



CNHE/IISE

Canadian Nurses for Health and the Environment
Infirmières et Infirmiers pour la Santé et l'Environnement

**CNHE Executive Teleconference Meeting
April 21, 2010**

Present: Naomi Higenbottam, Fiona Hanley, Hilda Swirsky, Jodi Macdonald, Jennifer Otto

Regrets: Shelly Archibald

1. Updates on local initiatives:

Jody- Put in place a greening committee at her faculty.

Hilda - Green team starting to raise awareness. Physical advisory committee. Hoping to start a position, but just looking for support.

Fiona- Quebec nurses for Ecoresponsibility (QNE), moving ahead- made links with the Quebec Order of Nurses. Activity for Earth Day at Montreal Children's hospital-, Nurse from medical floor collaborated with Child Life in planning an arts & crafts & cooking activity for children on the unit to learn about the earth, animals, connections etc. Also presentation in May about children's health and environment.

2. Membership:

7 members only at present. Fiona has asked Shelly to re-send membership call on separate mailing over the listserv.

When does membership start and end? Change from Constitution and Bylaws where it is currently as January - Motion made and accepted unanimously to have membership start on 1st April and end 31st March each year.

Membership fees- Beginning of the fiscal year. Expires March 31, 2011.

3. Treasurer: Bank statement:

Current balance is \$829.53 + another 35\$ with additional membership this week. Decided upon acceptability of electronic receipts rather than paper. Naomi will organise this. She is sending lists of all members to Shelly.

4. Website:

Now up, though still under construction. Everyone is very happy with the look, and thank Jenn and Fred. Possibility of Fred also putting web in French if we decide to.

We did not discuss fees, but will send mailing to all exec to discuss this issue.

All are asked to send ideas for additions to website to Jenn.

Some included: blurb on group, who we are, what we want to do...who are the exec. Membership link, Contact us, links with other groups such as CNA, Luminaries, CAPE, ANHE, Student section, Education section....

Prominent mention of conference on first page of site:
CNHE link with Aboriginal Nurses, Men in Nursing, and Diabetes Nurses for
Conference in October at Toronto Hilton. Theme - *Linking our knowledge through
diverse interests*.

Call for abstracts- Abstracts must be submitted to national office no later than 5:00 pm
EST May 25, 2010. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be made by June 18,
2010

5. Conference- Mon-Wed- 25-27 Oct Conference closes at 3.

1st Day: Environmental panel, evening reception

2nd day-, diabetic panel, Dr. Dennis Raphael, aboriginal ceremony,

3rd day-heart and stroke foundation, environmental health and diabetes.

Would like to include a discussion regarding environmental health education-perhaps
at end of conference on final day....can we arrange this? Will ask Hilda.

Ideas of draw for membership at the conference.

Theme- Knowledge through diverse societies.

Students are welcome and encouraged to attend, but might find it difficult due to the
time frame, and possible costs???

6. Meeting for Executive:

May 30, 2010, Montreal. At Fiona's house...invitation to be sent to all exec. Supper
meeting.

Submitted by Jenn & Fiona