Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group

CHNIG

*The **VOICE** for Community Health Nurses in Ontario!*

Annual Report 2020

Mission

To act as the voice of Community Health Nurses influencing the health care system, and health and social policy, in areas which affect the work of Community Health Nurses and the public we serve.

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Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario
L'Association des infirmières et infirmiers autorisés de l'Ontario

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Annual General Meeting Agenda

CHNIG Virtual Annual General Meeting

July 9, 2020

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

1.0 AGM Business

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President's Report

Dear Members and Colleagues

Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group (CHNIG) continues to be a strong and vibrant organization – an organization celebrating over 30 years of advocacy and leadership for community health nursing in Ontario. This year is extra special, as the World Health Organization (WHO) has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife. These designations are critical to continuing to raise awareness of the importance of nurses to the health system and the health of Ontarians. Thanks to the tireless and committed efforts from many volunteers.

This is a time of change within the community health sector: The global COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts to individuals and communities, the revised 2019 Community Health Nursing Standards of Practice, the recent release of the RNAO report on enhancing community care for Ontarians, and the modification of public health practice by the Ontario government. Now more than ever CHNIG must ensure it is positioned to consult with members and be the strong VOICE for community health nursing in Ontario.

I am privileged to have had the honour to work with the CHNIG Board this past year to meet the goals and objectives of the CHNIG. The CHNIG Board represents a cross-section of dedicated, energetic and enthusiastic community health nurses from across Ontario, representing home health, public health, primary care, education, research, management and nursing leadership. Each Director's unique focus and expertise contributes to the strength of our organization. In the past year, CHNIG has revised the strategic plan to align with the four RNAO ENDs. The revised goals and objectives of CHNIG are:

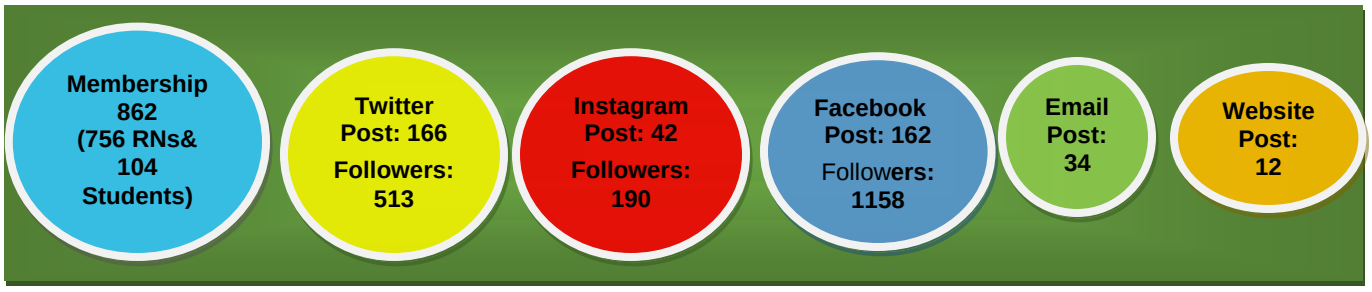
- Engage and maximize involvement with nurses and students in community health nursing, stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to CHNIG;
- Advance and strengthen the profile of CHNs; build capacity and leadership in CHNs, and articulate the significance of their practice;
- Speak out on emerging issues that impact on CHNs, community health nursing profession, and community health organizations; and
- Influence health, environmental and social policy.

Goal One: Engage and maximize involvement with nurses and students in community health nursing, stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging to CHNIG

[Align with **RNAO END**: Engage with registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and nursing students to stimulate membership and promote the value of belonging in their organization.]

