

MEMBERS' VOICES REPORT: October 1 – December 31, 2010
Speaking out for Health: Speaking out for Nursing

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POLICY/POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Can Private Practice Nurses Access Third Party Payments?

IPN Members have been asked to respond to a request from a sister Association of Registered Nurses in Private Practice from another Canadian province. IPN administration will follow up on the project results and report the research findings to IPN members. All Registered nurses are welcome to send a reply. .

Dear IPN Member

“Our Association of Registered Nurses in Private Practice are working on a project to access third party payments for private practice nursing services, e.g. from insurance companies such as Blue Cross, Sun Life. Could you let me know if private practice nurses in Ontario are able to access third party payments? Thanks for any information you can give.” ~Association of Registered Nurses in Private Practice [IPN Members wishing to participate please click here to send your response.](#)

Proposed Changes by College of Nurses of Ontario CNO require all Registered Nurses to have Mandatory Professional Liability Protection

IPN posted on their web site the proposed new regulations about to be implemented by the College of Nurses of Ontario. CNO will require all Registered Nurses to have mandatory professional liability protection. IPN members were asked to respond to CNO by the deadline.

The IPN chairperson also sent an open letter to RNAO requesting their response:

Dear RNAO Executive,

The proposed new regulations, about to be implemented by the College of Nurses of Ontario CNO, will require all Registered Nurses to have mandatory professional liability protection insurance. ... [click here to read Doug Bishop's letter](#)

MEMBER SERVICES

IPN hosted their Annual General Meeting Nov 20th 2010 at a Mississauga hotel. The day had a morning workshop presented by noted speaker Gloria Pierre on *The Power of Networking!* In the afternoon the IPN AGM was attended by the IPN executive and IPN members.

A highlight of the day and a first for IPN was the accomplishment of web conferencing of both events to our IPN members. The morning workshop and the AGM using audio web conferencing meant that IPN members across the province could interact with the education presenter and the “at home” members attending the AGM could participate with the IPN members in the boardroom. IPN had attendees from Grimsby, Oakville, Sault St. Marie, Hamilton and Thornhill attending from their home using a telephone and a computer. IPN intends to continue further audio Web Conferencing services for the upcoming education workshops and future AGM meetings.

IPN has concentrated on setting up their IPN web site over the past three months. www.ipnig.ca The IPN administration has changed to electronic communication. The IPN executives agreed the web site has greatly improved communication and provides a much better means of membership communication - resources, quick facts, networking and connection for RNAO resources.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

IPN Creates Leaders Mentorship Program Guidelines

Independent Practice Nurses wanted to have a usable one page mentorship guideline for any IPN member who expressed an interest in volunteering to help. IPN posted a usable one page mentorship guide for IPN members wanting to actively participate as IPN Leaders....

“Ask yourself... “*Should I become involved in IPN Work?*” The answer is definitely “Yes”!

See the IPN website to read this guideline

IPN Leaders Mentorship Program Guidelines ([click here to view and print a copy](#))

EMERGING ISSUES

Independent Practice Nurses Interest Group Education Opportunity

The IPN administration receives numerous enquiries from IPN members asking “how do I start a new business?” IPN executive recognized that many registered nurses may need the essential fundamentals of business operation to work as a professional registered nurse in independent practice. IPN executive wanted to meet the needs of new IPN members as well as all registered nurses wanting to learn to start a business as an independent practice.

IPN is hosting a **Free** full day workshop on Saturday, April 2, 2011. entitled “Your Business – it is Time to Start!” The workshop is opened to **all** Registered Nurses.

The program presenters are skilled business professionals who will teach business techniques. The aim is to provide hands on tools, instruction and insight to get started.

<http://www.ipnig.ca/education/education.html>