



THE GERONTOLOGICAL
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Gerontological Nursing Association Ontario

Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015

Villa Colombo, 40 Playfair Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions of Parliamentarian, Assignment of Recorder.

President Julie Rubel introduced the board members present; Nora Boyd as the Parliamentarian and Gwen Harris as Recorder.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda - no additions.

Motion: To approve the agenda as written. Moved by Jan Mitchell. Seconded by Megan Hiltz. All in favour. Carried.

3.0 Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2014 - no errors or omissions noted.

Motion: To approve the minutes of previous AGM November 7, 2014. Moved by Karen Bakker-Stephens. Seconded by Sally Rakas. All in favour. Carried.

4.0 Reports

4.1 President's Report by Julie Rubel

- GNAO was awarded the Interest Group of the Year Award at the RNAO AGM in April.
- Attended RNAO's Queen's Park Day, Interest Group Meeting and Assembly Meeting in February.
- GNAO is represented on the RNAO Nursing Practice Committee and was chosen by RNAO to complete a Professional Practice Profile to be published in the RN Journal.
- GNAO and RPNAO were able to make arrangements that RPNAO members could join GNAO without paying additional fees.
- Attended CGNA meetings and will be attending the CGNA upcoming Biennial Conference.

4.2 Past President's Report by Lori Schindel Martin

- Representing GNAO as Co-Chair of the Best Practice Guideline Review Panel for Delirium, Dementia and Depression (3Ds BPG panel)

4.3 President–Elect Report by Megan Hiltz

- Working with GNAO to help students, meeting education needs of the group, recruiting new members and mentoring other nurses in Gerontological Nursing.

4.4 Communications Report by Tina Leung

- Published the GNAO quarterly newsletter with the input from the board and members.
- Will present an abstract titled *Engaging Our Future Leaders*. Will be showcasing the efforts of GNAO to nurture nursing students and new graduates in the Gerontological field,
- Developed printed promotional material to advertise our organization.

4.5 Membership Report by Karen Bakker-Stephens

- GNAO has seen a decrease in membership over the past year. Total membership has declined by 12.9%.
- There has been a 28.8% increase in student memberships.
- Continue to look at ways to recruit new members.

4.6 Professional Advocacy Report by Ryan Miller

- Completion of the Gerontological Nursing profile with RNAO will be published in an upcoming issue of the RN journal.
- Would like to develop position statements for public, researchers and government regarding such issues as high intensity needs funding in long term care.

4.7 Treasurer’s Report by Gwen Harris

- Current bank Balance is \$77,460.33 and GICs worth \$70,139.51.
- The 2013-2014 financial audit report is in the back of annual report.
- Our Certificate of Continuance was granted November 25, 2014 by Corporations Canada and now we will be developing a policy and procedure manual. Thank you to the committee members and the Board for all of their help and support.

4.8 Appointment of the Auditor

- Motion: To retain Davies and Wyngaarden as the auditors for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Moved by Sally Rakas. Seconded by Karen Bakker-Stephens. All in favour. Carried.

4.9 Acceptance of reports

- Motion: To accept the reports as written in the annual report and discussed at this AGM. Moved by Gwen Harris. Seconded by Megan Hiltz. All in favour. Carried.

All of the reports may be viewed on the website

www.gnaontario.org

5.0 New Business

5.1 The Professional Advocacy position is presently vacant.

- Linda Martel nominated Janet Mitchell for this position, seconded by Anne Ollikainen. Julie called the nomination to the group 3 times. There were no other nominations.
- Motion: To acclaim Jan Mitchell to the position of Professional Advocacy Director. Moved by Sally Rakas, seconded by Carol Miller. All in favour. Carried. Jan spoke to the group about herself.

6.0 Awards and Recognition

- Recognized Lorna Rick is the new president for the North East Chapter.
- Recognized Therese Lim is the new president for the North West Chapter.
- Highlighted Kathy King as the Past President of the North East Chapter.
- Highlighted Heather Woodbeck as the Past President of the North West Chapter.
- Highlighted Maureen Shantz as Past President of the Niagara Chapter.

7.0 Adjournment of the Meeting

- Motion: to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Carol Miller, seconded by Therese Lim. All in favour. Carried.