

## Council Elections

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

August 23, 2019

Nominations are now being accepted for the upcoming Council election. It will be held on **Thursday, October 24, 2019**. The three-year term of the newly elected Council members will begin on January 17, 2020, 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, City of Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Peel and York.

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.

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.

District 5 – Provincial Electoral District, which is composed of the whole of the Province of Ontario.

The nomination procedure is outlined below. A copy of the eligibility section of the by-laws can be found [here](#). The complete by-laws can be found [here](#).

Nominations are open to all members. The College encourages and welcomes those within their first 10 years of practice and/or with experience in governance, human resources, finance/business or communication to consider this opportunity. It's your chance to protect the public of Ontario and contribute to the profession of optometry.

Interested members should email, fax, or mail their signed form to College Registrar Ms. Maureen Boon no later than 4:00 p.m. **Monday, September 23, 2019**. If you have questions regarding this process, please consult this list of [frequently asked questions](#), or contact [Ms. Boon](#).

Maureen Boon, MHSc, BSc  
Registrar

## Nomination Procedure:

### Part 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.

Part 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.

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 – Greater Toronto Area Electoral 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. September 23, 2019. Please send your completed form to:**

College of Optometrists of Ontario      **or**      Email: [mboon@collegeoptom.on.ca](mailto:mboon@collegeoptom.on.ca)  
Suite 900-65 St. Clair Ave. E.  
Toronto ON M4T 2Y3  
Fax: (416) 962-4073

**Conflict of Interest Agreement  
Council Election Candidate**

I acknowledge that, as a candidate for election to the Council of the **College of Optometrists of Ontario**:

- (a) My primary duty would be to serve and protect the public interest. Council members must avoid conflicts between their duty to the College and their self-interest or duty to another organisation.
- (b) I have read and am familiar with the College's By-laws pertaining to Conflict of Interest, specifically noted in Part 11.

Council Members must not engage in any activities or decision-making where a conflict of interest may arise. Part 11.01 of the College By-laws outline what may constitute a Conflict of Interest. In accordance with 11.04 of the By-laws, there shall be a one-year waiting period with respect to:

- an employee, contractor or any other appointee of the College who wants to be a Council Member; or
  - an employee, contractor, appointee, director or officer of the Ontario Association of Optometrists, the Canadian Association of Optometrists or any other organization determined by Council who wants to be a Council Member.
- (c) If elected, I am bound to adhere to and respect the By-laws, policies, publications of the College applicable to Council. I agree to be bound by the College by-laws that relate to:
- Conflict of Interest (Part 11.01)
  - Confidentiality (Part 11.05)
  - Code of Conduct (Part 11.06)
- (d) If elected, I will file with the Registrar a written agreement to resign from all of the applicable following positions:
- an elected representative, director, officer or employee of, or party to a contractual relationship to provide services to, the Ontario Association of Optometrists, the Canadian Association of Optometrists or any other organisation determined by Council; or
  - an appointment Committee chairperson or member of a committee of the Ontario Association of Optometrist, the Canadian Association of Optometrists or any other organisation determined by Council.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_.