

Minutes Minutes

RNAO Essex Chapter Executive Meeting

Monday February 13th, 2012

Location: Smoke & Spice Restaurant – 7470 Tecumseh Rd. East, Windsor
Meeting over Dinner - All Are Welcome!

Attendees: Jen, Pat, Kelly, Kim, Veronika, Crystal H., Carlee P. (U of W Grad Student),
Jacquie Stephens (Region 1 RNAO Board Representative)

Regrets: Cheryl K, Amanda, Mercedes

Welcome

RNAO Board of Directors Update: Jacquie Stephens gave a report on the RNAO Board of Director's strategic planning activities. RNAO central sent out an online survey last year to its members. They got about a 10% response rate (approx 2200 responses).

The survey responses were analyzed & the key findings from the members were:

- Members need & value RNAO (overall 70 – 77% satisfaction with RNAO). What members value most is LAP, political action, BPGs, advocacy & the collective voice of RNAO, etc.
- There are some engagement issues & untapped resources with interest groups & chapters.
- The strategic Ends are very important to members & the board has proposed some changes to these.
- Members were asked what one “single” area for improvement would be. The areas identified were less cost & more access to education, more role clarity & scope with professional advocacy, as well as some modification in membership communication, i.e. modify the number of e-mails.

Jacquie also shared the proposed changes to RNAO's Mission Statement, Values, Tag lines & Ends & asked for our feedback regarding all the above. Region Board representatives are trying to meet with as many chapters as possible to get their feedback & these issues will then be discussed at the RNAO AGM in April. The Essex Chapter found that the proposed changes were positive and reflected well the input from the survey.

Budget Update: Veronika reported that we have \$2924.81 in our account at present. We have not received the preliminary funding for this year as yet.

Debriefing:

CARE – Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses: Jen & Kim attended the ceremonial office launch on January 27, 2012. They found out that when internationally trained nurses register to be part of the programming (a \$125 one-time fee) included is a RNAO student membership! Jen suggested that perhaps we could arrange a presentation for them at some point. Jen will follow up on this and report back. For more information about the organization please visit: <http://www.care4nurses.org/>

ACTION PLAN FOR HEALTH CARE IN ONTARIO

Friday, February 3, 2012 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Honourable Deb Matthews Minister of Health and Long Term-Care presented the McGuinty government's action plan to transform healthcare. Many members of the Essex Chapter attended, including a few nursing students. The Executive Committee supported strong RNAO representation by buying a table of 8 and inviting members to attend. The event was sold out and was a great opportunity to network with local politicians, and influential members of the Windsor Essex Community.

Status Update: Stock Photos of Essex Chapter Members: Jen has booked the photographer to come to the event on Mar 31. She suggested that a few nurses may bring a pair of scrubs, so that we get a broad representation of nurses in different clothes. Kelly & Crystal both said they could bring a pair of scrubs and a stethoscope.

Social Media: Discussion about setting up an Essex Chapter "Twitter" account & most felt that it would be a lot of work, so decided that we would hold off on that at this point. Kim reported that in order to get involved in LinkedIn, we would need to create a group. To maintain a group, something would need to be posted once a month to keep the group active. Kim offered to do that. She also said that for professional development, there are some good and reputable videos on YouTube related to social media.

Student Events/Initiatives Update: Crystal reported that there will be an event at the university on Mar 5th, 2012 from 6 to 8 pm to discuss whether students at the university should pay for RNAO or CNSA membership. Jen suggested a number of RNAO members go to this event & discuss the benefits of belonging to RNAO. Kelly volunteered to help with this, as well as Pat.

Independent Practice Nurses Interest Group – Workshop: Jen showed the flyer to all that was developed jointly by the IPNIG. The event will take place Mar 31 from 1 to 4pm & it will be at the Caboto club. The event will be free to all RNAO members & we decided that non-members, including students who are non-members, will be charged \$10. RNAO head office has sent the flyer out to all members including those in Chatham and Sarnia Chapters. Jen has already posted it on our website. Jen suggested that it might be good if there were some local independent practice nurses at the event as well. The group engaged in some brain storming and Kim Watson was suggested. Veronika will also contact Jackie McIntyre to see if she is interested. Carlee may be able to find someone else too.

Nursing Week Insert Planning: Lynda previously suggested that we highlight the past winners of the Lois Fairley award in the upcoming insert. Discussion followed & it was decided that we will form a committee to work on the nursing week insert. So far, committee members are Lynda, Kim & Pat.

Lois A. Fairley Award Planning: Jen reported that the tentative date for the presentation of the award is May 2nd. It was proposed that we may have it at the Tayfour campus. Jen will follow-up with Lynda to see if there was a site already pre-determined and if not, Pat will contact Ron Foster to see if that is possible.

DAISY Award Coordinator Position: It was decided that Kelly will be the main chapter contact and Crystal has offered to work with her to coordinate the nominations & award. The award will likely be presented at our chapter AGM in the fall.

Round Table: Pat & Kelly will be helping man the RNAO booth at the nursing career fair at the university on March 26th . Crystal informed the group that at present, there have not many organizations registered but that the Nursing Society is working on this. As well, originally Kelly was scheduled to present a resume writing workshop in the afternoon of the career fair, however Crystal said that the 4th years just had a class on this topic and many students expressed that they already knew how to write a resume. So it was decided that this endeavour be reconsidered.

Kelly is also doing a presentation at the Health Unit on Mar 2nd. It is a part of their professional development day. Thank you Kelly for all your hard work in recruiting new members!!!

Adjournment at 20:55

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday March 19th, 2012

Location: Armando's on Cabana

Scheduled RNAO Executive Meetings 2012

Monday January 16th – Armando's on Cabana

Monday February 13th – Smoke & Spice 7470 Tecumseh Rd. East

Monday March 19th – Armando's on Cabana

Monday April 16th -

Monday May 14th -

Monday June 18th -

July – Summer Break

Monday August 20th -