

Attention Health Editors:

RPNAO announces recipient of prestigious Honourary Lifetime Membership Award

MISSISSAUGA, May 12 – The Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (RPNAO) is pleased to announce the recipient of its Honourary Lifetime Membership Award. This prestigious award, which has only been presented 10 times in the organization’s 52-year history, recognizes individuals with a longstanding track record of achievement and dedication to practical nursing in Ontario.

The recipient of RPNAO’s Honourary Lifetime Membership Award is Carol McDowell, a Registered Practical Nurse with the Niagara Health System and Vice President, National Nursing Division of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1 Canada.

“We are thrilled to be able to present this award to such a truly deserving recipient,” said Dianne Martin, Executive Director of RPNAO. “Carol has long been an advocate and supporter of the Registered Practical Nursing (RPN) role in Ontario. She is known by her colleagues as an inspiring nursing leader with a talent for building and sustaining professional relationships. She was instrumental in the development of the nursing division within the SEIU. And above all, she is an exemplary RPN, who puts safe patient care at the forefront of everything she does.”

The Honourary Lifetime Membership Award was presented to Carol McDowell at RPNAO’s Annual General Meeting and Conference in Guelph, Ontario.

About the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario (RPNAO)

Founded in 1958, RPNAO is the voice of registered practical nursing in Ontario. There are more than 29,000 registered practical nurses working in Ontario, playing a vital role in the province’s health care system. For more information about RPNAO and its mandate, please visit www.rpnao.org.

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RPNAO President Linda Gould presents Honourary Lifetime Membership Award to Carol McDowell.