NURSING RESEARCH COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

As a corporate structure of RNAO, the Nursing Research Committee identifies and addresses research issues, supports research activities and promotes the visibility of nursing research on behalf of the Association in keeping with the Mission, Values and Ends of RNAO. The Committee also works to better position nursing research within the infrastructure of health granting agencies in Ontario and Canada.

MEMBERSHIP

- MAL - Research, Chair
- One member of the Nursing Research Interest Group (NRIG) who is a member of the current NRIG Executive
- A minimum of one member of the RNAO Board of Directors
- Two members who are currently conducting research as an investigator, and publishing in peer-reviewed journals
- One member who is interested in conducting research and employed in an active practice role or community college
- One RNAO Undergraduate Nursing Student Associate (must be member of Nursing Students of Ontario Interest Group) – non-voting
- One RNAO Graduate Nursing Student – non-voting
- President (ex officio)
- Chief Executive Officer (ex officio)
- Director of Policy and Research, Staff Resource – non-voting

TERM OF OFFICE

The MAL Research will retain the Chair during her/his term. All other Committee members will be appointed for a two-year term, renewable once. Members are expected to participate in committee meetings and to attend at least 2/3 of all meetings or they may be asked to resign.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

A minimum of three meetings will be held annually and at the call of the Chair. Teleconference is the preferred choice of meeting. In-person meetings will be held as necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- To identify and advise the RNAO Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and staff on nursing research issues from a research perspective
- To liaise with other corporate Committees regarding issues of common interest
- To develop strategies in partnership with NRIG to promote nursing research in Ontario
- To identify and advise members of links to research resources
- To collaborate with the Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO) in seeking funding sources to support nursing research activities
- To advocate governments and other granting bodies to fund nursing research
- To lobby for the support of nursing research to be included in the mandate of health care granting agencies in Ontario and in Canada
- To ensure qualified nurse researchers are included on internal committees of health care granting agencies in Ontario and Canada
- Provide input, as needed, into requests for RNAO’s participation in research