As an Initiatives Group, CHNIG values the involvement and meeting the needs of its membership. In the past year, CHNIG has organized various activities to promote engagement of all nurse practitioners, registered nurses and students, including:

- An Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 13, 2019 where a total of 50 members and non-members along with honoured guests, a Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), and Dr. Doris Grinspun, attended to discuss current issues in community health nursing, such as public health modernization. As well, several Best Practice Spotlight Organization Delegates from China attended the AGM.
- Promoted the value of joining RNAO and this interest group to over 500 registered nurses during 2019 Nursing Week celebrations at two public health units.
- A forum for members from across Ontario to connect by webinar to discuss community nursing issues, facilitated by the Professional Practice Board of Directors (BODs). This occurs 3 times annually. It enables members to participate regardless of geographical location.
- Collaboration with nursing student councils at University of Toronto and York University to host membership drives in February 2020 and March 2020, respectively. Free student memberships were offered to stimulate membership growth.
- CHNIG Student Representative Committee organized a student-focused professional development webinar on March 7, 2020 about various roles and responsibilities of community health nurses, particularly in public health and home health nursing. Promoted and disseminated various educational opportunities and awards using Facebook and CHNIG website.
- Emails and communication via social media are sent to members with regular updates to keep members informed and provide opportunities to ask questions and be involved.



Goal Two: Advance and strengthen the profile of CHNs; build capacity and leadership in CHNs, and articulate the significance of their practice.

[Aligns with **RNAO END**: RNAO advances the role and image of nurses as members of a vital, knowledge-driven, caring profession, and as significant contributors to health.]

As President, May Tao chaired and participated on the National School-based Network in June 2019 to advocate for full scope of practice in school health nursing across the country. In addition, several delegates from China and Spain shadowed her to learn about the implementation and evaluation of RNAO Best Practice Guidelines (BPGs).

CHNIG has supported nurses in their professional development through:

- Providing one $1000.00 award supporting a member to further their research at the academic and/or practice level.
- Providing one $1000.00 award supporting a member to further their education at the post-secondary level.
- Providing one $250.00 bursary to a RN member to attend the AGMs of the RNAO and the interest group in April 2019.
- Providing three $1,170.00 bursaries to support 3 RN members to attend and present their valuable work at a national nursing conference in Saint John, New Brunswick in May 2019.
- New for 2020, CHNIG will be offering a bursary to support nurses writing the national nursing specialty certification exam.
- Planning a one-day symposium on March 28, 2020 on influencing system change through the collective voices of community health nurses. Due to the COVID crisis, this symposium has been postponed.
- Collaborated with a national nursing association to host a webinar about the revised Professional Practice Model and Standards of Practice in November 2019 with over 100 participants.
- Submitted an abstract that was accepted to the national community health nursing conference for May 2021 on innovative strategies to mentor nursing students in advancing community health nursing.
- President, May Tao, has continuously provided mentorship and support for evidence-based nursing to four hospitals pre-designated as Best Practice Spotlight Organizations in China. As well, she actively participates as an expert panel member to develop a RNAO knowledge translation implementation science toolkit.

Goal Three: Speak out on emerging issues that impact on CHNs, community health nursing profession, and community health organizations.

[Aligns with **RNAO END**: RNAO speak out on emerging issues that impact on nurses and the nursing profession, health and health care.]

Recent advocacy and consultative initiatives in collaboration with RNAO and other health sector organizations included:

- The impact of the new envisioned public health system to the nursing profession and service delivery in community;
- Indigenous trauma-informed care;
- Landscape of electronic cigarettes and vaping, and emerging issues;
- System transformation and environmental health;
- Signed a pledge for the "Make it Better Campaign" on climate justice;
- Signed and supported several action alerts including the impact of public health funding cuts, expansion of the RN scope of practice and mandatory naloxone training for police;
- Submitted a policy brief on LGBTQ health at the federal level to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health; and
- Enhancing Community Health Care Report (ECCO) 3.0.

This year, CHNIG has collaborated with several organizations to organize a variety of activities to speak out on emerging issues that impact CHNs and community health nursing. We collaborated with:

- RNAO and several health care organizations to provide recommendations and inputs to the Ontario Ministry of Health on the provision of community health nursing roles in the new envisioned public health system.
- RNAO and four public health organizations to create three webinars on the impact and issues that surround the emergence of electronic cigarettes and vaping. A CHNIG member have contribute to an article on vaping to the RN Journal
- The Community Health Nurses of Canada to plan for a pre-conference titled: "System Transformation in Environmental Health" for RNs and students in Canada.
- RNAO's Peel chapter to co-ordinate a Nursing Week event in May 2020 to celebrate Florence Nightingale's 200th birthday.

