



THE GERONTOLOGICAL
NURSING ASSOCIATION
ONTARIO

Professional Advocacy Board Position

Primary Purpose:

To coordinate GNAO advocacy or facilitate activities for the client, gerontological nurse and health care system.

Term of Office & Succession:

The board will approve appointment or facilitate election by GNAO members (In event of more than one interested party) of the Professional Advocacy Director. Appointments are approved at the AGM. The Professional Advocacy is a volunteer, voting member position for a term of two (2) years.

Responsibilities include:

1. Communicating with GNAO members via e-mail and webpage as pertinent advocacy and political issues arise.
2. Being an actively participating member of the Board responding to issues raised by both individual chapters and the Board. Includes attending GNAO Board meetings and preparing quarterly reports to submit to the GNAO Board.
3. Developing a committee with chapter Professional Advocacy Chairs (as available and interested) to identify issues and develop GNAO responses to facilitate collaborations and coordination of Chapter and Provincial political activities.
4. Keeping abreast of current health care issues affecting the gerontological nurses and the clients we serve.
5. Facilitating the development of responses to local issues of concern and leading development of written responses (such as position papers or media alerts).
6. Networking with local organizations and professional nursing organization (i.e. RNAO, RPNAO, CGNA) to coordinate activities and strengthen GNAO position and voice.
7. Performing any related duties as designated by the Board.

Time Commitment:

5 hours per Board face-to-face meeting x 2 year
2 hours per Board teleconference call 2 to 6 per year
8 hours to attend GNAO provincial conference and
AGM
1 to 3 hours for activity preparation per month

Equipment Required: computer with internet access

