

2019 Council Elections CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

August 24, 2018

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 25, 2018**. The three-year term of the newly elected councillors will begin on January 18, 2019, at the first regular Council meeting following the election. As with last year's election, the College will be using an electronic voting system to conduct this 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. The current term of Dr. Linda Chan will expire January 2019; she is eligible for re-election.

District 4 – Western Electoral District, which is composed of Brant, Elgin, Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth, and Wellington and the regional municipalities of Haldimand County, Norfolk County, and Waterloo. Dr. Dino Mastronardi will have completed nine (9) consecutive years on Council as of January 2019 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. Richard Kniaziew will expire January 2019; he is eligible for re-election. Dr. Richard Kniaziew has indicated that he will run for election in the Western Electoral District.

District 6 – Academic Electoral District, which is comprised of members who belong to the faculty of the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science. The current term of Dr. Patricia Hrynychak will expire January 2019; she 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 [here on the College website](#).

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 reply with a signed form no later than 4:00 p.m. **Tuesday, September 25, 2018**. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact me at PGarshowitz@collegeoptom.on.ca.

Paula L. Garshowitz, OD
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 practise 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 Part 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 – Greater Toronto Area Electoral District**

- District 4 – Western Electoral District**

- District 5 – Provincial Electoral District**

- District 6 – Academic Electoral District**

Signature

The signed form must be received at the College **no later than 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, 2018.**

Please send your completed form to:

College of Optometrists of Ontario or Email: PGarshowitz@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 organization.
- (b) I have read and am familiar with the College 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, and 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 organization 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 organization determined by Council.

Date: _____.

Signature: _____.

Print Name: _____.