Goal Four: Influence health, environmental and social policy.

[Align with **RNAO END**: Influences healthy public policy to positively impact the determinants of health, supporting Medicare and strengthening a publicly funded, not-for profit health system.]

CHNIG is committed to influence health, environmental and social policy.

- This fall, CHNIG organized an event to meet the RNAO's nursing leaders through a first-time partnership with Peel Chapter. The purpose of the event was to discuss priority nursing and health issues, and empower members to cast an informed vote for the federal election campaign. The RNAO President was our keynote, Dr. Angela Cooper Brathwaite, who delivered an inspirational message on nursing and policy. Over 50 RNs, NPs and nursing students attended the event to explore the role of nurses in political advocacy.
- CHNIG put forward a resolution for consideration at the 2020 RNAO AGM that was accepted with full support from the membership.
- As part of the RNAO Queen's Park on the Road and Queen's Park Day, President and Political Action BOD of this interest group met with a MPP to discuss two priority issues: long-term care funding and staffing mix, and consumption and treatment services. As a result, the MPP fully supported on these crucial issues and submitted a letter to both the provincial and federal Ministers of Health.
- Policy and Political Action BOD presented at the Social Justice Nursing Conference hosted by York University; advocated for hospice palliative care amongst vulnerable and disenfranchised populations.
- The CHNIG board has put together a policy manual with over 20 internal governing policies to operate the initiatives group.

2019-2020 was a successful year for CHNIG as we are actively involved in dialogue and consultation with the RNAO; participated in Assembly Meetings, Queens Park Day and Queens Park on the Road; and collaborated with several organizations to advance community health nursing. We continue to be committed to supporting our national organizations: The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and the Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC). Members are encouraged to maintain membership in both organizations to ensure a strong national voice for community health nurses.

Interest Group of the Year: Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group

The **Interest Group of the Year** award is given to an RNAO interest group that best demonstrates commitment to the nursing profession and active participation in RNAO initiatives. The interest group effectively communicates through a variety of means, which influences decision-makers and mobilizes RNs, NPs and nursing students for action. This interest group exhibits exemplary teamwork and strong leadership within the nursing and health-care community.

Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group (CHNIG)

The **Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group (CHNIG)** prides itself on collaboration, a skill that community health nurses use in their day-to-day practice. The group, which includes over 850 members, has had a busy year with a variety of unique events. It collaborated with RNAO's Peel chapter to co-ordinate a fall tour visit with RNAO President Angela Cooper Brathwaite in October 2019. It has also collaborated with the Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC) to present a webinar about revisions to the standards of practice for community health nurses. The group's executive has worked closely with RNAO home office to develop three webinars on the impact and issues around e-cigarettes and vaping. The interest group also had representatives attend Queen's Park Day in 2019 and participate in Queen's Park on the Road events to meet with MPPs. CHNIG held membership drives in February and March 2020, which resulted in more than 200 nursing students joining the group. May Tao, CHNIG chair, says the executive is thrilled the interest group has been selected as the recipient of this prestigious award, and to have the opportunity to spotlight the important work community health nurses do to help promote health, prevent diseases and reduce health inequities in Ontario and beyond.

RNAO CHNIG

The biggest achievement this year was that CHNIG was presented **the Interest Group of the Year Award** at the RNAO Annual General Meeting in June, 2020 to demonstrate commitment to the nursing profession and active participation in RNAO initiatives; effectively communicates through a variety of means, which influences decision-makers and mobilizes RNs, NPs and nursing students for action. CHNIG also exhibits exemplary teamwork and strong leadership within the nursing and health-care community. **Overall, the CHNIG Board has diligently worked to meet all our goals and to maintain the VOICE of community health nurses in Ontario.**

In closing, I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as CHNIG President. I would like to sincerely thank each Director and all of the CHNIG volunteers whose determination, patience and persistence have influenced decisions affecting community health nursing.

I look forward, with excitement, to working with the new CHNIG Board as Past President in the coming year, and I am confident that our new President, Susan Tam and the new Directors will be up to the job of addressing the challenges and changes facing community health nurses.

