

2017 Council Elections

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

August 22, 2016

Dear Members:

Nominations are now being accepted for the upcoming Council election. This election is required under Part 6 of the College by-laws. It will be held on **Thursday, October 27, 2016**. The three-year term of the newly elected councillors will begin on January 16, 2017, at the first regular Council meeting following the election.

Elections will be held for the following districts:

District 1 – Greater Toronto Area District, which is composed of the municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and the regional municipalities of Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Peel, and York. The current term of Dr. Areef Nurani will expire January 2017; he is eligible for re-election.

District 2 – Northern Electoral District, which is composed of the territorial districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, City of Greater Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Timiskaming, the counties of Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, Haliburton, Huron; Renfrew and Simcoe and the district municipality of Muskoka. The current term of Dr. Bill Chisholm will expire January 2017; he is eligible for re-election.

District 3 – Eastern Electoral District, which is composed of the counties of Frontenac, Hastings, Lanark, Northumberland, Peterborough, Prince Edward, Kawartha Lakes, Leeds & Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Prescott and Russell United Counties, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and the Durham Region and the City of Ottawa. Dr. Thomas-A. Noël will have completed nine (9) consecutive years on Council as of January 2017 and is not eligible for re-election, per *Health Professions Procedural Code* subsection 5(2).

District 5 – Provincial Electoral District, which is composed of the whole of the Province of Ontario. The current term of Dr. Patrick Quaid expires January 2017; he is eligible for re-election.

A copy of the eligibility section of the by-laws is attached and the nomination procedure is outlined on the following page. The by-laws can be found on the College website at www.collegeoptom.on.ca. Please visit Members/Professional Practice/ Legislation & By-laws.

Please consider this opportunity. It's your chance to protect the public of Ontario and contribute to the profession of optometry. Interested members should reply with a signed form no later than 4:00 p.m. **Tuesday, September 27, 2016**. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact me. I can be reached at PGarshowitz@collegeoptom.on.ca.

Paula L. Garshowitz, OD
Registrar

Nomination Procedure:**Section 6.07 of the College by-laws provides for the following nominating procedure:**

(1) At least 60 days before the date of election each year, the Registrar shall, in the districts where elections are to be held in that year, invite in writing any Member wishing to stand for election to Council.

(2) A Member's written intent must be returned to the Registrar no later than 30 days before the election.

Section 6.04 of the College By-laws states that a member must principally reside or practice optometry in the district in which the Member is seeking election. Only members on faculty at the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science (WOVS) may run in District 6 in accordance with Section 6.05 of the By-laws.

If you wish to run for a position on Council, please fax, email, or mail the form below to the College.

(Please print)

Name: _____ **Registration Number:** _____

Address of Primary Office/Residence: _____

Telephone No.: _____ **Email:** _____

I wish to run for election to College Council in the following electoral district:

[No Member shall be a candidate for Council Member in more than one district during an election. By-law 6.04(2)]

- District 1 – GTA District**
- District 2 – Northern Electoral District**
- District 3 – Eastern Electoral District**
- District 5 – Provincial Electoral District**

Signature

The signed form must be received at the College **no later than 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2016.**

Please send your completed form to:

College of Optometrists of Ontario or Email: PGarshowitz@collegeoptom.on.ca
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