



Bring your skills to the table...



Shape the future of self-regulation



The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario needs your skills, experience and leadership at the Council table

Be heard.

As an elected member of Council, you will contribute to the self-regulation of medicine in Ontario in a host of meaningful ways.

You participate in decision-making about:

- Standards of practice and professional conduct;
- Competencies for entry-to-practice and ongoing practice;
- The development of new programs and policies to guide the profession as well as relevant regulations and by-laws.

Members of Council also fulfill a critical role through participation on statutory committees including:

- Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee;
- Discipline Committee;
- Registration Committee;
- Finance Committee and many others.

"It is so important for physicians to get involved. Although you must be prepared to work very hard, it has been a joy to work with other committed members of our profession on work that is challenging, stimulating and that is crucial to our process of self-regulation."

Dr. Lynne Thurling, District 3.

Be visionary.

If you are committed to:

- Protecting and serving the public interest;
- Sharing ideas and perspectives to help shape the practice of medicine in Ontario;
- Leading the profession;

...this is an opportunity to enrich your professional life and make a lasting contribution to the public and the profession.

Be accountable.

Help keep self-regulation in good health. The College is able to deliver on its mandate of responsible, professional and ethical decision-making in the public interest because of the commitment and participation of hundreds of Ontario physicians every year.

Be involved.

Ensuring that we maintain the privilege of self-regulation is a challenging job. But it is one that needs to be done and needs to be done well.

Quick Facts

What is the Council of the College?

The Council is the governing body of the College. Members include 16 elected physicians, six academic physician representatives and 13-15 members of the public who are appointed by government.

Am I eligible to stand for election?

You are eligible to stand for election if:

- You are currently practising or reside in the electoral district for which you have been nominated;
- Your certificate of registration has not been revoked or suspended in the six years preceding the date of election and has no term, condition or limitation other than one prescribed in any regulation made under the *Regulated Health Professions Act* or the *Medicine Act*;
- You are not currently the subject of a disciplinary or incapacity proceeding;
- You are not in default of payment of any fees prescribed by the regulations;
- You are not a director or officer of the Ontario Medical Association.

“My work at the College as a Council member has been extremely rewarding and challenging. This work is like nothing I have ever done before — it has brought fresh perspectives to the work I have done for many years and has been very worthwhile.”



Dr. Michael Gordon,
District 10

Participate in self-regulation

How long is the term of office?

The term is a maximum of three years (November 2009 to November 2012). You may run for re-election at the end of the term. Councillors can serve up to three terms (nine consecutive years).

How often does Council meet?

Meetings are held four times a year and are two days in duration. In addition, each Council member is appointed to one or more College committees. Time commitments vary depending on the committee. Approximate time commitments may be reviewed on the College website at www.cpso.on.ca under About Us>Committees>Time Commitment.

How am I compensated for the time away from my practice?

Members of Council are paid a fee for participation in all College activities.

The current rate is \$405 per half-day, plus expenses such as travel and preparation time.

I'm very interested in running for election.

What should I do now?

To stand for election, you must be nominated by 15 members of the College who are in good standing. A nomination form is provided for you to complete. We recommend that you get 18 nominators.

The College must be in receipt of your completed nomination form by Tuesday, September 1, 2009. When we receive this information, we will send you additional information about the election.

How do I campaign?

As part of the election process, we will send information about each candidate to all members in the relevant district and post your information on the College website.

You will need to submit a short biography, a statement about why you are running for election and a photo of yourself to help voters get to know you better before voting. We will send you a form to help you put this information together.

If elected, when do I take office?

You would take office at the first Council meeting following the election which would be the Annual Meeting held on November 19 and 20, 2009.

Want more information?

Please contact Merna Eisenberg at 1-800-268-7096 ext. 302 or (416) 967-2600 ext. 302.