I encourage all members to become involved by contacting our Board of Directors with comments, suggestions and/or ideas or through participating in a CHNIG committee/working group.

Respectfully submitted,

May Tao

Board of Directors 2019 - 2020

President	May Tao, RN, BScN, MSN, CCHN(C)
President Elect	Susan Tam, RN, BScN, MScN, CCHN(C)
Secretary	Claire Alexander, RN, BScN
Treasurer	Suzana Tavares, RN, BN, CCRA, CCHN(C)
Communications Website	Austin White, RN, BScN (From April, 2020 to September, 2020) Janet Leung, BScN (From October, 2020 until now)
Communications Social Media	Kelly Huang, RN, BScN
Research & Education and Professional Development	Emily Belita, RN, MN Pragathi Mulbagel, RN, MScN
Members Benefit	Natalia Stovichek, RN, BScN, CCHN(C)
Professional Practice Home Health	Kay McGarvey, RN, CCHN(C)
Professional Practice Public Health	Karen Parkinson, RN, BScN, MN, CCHN(C)
Policy & Political Action	Felicia Kontopidis, RN, BScN (Hon)
Member-at-Large OPHA	Poonam Sharma, RN, BScN, MN
Governance	Cindy Baker-Barill, RN, BNSc
Student Affiliate Members	Janet Leung, BScN York University (Graduated in January, 2020) Jennifer Vandergaag, BScN University of Toronto (Graduated in April, 2020)

Treasurer's Report – July 9, 2020
Respectfully submitted by Suzana Tavares

I am pleased to report that the Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group (CHNIG) continues to be in a stable financial position. The financial summary below provides a detailed breakdown of the revenue and operating expenses for the fiscal year from November 1st, 2018 to October 31st, 2019.

Financial Summary - November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019	
Bank of Montreal (BMO) Chequing Account Balance (as of October 31, 2018)	= **$ 71,624.95**
Tangerine Business Investment Savings Account Balance (as October 31, 2018)	= **$ 20,789.4**
Total Revenue	
CHNIG Membership Funds (2018-2019)	$ 32,625.00
CHNIG AGM Registration (April 2019)	$ 450.00
	= **$33,075.00**
Total Expenses	
1.0 President	$67.26
2.0 Past President/President-Elect	$369.44
5.0 Treasurer	$177.45
6.2 Member Outreach	$0.00
6.2.1 Members Prof. Development Fund	$3,081.20
6.2.2 CHNIG Professional Development	$323.26
6.3 OPHA Membership Fee (Apr 1 - Mar 31)	$2,000.00
6.4 Student Sponsorship	$500.00
7.1 Professional Practice Team	$93.90
8.0 Political Action Team	$0.00
8.1 Research & Education Team	$0.00
9.1 Research Award	$0.00
9.2 Education Bursary	$1,000.00
10.1 Communications	$858.37
10.2 Website	$463.30
10.4 Marketing & Promotions	$936.62
11.0 OPHA Liaison	$52.04
12.0 Student Representative	$47.26
12.1 Members AGM Fund	$0.00
13.1 BOD Meetings	$1,499.25
13.2 BOD AGM Fund	$3,126.62
14.1 CHNC Conference BOD Fund	$6,439.23
15.0 Bookkeeping Fees	$1,356.00
15.3 Miscellaneous	$67.79
15.4 GST/HST	$2,702.84
16.0 Legal Fees	$0.00
17.0 Insurance	$594.00
18.0 Bank Fees	$257.50
	$26,013.33

Here are some key points to better understand our financial position:

Few changes were made to the budget after assessment of trends in actual expenses:

Code	Description	Amount Changed	Approved Budget 2018-2019	Rationale:
1.0	President	↓ $480.00	$20.00	Funds adjusted based on budgetary needs
2.0	Past President/ President-Elect	↓ $100.00	$400.00	Funds adjusted based on budgetary needs
11.0	OPHA Liaison	↓$1,500.00	$500.00	Funds adjusted based on budgetary needs
13.2	BOD AGM Fund	↓ $620.00	$6,380.00	Funds adjusted based on budgetary needs
15.0	Bookkeeping Fees	↓ $200.00	$1,500.00	Funds adjusted based on budgetary needs
6.2.2	CHNIG Professional Development	↓ $5,000.00	$1000.00	No plans for a professional development event for 2018-2019 year.
10.4	Marketing & Promotions	↑ $1,000.00	$1,500.00	CHNIG priority: goal to focus on membership promotion and engagement
12.0	Student Representative	↑ $ 200.00	$500.00	Increase in number of students involved in student affiliate group requiring additional funds

