

Dr. Areef Nurani

District 5 – Provincial Electoral District

Bio

I, Areef Nurani, graduated from Waterloo in 1993. For the past 27 years I have been in full scope private practice, first as an associate with Dr. Albert Ng, and then on my own. I practiced in Scarborough at Lawrence and Warden from 1995 to 2007, until I moved my practice to Lawrence and Victoria Park. In 2011 I added Vision Therapy to my practice. Practicing in these interesting mid to low income neighbourhoods with large, diverse ethnic populations has given me some sobering insights into the needs and challenges of our patients.

My volunteer experience began at the College in 2010 with ICRC followed by a role on the since disbanded communication committee. In 2012, I was elected to College Council and was appointed to various committees and chaired various committees over the years as detailed in my brief CV. 2019 was my last year on Council and I chose to leave to focus on rebuilding my practice especially the Vision Therapy component.

My intention was to continue focusing on my practice for the next few years, however, there have been various initiatives, by-law changes, transparency gaps, and a questionable response to the funding challenge faced by all of us, that has inspired me to seek a term on council.

If elected to College Council, here is how I propose to ensure public protection.

I will work tirelessly to shift Council's position to one of supporting the profession's need for adequate funding. Public protection means ensuring that the public of Ontario can be certain to receive quality care. It is vital that the College call out all the stakeholders that influence the care and not expect the members to be solely responsible. Government has to do its part to ensure adequate funding is provided. Public protection requires taking a courageous position and I am ready to take on that challenge!