EMERGING ISSUES

- The lack of recognition of CNS in health care institutions.
- CNS positions posted and filled by non-CNS nurses.