Additional key points:

- CHNIG's bookkeeper continues to review our budget, complete and file our GST/HST remittance and the corporation's income tax returns. For 2018-2019, CHNIG was required to remit $2,702.84 in GST/HST which is comparable to previous recent years.

- It is important to note that CHNIG's membership funds have continued to drop over the past four (4) years: **$54,683.88** in 2014-2015 to **$45,950.13** in 2015-2016 to **$41,948.25** in 2016-2017, **$40,185.00** in 2017-2018, **$ 32,625.00** in 2018-2019 and **$33,419.00** in February 2020. The CHNIG Board continues to have discussions on methods to increase and maintain membership.

- CHNIG has continued to maintain our separate Tangerine Business Investment Savings Account as a reserve fund. It has been several years since the CHNIG Board has directed funds from our chequing account to our investment account. Seeing that our investment savings account earns fairly low interest ($10 to 17 per month).

- CHNIG has begun to explore other investment strategies in a fiscally responsible manner to strengthen the organization's sustainability. In July 2019, we consulted with Stephen Ford, Investment Advisor, who was introduced to us by Nancy Campbell, Director of Finance and Administration from the RNAO. Stephen gave suggestions for different possibilities to increase

the funds in the Tangerine account. Investment strategies are still under discussion, as there are different options to choose from Tangerine and BMO.

- In January 2020, CHNIG BMO account was changed from business account to community account. The monthly bank fee of $22.50 was reduced to $0.00.

In summary, CHNIG has been fiscally responsible in managing funds effectively to ensure expenditures are well within budget and the allocation of bursaries to support members in research, education, and professional development. CHNIG has maintained a robust reserve fund to meet any future costs or financial obligations should any needs arise unexpectedly. The CHNIG Finance Committee will continue to oversee routine financial processes throughout the year, including the development and monitoring of the annual budget.

In closing, I would like to thank the CHNIG Board of Directors for their support and guidance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzana Tavares, CHNIG Treasurer

Minutes of 2019 AGM

MINUTES of a General Meeting of the Members of **COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSES' INITIATIVES GROUP** (the "Corporation"), held in Toronto on April 13, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. (local time).

PRESENT IN PERSON:

Board Members	Alexander Claire	Austin White
	Ulana Barchynsky	Sandy Zidner
May Tao	Audrey Danaher	Qiping Wu
Felicia Kontopidis	Katie Dilworth	Chantel Pickering
Krisel Abulencia	Claudette Holloway	Brittney Wright
Susan Tam	Regina Elliott	Sasha Allen
Joanne Crawford	Joyce Fox	Burton Mohan
Cindy Baker-Barill	Nasteho Hasan	Matthew Kellway
Poonam Sharma	Margaret Lebold	Babylyn Alcantora
Angela Frisina	Kathleen Pikaart	So-Yan Seto
Gabriela Ach	Kirthiga Ravindran	Jean Thompson
Karen Parkinson	Daidra Richards	Esther Moghadam
Kay McGarvey	Jody Smith	Daniela Graziano
Kelly Huang	Natalia Stovichek	Dr. Doris Grinspun
	Suzana Tavares	MPP Natalia Kusendova

REGRETS: Barbara Kennedy

REPRESENTED BY PROXY: None.

In accordance with the CHNIG bylaws, and given that there is a **quorum – 2% (18 or over)** of Members of the Corporation present in person or represented by proxy.

1.0 AGM Business

1.1 Welcome – May Tao welcomed all to the meeting and recognized special guests.

CHAIR AND SECRETARY

With the consent of the meeting, May Tao acted as the Chair of the Meeting and Krisel Abulencia acted as the Secretary of the meeting.
May declared that as notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation, and as a quorum of the Members are present in person or represented by proxy, the meeting was duly constituted for the transaction of business.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

May gave a brief synopsis of the agenda for today listed in the AGM report and called for additions to the agenda.

