

# Winter Newsletter

## Our Mission:

The Rainbow Nursing Interest Group, an interest group of the Registered Nurse's Association of Ontario, promotes diversity and cultural sensitivity among the nursing community and advocates for the inclusion of LGBTQ2SIAA populations.



<http://rnao.ca/events/annual-general-meeting-agm-interest-group-meetings-2>

Annual General Meeting (AGM) is fast approaching!

RNIG will be participating in the exhibit hall on **Friday April 28 from 1000-1600.**

**Saturday April 29 from 0900-1100 is the Interest Group Meeting** where everyone is welcome to meet the executive and participate in the planning for the year. We will be meeting at the Hilton Hotel, Toronto. Confirmation of the meeting room will be sent out soon.



For the past 7 years Elena Lonero has been serving as RNIG's Finance ENO. She will be retiring from this role but still actively involved in the RNIG. She has provided great insight to the continued functioning of the group with new members throughout the past year. At the AGM Saturday meeting the attending and executive will need to elect a member for this role.

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There has been a lot of interest from students regarding topics related to LGBTQ issues and sexual health in general. There is potential to hold 1-2 more workshops in the winter semester such topics. Working with the CNSA's Diversity Committee on developing a resolution statement, re: incorporating LGBTQ+ education in the nursing curriculum. We are aiming to build on the 2013 position statement by providing current and future members with more direction (ex. building partnerships with CASN and community organizations that service LGBTQ+ populations, as well as advocacy and interest groups, including RNIG).



<http://www.clga.ca/>

Sarah Quinto our student representative is actively involved in Community Engagement Committee at the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives. Tours for up to 10 people can be accommodated. A future RNIG meeting and social function are up coming. plans for members to participate in.



RNAO is in the preliminary stages of planning the process for the BPG. Members like Judy MacDonnell are very excited to report the RNAO is proceeding with a LGBTQ focused synthesis of evidence, this is the first step in developing a BPG.



Shout Out to Erin Ziegler, a RNIG member, who is doing her PhD on LGBT health issues, and who is an NP working with trans clients. RNIG asked RNAO's support for NPs to be able to help improve testosterone access for transmasculine clients —this work was very much part of the background for RNAO's current advocacy on this issue.

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We will be marching in the Toronto Pride Parade which is held the last day of Pride, June 25 2017. Save the date. this march.

<http://www.pridetoronto.com/>

