



Our mission is to educate, support and strengthen the image for nurses by speaking out for nursing and speaking out for health.

We respect human dignity and are committed to diversity, inclusively and democracy. Our mission is to show leadership through working with our communities, the general public, nurses, other health care providers, nursing organizations and groups to advance the profession of nursing.

A message from MINIG

Dear MINIG Members,

On behalf of the executive team, I would like to thank you for continuing to support MINIG in the new membership year. We are working on some exciting new projects for this year, including a webinar about Northern Nursing, featuring one of our past presidents. This will take place on February 20, and you can find out more about this exciting opportunity by scrolling down in the newsletter.

Two years ago, MINIG set out to create a school outreach program. The aim of this program was to promote nursing as a viable profession to all post secondary students. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain approval to proceed with this initiative on the scale that we intended. However, we are continuing to explore ways to connect with post secondary students to promote nursing as a career. We continue to maintain a yearly presence at the Ontario University Fair.

Thank you again for your support. We hope to see you at one of our MINIG events or at our AGM. For more information on how to get involved, please email minig.rnao@gmail.com

Sincerely

Philip Wong
MINIG President in Chief

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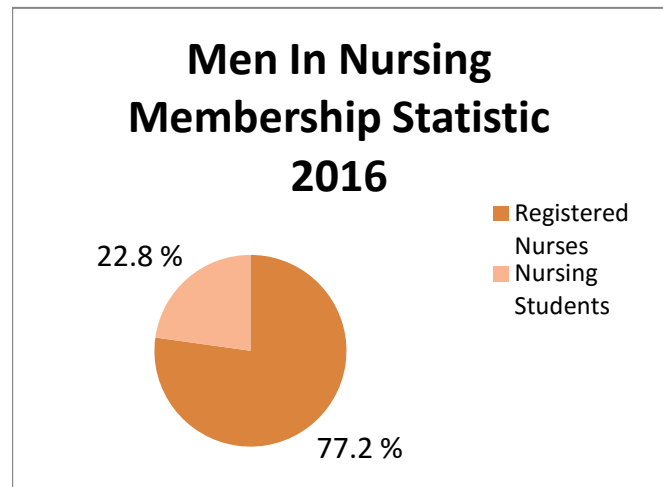
The MINIG executive team would like to sincerely thank all of our members for their continuous support and invite all of our members to RNAO's 91st Annual General Meeting. This is a three day event, starting May 5, 2016 to learn about the association's achievements. MINIG executive meeting will be held May 7, 2016. We invite our members to join us, giving us the opportunity to meet you, and for you to get involved in the group's activities and learn about the events being planned for the year. Registration is now open, more information can be obtained through www.RNAO.ca/AGM2016

For any specific inquiries please feel free to contact me:
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Thank you,
Parul Giare
Vice-president

Membership Update

Welcome to all our new and returning members. We are happy to announce that MINIG continues to grow. More and more RN's joining our group and there are less and less lapsed members in comparisons to previous years. MINIG currently has 102 members - 72 Registered Nurses (RNs) and 30 Nursing Students. This would not be possible without your support.



We are inviting YOU to join our group and become a leading force in supporting and strengthening the image of nurses. Please help spread the word about MINIG and its mission and vision.

In addition, please join our [Facebook page](#). By doing so you get a great opportunity to learn what issues or ideas MINIG is currently discussing. Lastly, it is a great chance to network with other members. Become a member today.

Andrei Kolasau
Retention and Recruitment Officer


Student Membership Update

With the New Year comes a new semester in which nursing students will continue their academic endeavors. Those who are involved with their respective student councils serve a very important role in their institutions, and often find themselves with a heavy workload. MINIG has taken the initiative to connect with respective student bodies, and select passionate students who would act as liaisons for their institutions. These institutions include Humber College, Seneca College, and Ryerson University. One project that is currently being organized is the NCLEX informational session which we will be hosting again this March. Stay tuned for more information regarding this event and other collaborative efforts between MINIG and nursing students.

Matthew Lipinski
Student Representative

The MINIG executive wants regular members to join our monthly teleconferences. Your input is valued, and effectively shapes our future endeavors. If this interests you, do not hesitate to send an email to parul.giare@gmail.com. In your email, please include your name, membership status (student or RN), and short description explaining why you would like to be involved. Please send your emails **two weeks in advance** of the scheduled teleconference. The future teleconference dates are outlined below:

- #6 Wednesday Apr 20 2016 @ 6:00PM
- #7 Saturday May 7 2016 (AGM) – in person
- #8 Wednesday June 15 2016 @ 6:00PM
- #9 Wednesday July 20 2016 @ 6:00PM
- #10 Wednesday Sept 21 2016 @ 6:00PM
- #11 Wednesday Oct 19 2016 @ 6:00PM



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