

Notice of AGM2011

HILTON TORONTO ON FRIDAY,
APRIL 8, 2011

Take notice that an annual general meeting of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (hereinafter referred to as 'association') will be held at the Hilton Toronto hotel commencing the evening of Thursday, April 7 for the following purposes:

- To hold such elections as provided for in the bylaws of the association.
- To appoint auditors.
- To present and consider the financial statements of the association (including the balance sheet as of October 31, 2010, a statement of income and expenditures for the period ending October 31, 2010, and the report of the auditors of the association thereon) for the fiscal year of the association ended October 31, 2010.
- To consider such further and other business as may properly come before annual and general meetings or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

By order of RNAO Board of Directors



David McNeil, RN, BScN, MHA, CHE
President

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

DEADLINE: Monday, December 6, 2010 at 1700 hours (5:00 p.m.)

Do you want to shape nursing and health care? As a member of your professional association you can put forward resolutions for ratification at RNAO's annual general meeting, which takes place on Friday, April 8, 2011. By submitting resolutions, you are giving RNAO a mandate to speak on behalf of all its members. It is important to bring forward the many pressing nursing, health and

social issues that affect nurses' daily lives and the public we serve. RNAO members represent the many facets of nursing within the health system. You play a vital role in ensuring nurses' voices are heard, and in advancing healthy public policy across the province and elsewhere. RNAO encourages chapters, regions without chapters, interest groups and individual members to submit resolutions for

ratification at the 2011 Annual General Meeting or at any time before the deadline. Please send materials to Penny Lamanna, RNAO Board Affairs Coordinator, at plamanna@rnao.org.

Important to note:

- the resolution must bear the signature(s) of RNAO member(s) in good standing for 2011.
- a maximum one-page background-er must accompany each resolution (this one page is to INCLUDE references) and the font used must be no smaller than Arial 10 or Times New Roman 11. Margins on this one page must also be reasonable, e.g. an absolute minimum of 0.7 margin all around.
- all resolutions will be reviewed by the Provincial Resolutions Committee.

For clarity of purpose and precision in the wording of your resolution, we recommend that each resolution include no more than three 'Whereas'; and preferably only one, but never more than two, 'Therefore Be It Resolved.' Please refer to the following successful 2010

resolution for guidance:

- WHEREAS there is a strong correlation between tobacco use and socio-economic status, especially among the unemployed and those with little or no education; and
- WHEREAS smoking is a significant contributing factor in the rate of chronic diseases such as heart and lung disease, cancer and gum problems and ultimately in the death of thousands of Ontarians annually; and
- WHEREAS smoking cessation aids have been proven to increase a smoker's chance of quitting; and
- Ontario's public drug plans, which cover the cost of medications and related services for over 2.8 million of the most vulnerable people in our province, do not cover the cost of smoking cessation aids;
- BE IT RESOLVED that RNAO lobby the provincial government to include all smoking cessation aids on the provincial drug formulary under Ontario's drug benefit programs. **RN**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2011-2013 RNAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) AND BOARD COMMITTEES

DEADLINE: Monday, December 6, 2010 at 1700 hours (5:00 p.m.)

As your professional association, RNAO is committed to speaking out for health, speaking out for nursing. YOUR talent, expertise and activism are vital to our success. For the 2011 year, RNAO is seeking nominees for:

- President-Elect
- Regional Representatives for all 12 Regions
- Provincial Nominations Committee (2 vacancies)
- Provincial Resolutions Committee (3 vacancies)

Being a member of RNAO has provided you with opportunities to influence provincial, national and international nursing and health-care policy, to discuss and share common challenges related to nursing, nurses, health care,

social and environmental issues, and to network with numerous health professionals dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all Ontarians. Joining as a member of RNAO Board of Directors will provide you with an extremely rewarding and energizing experience. You will contribute to shaping the present and future of RNAO. You will also act as a professional resource to your constituency. Please access the nomination form on RNAO's website. If you require further information, please contact Penny Lamanna, RNAO Board Affairs Coordinator, at plamanna@rnao.org **RN**

For more info visit www.rnao.org.