



ATTEND YOUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DEC. 5 AT NOON. [EMAIL FOR DETAILS](#)

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Conference Funding ✓
- Scholarships ✓
- Webinars ✓
- Newsletter and Networking ✓
- Education ✓
- Influencing policy initiatives ✓

Report from the Chair

Lisa Herlehy



I take this opportunity to extend a big welcome to all returning and new DNIG members. Whether we work among those living with diabetes, live with diabetes ourselves or simply have an interest, membership in DNIG provides an opportunity to learn, to share, to advocate and to reflect together on the care that we provide.

As the dust settles on the US election and winter settles across the land it seems a good time to set goals for the coming year and to plot a path to what we want to achieve. At meetings in September and early November your executive at DNIG has been doing just that. And we have some exciting changes in store. Webinars, newsletters,

website improvements, policy initiatives, bursaries, education funding, and increasing opportunities for members to participate and contribute are priorities for the upcoming year. You can find out more at our annual general meeting on December 5, 2016 at 1200h so plan to attend! On the agenda is Tim Lenartowych who will be speaking to us about how we, as members of an interest group can create and influence policy that directs diabetes care. This is a great opportunity for everyone who wants to learn about advocating for change and to contribute. But first, fill in the survey so that your executive can plan some general direction for Tim to guide us and also so that you have the opportunity to win a

\$50 gift certificate to Tim Horton's!

So **WELCOME**. Fill in your [survey](#), and [send a note to me](#) if you plan to attend the AGM for your sign in information and agenda or if you have any questions or if you have a special interest in any of our initiatives.

Lisa

Would you like to

- write for the newsletter?
- present a webinar?
- become part of an executive team?

Here is your opportunity to shine. [Contact us](#) to discuss opportunities.

Let us know what is important to you and those you work with?
[Click here](#) to fill in your survey and win at Tim's.

Conferences, Scholarships and Bursaries-DNIG supports Members in Ongoing Learning

We are pleased to report that once again we have funding to support three members to attend diabetes focused conferences in 2017. Applications will be reviewed and granted March 31st and September 31st.

The funding will cover costs of travel, accommodation, and meals, up to a maximum of \$1000 per member. Applicant must have been an RN member of DNIG for a minimum of one year and not a bursary recipient for the previous five years.

Personal Summary Selection Criteria:

Brief personal summary must include:

1. Identified professional objectives for attending the diabetes conference.
2. Identified involvement (past/present) in diabetes professional practice/DNIG
3. Identified strategy for sharing learning with nursing colleagues.

Please send completed scanned applications and any questions to: [Lisa Herlehy](#)

Save the Date!

Options for Diabetes Conference in Kingston. Friday May 5, 2017
Contact Margaret Little via [email](#) or phone 613 376 3207 for more details



DNIG offers three bursaries each year which are managed by the Registered Nurses Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO). For application forms, please go to [RNFOO Awards and Scholarships](#). Successful applicants will receive their award at the RNAO Assembly and AGM in April.

The Mary Ann Murphy Memorial Diabetes Education Bursary

Awarded annually to an RN pursuing graduate education, whose research focus is diabetes education and care for persons with type 1 diabetes, and who has demonstrated a significant commitment to the cause of diabetes.. **Potential value: \$1,000**

The Margaret Myers Diabetes Clinical Practice Bursary

Awarded to an RN who has demonstrated a significant interest in diabetes research, education, and care and is currently practicing in the field. The purpose of the award is to support an evidence-based project or initiative that will positively impact on nursing clinical practice and on the health outcomes of people with diabetes. **Potential value: \$1,000**

The DNIG Diabetes Award

Awarded to an RN pursuing diverse continuing education in the area of diabetes education and care specific to type 2 diabetes in the Aboriginal population. The applicant must have demonstrated a significant commitment to diabetes education and care in the Aboriginal population and be currently practicing in an Aboriginal community. This award is funded by DNIG. **Potential value: \$2,000**

Diabetes Nursing Interest Group Research Award

This award will support a graduate level student in either a PhD, MScN or MN program who is conducting research focused on an aspect of nursing related to education, prevention, or management of diabetes. Applicants must have completed a research proposal that has been submitted for ethics approval. **Value: \$3000**



Looking forward to 2017

Welcome Package

Here is an overview of the Diabetes Nurse Interest Group for our new members. What you can expect from DNIG in the coming year.

DNIG provides a forum for the discussion of issues within the diabetes nursing community and contributes a nursing voice on diabetes related practice, education, and research. Through our links with RNAO we are well positioned to advocate and lobby at the provincial level on diabetes care (on professional nursing issues as well as quality of care concerns from consumer perspective). Our group supports continuing nursing education relevant to diabetes education, prevention and care, and we strive to establish a network for information sharing and collaboration within diabetes nursing and with other health-care professionals.

Keeping in touch with Members

Expect to see a DNIG newsletter three times a year: Spring, Summer, and Fall. Each issue follows a theme and features topical issues. We try to reflect the interests of our diverse membership, including providing our students with an opportunity to learn about potential career choices. Previous membership surveys have told us that diabetes education is important to you so the newsletter provides information on upcoming workshops, webinars and conferences. In addition to keeping you in touch with new approaches to diabetes prevention and care, these learning opportunities allow you to share with colleagues and obtain support through networking.

Not least, the newsletter provides a forum for our members to share information about what is happening in their area, and to discuss issues and concerns in the field of diabetes nursing. We like to hear from members; it helps your executive to keep in touch with current issues and concerns in the diabetes community.

To learn more about the DNIG, go to DNIG.rnao.ca where you can meet the executives, find the latest news, read our published newsletters, and more.

Conference Funding Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

RNAO membership # _____

DNIG Membership duration _____

Employment status: FT PT

Employer _____

Please tell us about the conference you wish to attend, approximate distance and your anticipated mode of transportation.

*NOTE: For reimbursement agreed upon amount, an expense report and all receipts are to be submitted to DNIG no later than 1 month following conference completion.

Please attach a 1-page document (maximum 500 words) outlining why you qualify for this funding.

Be sure to:

Describe your professional objectives for attending the conference.

Describe your involvement (past/present) in your professional association/DNIG

Describe your employment status, location, role in diabetes nursing

Describe how you will share what you have learned with your nursing colleagues

Please supply one professional reference.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

I certify that all information contained in this application is true and accurate.

Applicant signature _____ Date: _____

Please scan completed application and e-mail to Lisa