

Nominations

AGM and Call for Nominations

Creating a positive future for the dental hygienist profession is rewarding work. Now is an opportune time to consider the difference that your participation on CRDHA Council could make. If you or someone you know would like to contribute energy, experience and wisdom through an elected position on CRDHA Council, please submit a nomination now.

The CRDHA Council consists of eleven voting members – 8 dental hygienists and 3 public members. Dental hygienist Councillors are elected by the membership. Public member Councillors are appointed by the Lt. Governor.

Positions Available

In spring 2010, the CRDHA will elect three new Council members to help the College meet its mandate of serving the public and guiding the profession. Elections will occur by mail ballot prior to the May 1, 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Eligibility

All Regulated Members in good standing on the General Register are eligible for nomination.

Council Terms of Office

Terms of office for Regulated Member Councillors are 3 years. Councillors elected in May 2010 will begin their term of office on July 1, 2010. Terms will end on June 30, 2013. Regulated Member Councillors are eligible for election for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Role & Responsibilities

Council serves as the governing body of the College and fulfills specific roles and responsibilities set out in the *Health Professions Act* (the Act). Council uses the Carver Governance Model®. Orientation sessions will introduce new Councillors to the governance model and to Council's roles and responsibilities under the Act. Councillors are collectively responsible for:

- Decision-Making and Leadership: affirming the CRDHA Mission, ensuring a dynamic planning process that translates the CRDHA Mission into specific Ends (goals and objectives) with the emphasis on the future and proactive measures.
- Accountability: developing and monitoring Council policies, fulfilling the Council's role as set out in the Act, reporting to members and government.
- Representation: representing members of the profession, carrying the public trust.

Meetings

Council members are required to attend all Council meetings and the AGM. Council meetings are held 4 to 5 times per year. Two of these meetings are 2 day in-person meetings; other meetings may be conducted by teleconference. The AGM is held in conjunction with the CRDHA Annual Continuing Competence Event in April/May each year.

Qualifications & Prerequisites

- Commitment to linking with members and the public
- Ability to see "the big picture"
- Interest in and capability to discuss the values underlying actions taken by the CRDHA
- Willingness to delegate operation detail to others
- Ability and willingness to deal with vision and the long term, rather than day-to-day details
- Ability and willingness to participate assertively in deliberation while

respecting the opinions of others

- Willingness and commitment to honour Council decisions
- Commitment not to make judgments in the absence of previously stated criteria
- Integrity and good judgment
- Willingness to subjugate self-interest for the good of the College
- Effective interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to accept the honour as well as the criticism of leadership
- Commitment to dental hygiene as a profession
- Good organizational skills and basic computer literacy

Benefits

- Play an active role in furthering the CRDHA mission with respect to regulatory and member services
- Participate in new learning opportunities
- Interact with colleagues

Nomination Process

Nominations must be endorsed by at least 3 voting members and must include the signed consent of the person nominated. Completed nomination form and supporting documentation and photo must be returned to the CRDHA Nominations Committee by closing February 15, 2010

Questions

Contact the CRDHA office at our toll-free number 1-877-465-1756



CRDHA Councillor Nomination Form

The nominee must be a Regulated Member in good standing on the General Register.

We, the undersigned, being Regulated Members in good standing, nominate _____
for the position of CRDHA Councillor for the term beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2013.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ College ID # _____

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Form for Acceptance of Nomination

I, _____, accept this nomination and am willing to
serve a three year term if elected. Enclosed is the supporting documentation as noted below.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ College ID # _____

The nomination must include:

- The Councillor Nomination Form
- The nominee's written responses to the questions on the reverse side of this form. Please be concise with your responses. Responses must not exceed 75 words for each section of the three questions.
- Short biographical profile
- Head and shoulder, colored photo of nominee, suitable for publication (4"x6" or electronic high resolution format, at least 300 dpi)

Responses to the questions, biographical information and photo will be printed in an election leaflet to be circulated with mail ballots.

Forms and responses to questions must be received by the Nomination Committee at the CRDHA office by closing on February 15, 2010. Return to:

CRDHA Nomination Committee
206, 8657 - 51 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB T6E 6A8
or by fax: to (780) 440-0544



Questions for CRDHA Council Nominees

Nominees are required to provide written response to the following questions. Responses must be limited to a total of 500 words. Responses to the questions will be printed in an election leaflet to be circulated with mail ballots.

1. The College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta Council recognizes that it is entrusted to act in the public interest. In doing so, Council considers not only the views of members, but also the views of the public that the CRDHA Council serves. Council as a whole must seek to understand and bring those views into their decisions at the Council table.
 - a. CRDHA members practice in a wide variety of settings and have many different backgrounds and experiences. What do you see as the challenges of understanding these different perspectives of our members?
 - b. Similarly, the public has a variety of experience with dental hygienists and has many perspectives. What do you see as the challenges of understanding this public diversity?
 - c. What are your thoughts and/or experiences with regard to understanding public perceptions?
2. Council's job is to govern CRDHA by making clear the outcomes it expects the College to produce. It uses a system of governance that clearly delegates achievement of those outcomes to the Registrar. The Registrar is then authorized to choose the most appropriate means to achieve them, within boundaries set by the Council. This frees Council to provide strategic leadership by looking ahead to the future, rather than concerning itself with the details of day-to-day operations.
 - a. What has been your experience in determining what future-based outcomes should be for an organization?
 - b. What are the strengths you would bring to that process?
3. Council members are expected to deliberate openly and candidly, seeking to understand diverse viewpoints. When a decision has been made by majority rule, Council members are expected to respect this decision and speak with one voice.
 - a. What has been your experience in deliberating in a diverse group?
 - b. If others were to describe how you operate in groups, what would they say?