On motion made by May Tao seconded by Sandy Zidner and duly carried, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda of the 2019 AGM of CHNIG is approved.

May Tao proceeded to introduce the Board of Directors including the Student Affiliates, and asked them to stand to be recognized.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM

May gave a brief synopsis of the minutes of the 2018 AGM listed in the AGM report and called for any additions to the minutes.

On motion made by May Tao seconded by Poonam Sharma and duly carried, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the 2018 AGM of CHNIG is approved.

1.4 President's Report and Member Questions

May Tao presented the 2019 President's Report and members were invited to ask questions.

On motion made by May Tao seconded by Joyce Fox and duly carried, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED that the President's Report at the 2019 CHNIG AGM is approved.

1.5 Treasurer's Report

Susan Tam presented the 2019 Treasurer's Report and members were welcomed to ask questions. In response to a member's question, Susan reviewed the intended purpose of the Reserve Account and breakdown of the legal fees.

On motion made by Poonam Sharma seconded by Joanne Crawford and duly carried, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED the Treasurer's Report for the 2019 CHNIG AGM is approved.

1.6 Business Arising

1.6.1 Presentation of CHNIG Education Award

Angela Frisina presented the CHNIG Education Award to a successful recipient.

The Community Health Nurses' Initiative Group (CHNIG) Education Award is presented to a community health nurse who demonstrates excellence and dedication to the pursuit of advanced education that contributes to community health nursing.

One recipient was awarded this year:

Heather Epp

1.6.2 Presentation of CHNIG Bursary to attend the 2019 RNAO and CHNIG AGM

Angela Frisina presented the CHNIG Bursaries to successful recipients.

The Professional Development Bursary for attendance at RNAO/CHNIG AGM was established by the CHNIG in recognition of the need to support CHNIG RN and student members to participate in the RNAO and CHNIG AGMs.

One recipient was awarded this year:

Diane George

1.6.3 Presentation to CHNIG Bursary to attend Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHNC) 2019 National Conference

The Professional Development Bursary was established by the Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group (CHNIG) of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) in 2010 in recognition of the need to support CHNIG members in their interest and participation in the CHNC National Conference.

Three recipients were awarded this year.

Agnes Oriade
Margaret Leboid
Nancy McGee

1.7 Report from CHNC Ontario Representative – Audrey Danaher

Audrey Danaher, CHNC Ontario Representative, was invited to present the report from CHNC. She expressed thanks for having the opportunity to provide an update on the work of CHNC. Highlights included:

- The Canadian Community Health Nursing Professional Practice Model & Standards of Practice has been updated and will be officially launched at the conference in May.
- The revised Standards include eight standards of practice and updated Appendices including an updated glossary. The Standards will be available very soon (both hard copy and pdf format). There is a one page summary of the changes on the CHNC site: https://www.chnc.ca/en/standards-of-practice.
- CHNC has a new Executive Director! Thanks to Joyce Fox for all her contributions and best wishes for a wonderful retirement. Our new ED, Anthony Lombardo holds a doctorate in community health from the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at University of Toronto. He has been managing national non-profit and charitable professional associations in the health and social services since 2005. Anthony is also passionate about the social determinants of health and healthy public policy advocacy.
- The CHNC Leadership Institute (currently a sub-committee of Standards and Competencies) will be a Standing Committee following the AGM. Two initiatives to highlight are:
    - Webinar: Dr. Josephine Etowa, University of Ottawa, will lead: "Strengthening public health nursing leadership for system transformation". Register on CNA website.
    - The Leadership Institute is also piloting a mentorship program focused on leadership in community nursing.
- Plan to attend the conference in Saint John, New Brunswick! A great opportunity for networking and learning.

- CHNC was invited to appear before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health that is undertaking a study on LGBTQ2 health. CHNC's brief is on the web site.
- Be a member of CHNC- the national voice to represent and promote community health nursing. We hope our provincial members are all national members.

