

► Resolution #1

Submitted by Kim English, Faculty Trent/Fleming Nursing Program, on behalf of the 4th Year Students

WHEREAS throughout their education, nursing students are informed about population health needs and resources, but have few opportunities to participate in the process involved in the distribution of these health resources, and

WHEREAS many nurses do not realize that they have the potential to speak with authority about health issues, and

WHEREAS nurses have an obligation to advocate and through political action, nurses can strive for consistency between professional values, practice and policies, thus improving health outcomes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RNAO, in collaboration with other stakeholders such as the Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing and the College of Applied Arts and Technology, create a task force to lobby for and provide support for the establishment of opportunities for nursing students to facilitate political action as a mandatory component of undergraduate nursing curriculum.

► Resolution #2

Submitted by Jan Levesque, on behalf of Waterloo Region Chapter

WHEREAS sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) takes the life of 1 of every 2000 live born babies in Canada making it the most common cause of death in infants under one year, with growing concern about the plateauing and elevation in rates, and

WHEREAS important new evidence suggests that SIDS, is a multifactor disorder in which many of environmental factors are modifiable during the ante-, peri- and postnatal period, thereby reducing the risk of SIDS, and

WHEREAS evidence suggests that campaigns led by nurses, which broadly disseminate information regarding modifiable risk factors for SIDS are successful when targeted at caregivers of infants under age one, in all care settings,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that RNAO advocate for a task force to bring about a provincially focused social marketing strategy targeted at all caregivers of infants less than one year of age, including education and intervention, given expanding evidence based guidelines for best sleeping practices for infants that are known to modify the risk of SIDS.

► Resolution #3

Submitted by Helen Nightingale, RNAO Member

WHEREAS Situation/Utilitarian Ethics continues as a divisive force in collegial relations, resulting in dissenters experiencing ostracism, fear, wavering, estrangement, job loss and underground status,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that RNAO restore the traditional Code of Ethics in place at RNAO's inception and solicit the College of Nurses to do the same.