

Memorandum

To: All Licensed Registrants
From: Chair, Nominations Committee
CC: Council, Executive Director/Registrar & Administrative Coordinator
Date: November 23, 2022
Re: Call for Nominations for upcoming Vacant Council Positions

The Nominations Committee is seeking the nominations of persons interested in filling three upcoming vacancies on the College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia Council. The upcoming vacancies include:

- a) Primary Care Paramedic Class of Licensure;
- b) Intermediate Care Paramedic Class of Licensure; and
- c) Eastern Geographical District (includes Guysborough, Antigonish, Richmond, Inverness, Victoria and Cape Breton counties).

Every registrant, in good standing, who holds a Practising or Restricted Practising license is eligible to be nominated as, or vote for, a candidate for a Councillor position if the practising registrant meets the eligibility criteria described below. **By-law Article 12.1**

A registrant in “Good Standing” means a practising registrant who is not in default of payment of any monies owing to the College. **By-law Article 2**

The geographical district in which a registrant is eligible to be nominated or vote in is (a) normally the geographical district of the registrant’s residential address, or place of employment, as reflected in the records of the College as of the date the ballots are distributed, or (b) for registrants who are not residents of, or employed within Nova Scotia, the geographical district of the address for the College’s Head Office. **By-law Article 8.2**

The classes of licensure a registrant is eligible to be nominated or vote in are PCP, ICP, ACP and CCP. **By-law Article 9.2**

As per College By-law Article 11.2, for a registrant to be eligible for nomination to the Council, the registrant:

- a) Must hold a practising status;
- b) Is not in default of payment of any monies owing to the College;
- c) Is able and willing to serve fairly, impartially and in the public interest;
- d) Is not currently the subject to a licensing sanction, or was not subject to a licensing sanction within the five years preceding the date of the election;
- e) Is not an employee of the College;
- f) Is willing to contribute to the attainment of the purposes of the College;
- g) Is able to devote the appropriate time and attention to the role of District Councillor or Class of License Councillor, as the case may be; and

h) Has, or is willing to attain, the appropriate competencies to fulfil the role of Councillor.

Please note that Council positions are not paid.

Additionally, candidates may be nominated in two ways:

- a) through nomination by two practising registrants, or
- b) by the Nominations Committee.

If a candidate is nominated for one position, but they are eligible for, and wish to represent, a different position, they must submit a written request to the Nominations Committee to represent the different position.

Nominations must be sent to the Chair of the Nominations Committee via email to nicole.webb@cpns.ca no later than Friday January 6, 2022. Then, the Nominations Committee will vet all nominees for their eligibility and advance a slate of eligible candidates to the Council.

On February 15, 2022, the College will open the electronic election process allowing ballots to be cast until midnight February 28, 2022. All ballots must be received at the College by Monday March 6, 2022 (first Monday of March) and will be counted within 10 business days of being received, by the Chief Elections Officer and two non-registrant scrutineers.

In accordance with the College's By-Laws, votes may only be cast by those registrants who belong to the:

- a) Primary Care Paramedic Class of Licensure for the Primary Care Paramedic Class of Licensure position.
- b) Intermediate Care Paramedic Class of Licensure for the Primary Care Paramedic Class of Licensure position.
- c) Eastern Geographical District may for the Northern Geographic District position.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please feel free to contact Karl Kowalczyk, the College's ED/Registrar at karl.kowalczyk@cpns.ca or 902-223-8797.