

NOTICE OF 2012 AGM

**HILTON TORONTO
FRIDAY, APRIL 27,
2012**

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 26 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, 2011, a statement of income and expenditures for the period ending October 31, 2011, and the report of the auditors of the association thereon) for the fiscal year of the association ended October 31, 2011.
- 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 19, 2011
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 27, 2012. 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 2012 Annual General Meeting. 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 an RNAO member(s) in good standing for 2012.
- a *maximum* one-page backgrounder 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" 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 2011 resolution for guidance: **WHEREAS** one in four people who become institutionalized in the health-care system develop pressure ulcers resulting in longer treatment times, higher system costs, increased length of hospital stay and decreased quality of life; and **WHEREAS** sector and geographical disparities exist in access to preventive and curative resources; and **WHEREAS** there is a current lack of consistency, accuracy and standardization in the staging of pressure ulcers that impacts the ability to communicate efficiently between members of the interdisciplinary team as well as across sectors and regions; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the RNAO advocate to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for a comprehensive cross-sector interdisciplinary provincial wound care strategy, inclusive of sector-wide accountability for pressure ulcer prevention.

Call for Nominations 2012–2014 RNAO Board of Directors (BOD)

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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 2012 year, RNAO is seeking nominees for:

- 5 Members-At-Large (Nursing Administration / Nursing Education / Nursing Practice / Nursing Research / Socio-Political Affairs)
- Interest Groups Representative*

*Interest Groups Representative (IG Rep)

Important to note: In accordance with RNAO Bylaws, this individual will be elected at the AGM by a vote of **Provincial IG Chairs only:** Bylaw 4.18(1) states, "The chairs of each Provincial Interest Group shall elect to the Board of Directors, in even numbered years, an Interest Groups Representative who shall be a current or immediate past Provincial Interest Group Chair."

RNAO BOD Committee vacancies:

- Bylaws Committee (4 vacancies):
2 General Members / 1 Assembly member / 1 NSO Representative
- Provincial Nominations Committee (1 vacancy)
- Provincial Resolutions Committee (1 vacancy)

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 the RNAO Board of Directors** will provide you with an extremely rewarding and energizing experience. Over the course of two years, you will contribute to shaping the present and future of RNAO. You will also act as a professional resource to your constituency. Joining as a member of an RNAO BOD Committee affords you an opportunity to become more involved and engaged in the work of RNAO. Please access the nomination form at www.RNAO.org. If you require further information, please contact Penny Lamanna, RNAO Board Affairs Coordinator, at plamanna@rnao.org **RN**