

**MEMBERS' VOICES REPORT: January 1 – March 31, 2011.**

**Speaking out for Health: Speaking out for Nursing**

**SUBMITTED BY: Carmen Rodrigue, President,  
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**POLICY/POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

- CNSIG members responded to RNAO action alerts by sending out letters to government officials.
- Carmen Rodrigue (Chair) and Paul-André Gauthier (Director of Finance) attended the 12th annual Day at Queen's Park on February 3, 2011.

**MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS**

- None during this quarter.

**MEMBER SERVICES**

- Carmen Rodrigue attended the RNAO Interest Group Chairs meeting on February 3, 2011. Louis-Charles Lavallée (Director Information Management & Technology) provided an update of the modifications to the RNAO interest groups websites. RNAO has experienced challenges & delays in uploading the new Interest Group websites.
- Carmen Rodrigue and Paul-André Gauthier (Director of Finance) attended the RNAO Assembly meeting on February 4, 2011.
- CNSIG held two executive meeting by teleconference (January 10 and February 7, 2011). A third executive meeting will be held on March 28, 2011.
- CNSIG published its second newsletter in January and it was e-mailed to all CNSIG members.
- Information regarding CNSIG awards that were published in our newsletter included the CNS of the Year Award, the CNSIG Education award and the CNS Student Award. The deadline for application is Friday March 18, 2011.
- Please visit our current website at [www.cnsig.org](http://www.cnsig.org) which has been updated.

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

- CNSIG is looking forward to recruiting new Board members for the following executive portfolios at the AGM in April 2011: President, Director of Finance, Director of Membership & Education, Director of Communications, Director of Nursing Research, Director of Policy & Practice, CNS Student Representative

**STUDENT REPRESENTATION / INVOLVEMENT WITHIN LOCAL CHAPTER / REGION  
WITHOUT CHAPTERS / INTEREST GROUP**

- Looking to recruit.

**EMERGING ISSUES**

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