

Registered Nurses Association Of Ontario  
**PROVINCIAL NURSE EDUCATORS INTEREST GROUP**

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PNEIG  
**Summer 2003 Newsletter**



**President's Message**

Hello PNEIG Members.

We had hoped to see many of you at our annual AGM, which was unfortunately postponed due to the initial SARS outbreak. The good news is that we have regrouped and are planning an AGM to coincide with the RNAO 'abbreviated' AGM on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We have some updates for you below and are also mailing out a newsletter version for members who do not have access to email. Please read on and, as always, we welcome your comments.

Best Regards to all,  
Anne Simmonds  
President PNEIG

**RNAO AGM**

RNAO will hold their AGM on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 0800 – 1200 at the Metropolitan Hotel in downtown Toronto. Due to the abbreviated nature of the meeting, there will be an on-line discussion board to address resolutions. The discussion board will be opened to members from June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 0900 until July 4<sup>th</sup> at 1630. Please see the RNAO web site – [www.rnao.org](http://www.rnao.org) - for more information. Our voting delegate will be Ann Brokenshire, our Membership executive officer. Please contact Ann if you have any questions or comments relating to the resolutions. (See contact list below).

**PNEIG AGM**

PNEIG has decided to hold our postponed AGM in conjunction with the RNAO meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1600 – 1800. We realize that many of you who are outside of the GTA will not be able to attend, as this is now only a day event. However, we welcome as many of you who are able to join us on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Details regarding registration will likely be handled through RNAO as in the past. Please check in with our web site for updated information ([www.pneig.ca](http://www.pneig.ca))

Our agenda will include: Reports from executive members, discussion and approval of newly developed Terms of Reference for PNEIG, elections and a new item on 'member's voices' – an opportunity to hear from you! We will also be spending a good portion of the meeting in small group discussion, along with members of NSO (Nursing students of Ontario) exploring the issue of challenges

that students experience in the clinical setting. PNEIG and NSO have decided to work towards hosting a conference/symposium on this very important topic, and we hope that ideas generated at the AGM can form the basis of planning for the event. We have already had some PNEIG members come forward and express an interest in being involved. The more the merrier!! Please let us know if you are interested and whether or not you are able to attend the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Web Site

Our web site has been up and running since the fall. Check us out at [www.pneig.ca](http://www.pneig.ca) !!

### PNEIG Elections/Executive Positions

We will be holding elections at our AGM in September. Many of the existing executive have agreed to stand again but we are always looking for new members!! We have created new positions of Past President and Vice President in order to provide some sense of continuity for the interest group. You can learn more about roles and responsibilities of each executive position in our Terms of Reference, which are posted on our web site. Please feel free to contact any of the executive members for more information.

### SARS and Nurse Educators

These have been very trying times for all of us in the health care sector, and for Nurses in particular. We know that everyone has been affected by SARS in different ways and to varying degrees and we feel that PNEIG can provide a forum for nurse educators to reflect on our experience of SARS and the effect this has had on us and in our lives as nurse educators. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!! Our intention is to compile your reflections and send these on to RNAO in order to give a 'snapshot' of the ways in which SARS has impacted on nursing education. You, as PNEIG members, have a unique perspective to share. Our belief is that this information could be useful to RNAO as they try to formulate positions on SARS and advocate for Nurses. Please send any thoughts/experiences/reflections you would like to share to me at [anne.simmonds@senecac.on.ca](mailto:anne.simmonds@senecac.on.ca). Please indicate if you would prefer that your name not be attached to the final compilation of responses.

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