

## MEMBERS' VOICES: April – September 2017

### Speaking out for nursing - Speaking out for health

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#### END: Engage with registered nurses to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to their professional organization.

- CNS Association of Ontario Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Toronto.
- Masters in Nursing Student Awards were given to CNS-MN Student studying in Ontario. They received a certificate, a key chain, and were added them to the list of members:
  - ✓ University Western Ontario recipient : Sydney Truelove, RN.
  - ✓ York University recipient : Jennifer Arthur Anderson, RN.
- **CNS Educational Awards:** we are posting the application form for the two Educational Awards in the **September's Newsletter 2017**. Deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and selection will be made in January 2018. It was shared and agreed by the group that it would provide the recipients with more time to attend and then submit the expenses related to the \$1,000 award (for ex. CNS-Tuition fee, or CNS conference).
- Members can find information about CNS on our Facebook and Website, and they are invited to contribute.
  - Our website is being updated. <http://cns-ontario.rnao.ca/>
  - Our facebook is being updated. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Clinical-Nurse-Specialists-Association-of-Ontario-Canada/113210988761198?fref=ts>
- We have maintained a minimum of 250 members (RNs) over the past years.
  - For Oct. 31, 2011 : 250 RNs
  - For Oct. 31, 2012 : 251 RNs
  - For Oct. 31, 2013 : 262 RNs
  - For Oct. 31, 2014 : 300 RNs
  - For Oct. 31, 2015: 270 RNs
  - For Oct. 31, 2016: 278 RNs
  - As of August 2017 : 252 RNs + 2 Grad students = 254.
- Regular messages are sent to members on facebook.

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

- The President is responding to articles or messages on **facebook, LinkedIn**, or our e-mail [CNSOntario1@gmail.com](mailto:CNSOntario1@gmail.com) that related to nursing, health, and CNS. He also adds regularly comments on the Facebook of Radio-Canada and CBC (radio) for the North and Toronto, and television (SRC-Ontario).
- **Interventions in the media:** Paul-André continues to conduct interviews on various health topics. He has been doing national interviews with 11 SRC-radio stations (CBC French) across Canada.
- The **CNS Association of Canada (CNS-C / ICS-C)** is going to host its second Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Paying members representing all regions of

Canada will attend. See our website and facebook for more details. We have 3 representatives from Ontario who sit on the national Board of Directors: Cheryl Forchuk, President-Elect, Paul-André Gauthier, Treasurer, and Elisabeth Jensen, Ontario rep. CNS-C is incorporated and is officially recognized by CNA since 2016.

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

- The CNS-ON has been promoting the revitalization of the Clinical Nurse Specialist in Ontario and across Canada and the important role CNS can provide in hospital environment. We are discussing the role of “Magnet Hospital” and its impact on the quality of care. FYI:
  - <http://pubmedcentralcanada.ca/pmcc/articles/PMC3201819/pdf/nihms330829.pdf>
  - <http://www.truthaboutnursing.org/faq/magnet.html>
  - [http://www.mountsinai.on.ca/about\\_us/news/2015-news/mount-sinai-first-in-canada-to-achieve-magnet-recognition-for-nursing-excellence-and-patient-care](http://www.mountsinai.on.ca/about_us/news/2015-news/mount-sinai-first-in-canada-to-achieve-magnet-recognition-for-nursing-excellence-and-patient-care)
  - In Canada: <http://www.nursecredentialing.org/Magnet/FindaMagnetFacility>
- We continue to inform politicians and CNO / CEO regarding the need to have more CNS in health-care institutions to improve nursing and health outcomes and to decrease lengths of stay. The evidence is showing that the contribution of CNS makes a difference in client care but also in lowering costs, e.g. by decreasing the hospital stay and preventing re-admissions. Please consult the *Clinical Nurse Specialist: The Journal for Advanced Nursing Practice* : <http://journals.lww.com/cns-journal/pages/default.aspx> – Various information is posted on our facebook.

**END: 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.**

- Over the summer, Paul-André met with the MPP for Nickel Belt, France Gélinas (picture).
- Over the summer, Paul-André continues to meet with local politicians and to advocate for nursing and health.
- Interviews done in the medias as previously mentioned.



**OTHER:**

- Elisabeth Jensen, Carmen Rodrigue, and Paul-André Gauthier attended RNAO’s AGM on April 28-29, 2017 at the Hilton downtown Toronto. Other CNSs were in attendance to hear the concerns raised by RNAO members.
- The president will attend the Assembly of President in Toronto on Sept. 15-16.
- The president sits on the provincial RNAO-Nursing Practice Committee.
- He continues as Chair of the Sudbury-Manitoulin Ethics Network (**SMEN**). They hosted a full day conference on “Culture, religion, and sexuality: Diversity in health care” (in May 2017).
- The Nursing Week Celebration for the RNAO-Sudbury took place on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Nursing Awards were presented to distinguished members. Paul-André was chairing these celebrations.

It was a collaboration effort for the past 10<sup>th</sup> year the Mining Week Committee of Greater Sudbury; this year with ONA local 2.

- CNS Association's (CNS-ON) Executive meetings took place on February 7<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Clinical Nurse Specialist Recognition Week**, beginning on the birth date of Dr. Hildegard Peplau - September 1<sup>st</sup> and ending September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**We remain concerned about the membership list that we are not receiving from RNAO home office. We discussed this at our CNS-ON AGM and the President mentioned it at the mic at the RNAO AGM.** Here some of the reasons supporting+ our request -- The membership list facilitates...

- A quick access to confirm who is a member or not
- Help us to know who is a member in each region / city of Ontario
- To ensure that all executive members are an RNAO member
- To ensure that our candidates and recipients for awards are members
- To ensure that refund provided to a nurse is a member of our IG /association
- To look at how much fund we can expect to receive during the fiscal year
- To communicate quickly with members
- To communicate specifically with one member by locating her/ his e-mail or phone number.
- To look up potential resource person within our membership.
- To look up potential executive members to our association / IG
- To look up potential candidates to nominate for RNAO awards
- To look up potential candidates to nominate for RNAO- BOD or committees

There are probably way more reasons for using our own membership list.

FYI: In June, we requested that a message/e-mail to be sent to all CNS-ON members asking them to provide the following information - that request (see below) **was denied** by RNAO home office. By having the members send us their own information, they are in agreement for us, CNS-ON, to have this information on hand. – Is this censorship or not ?

Requested: We are in the process of developing a bank of information regarding our membership. We are receiving requests to identify experts in specialized areas of nursing and we need to be able to refer one of you when needed. By doing so, you agree for us to share you info, \*\* however, we will confirm with you before sending your information to an outside organization. \*\*

Send us an e-mail with the information below directly to: [cnsontario1@gmail.com](mailto:cnsontario1@gmail.com)

Information required / CNS-ON member :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # : \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialization / domain of expertise : \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Master / PhD completed : \_\_\_\_\_