1.8 Recognition of Departing Board members

May Tao thanked all the departing board members for their dedicated service to enable CHNIG to meet its goals and objectives. A certificate of service to CHNIG and a crystal award with the CHNIG logo, the recipient's name, and the year they left CHNIG was awarded to departing Board members. A summary of contributions was provided for the following departing Board members:

- Harshdeep Hehar
- Gabi Ach
- Krisel Abulencia
- Emi Giddens
- Angela Frisina
- Mario Uy Cruz, Daniela Graziano, Lindsey Lenters (Student Associates)
- Barbara Kennedy
- Joanne Crawford

1.9 Nominations and Voting Process for 2019 – 2020

Joanne Crawford presented the slate of nominations for the open positions on the CHNIG Board of Directors.

Given that no further nominations from the floor were received, the slate of nominations were presented:

- President Elect – Susan Tam
- Secretary – Claire Alexander
- Treasurer - Suzana Tavares
- Research, Education and Professional Development – Emily Belita, Pragathi Mulbagel
- Professional Practice – Public Health: Karen Parkinson
- Professional Practice – Home Health: Kay McGarvey
- Members Benefit – Natalia Stovicheck
- Communication – Website: Austin White
- Communication – Social Media: Kelly Huang

On motion made by Joanne Crawford seconded by Angela Frisina and duly carried, the following resolution was passed:

> **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following slate of nominations for 2019-2020 are accepted as presented.

Introduction of President and 2019-2020 Board Members

BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons were elected to the CHNIG Board of Directors to hold office or until their successors are duly elected or appointed. May Tao presented the remaining Board members:

- President – May Tao
- President Elect – Susan Tam
- Secretary – Claire Alexander
- Treasurer – Suzana Tavares
- Communications Website – Austin White
- Communications Social Media – Kelly Huang

- Professional Practice Home Health – Kay McGarvey
- Professional Practice Public Health – Karen Parkinson
- Team co-leader Research, Education and Professional development– Emily Belita
- Team co-leader Research, Education and Professional development– Pragathi Mulbagel
- Member Benefits – Natalia Stovicheck
- OPHA Liaison – Poonam Sharma
- Policy and Political Action – Felicia Kontopidis
- Governance – Cindy Baker-Barill

2.1 Members' Voices

- RNAO CEO Dr. Doris Grinspun joined us for member voices to address the highlights of the 2019 Ontario Budget as proposed by the conservative party.
- Katie Dilworth raised concerns about the proposed $200M reduction in public health budget, defunding of Supervised Consumption Sites, among other funding cuts, introduction of early access to alcoholic beverages without stakeholder consultation. Nurses need to be at the table to inform and assist the government in this transition (RNAO and OPNHL).
- Natalia Kusendova, RN and MPP of Mississauga Centre joined us to shed some light about the concerns in regards to the new budget. She was a part of the social committee that proposed Bill 74 (People's Health Care Act), which is about empowering local service providers to come together and develop Ontario Health Teams to focus the care around the patient. 35 PHUs will be amalgamated into 10, so money can go into the front lines. We have to address current priorities (32,000 patients on waitlist for LTC, hallway nursing). But we hope to see more health prevention reflected into the budget.
- Kay McGarvey shared the prototype of a care system currently in place at Sunnybrook Health Centre, which involves an interdisciplinary team, following and addressing the needs of individuals with complex comorbidities
- Burton Mohan shared his challenges with finding new job opportunities as a new grad RN with an interest in public health. He called on CHNIG to foster more opportunities for networking and dialogue to promote mentorship for new nurses interested in public health.

3.0 Adjournment of AGM

May Tao asked for someone to move to have the 41st CHNIG AGM to be terminated. There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made May Tao seconded by Kay McGarvey and duly carried, the 2019 AGM was adjourned.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2019 AGM of CHNIG is now closed.

May Tao

May Tao
Chair of the Meeting

Krisel Abulencia
Secretary of the Meeting

CHNIG Moments (2019-2020)

April 2019 AGM

Fall Event with Peel Chapter

Nursing Week Celebration

Vaccine Hesitancy Resolution

Queen's Park Day

Article on Vaping in the RN Journal

National Community Health Nurses Conference