

MEMO

TO: Council

FROM: Fazal Khan, Registrar

DATE: January 29, 2018

SUBJECT: 2.0 Executive Committee Election Procedure
For Background Only

The following procedure governs the election of the Executive Committee, as set out in the COO By-laws.

Executive Committee Composition

Pursuant to Article 10.1 of the by-laws, the Executive Committee of the COO is composed of five individuals: the President, the Vice-President, and three additional Council members.

The Executive Committee must also consist of three Elected Council members and two Public Council members.

Election of the Executive Committee

The general procedure for electing Executive Committee members is set out in Article 9 of the COO By-laws. The procedure can be summarized as follows:

1. The meeting must be chaired by a neutral party
2. Each candidate must be nominated and seconded
3. The election must be conducted by secret ballot
4. The successful candidate must obtain a majority vote
5. The elections must take place in the following order:
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice-President
 - iii. Remaining three positions, in no particular order

Eligibility for the Executive Committee

All Elected Council members and Public Council members are eligible for election to any position on the Executive Committee. There is no requirement that an individual serve on Council for a minimum amount of time prior to running for Executive Committee election. There is furthermore no requirement that an individual serve on the Executive Committee for a minimum amount of time before running for President of the Executive Committee.¹

The President may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

¹ A motion to amend the by-laws to add these requirements was made to Council at its May 13, 2014 meeting, but the motion was defeated.

Expression of Interest

Please take this as my official notification of my intent to have my name stand for nomination for the position of President of the College of Opticians of Ontario for the 2018-2019 year.

I have been a member of the College since 2010, I was first elected to the Executive Committee in 2011. I subsequently ran and was elected as President of the College in 2012, I repeated and ran in 2013 & 2014 and was returned to the position of president. In 2015 I ran for the position of Vice President and was elected and have served in that position for two yrs.

During my time as president I have worked thru what might be called somewhat of a period of reorganization of the College and involved as Ontario's representative, participating by contributing the wishes of our council towards revamping of the profession across Canada .I have been fortunate enough to be the recipient of the confidence of the members of council for three terms to serve as their messenger to deliver their directions to the national body as their president.

The College is now facing what may be termed as its most contentious year upcoming , with the legal challenges as well as the transitions facing the profession as a whole as well as the changes which the government is potentially envisioning for the optical profession, (ie: Bill 87) and the health care as a whole.

I believe that this year there must be a person with experience chairing the council and a familiarity in dealing with the upcoming challenges facing both the profession as well as dealing with the members of government.

I feel that my experience as past president and member of the executive provides me a wealth of experience that would translate into a smooth transition in dealing with the upcoming challenges the college will face.

In conclusion I seek your vote of confidence to act as your President for 2018-2019 year.

Thank You,
David Milne

Robert Vezina RO, Elected Member

Please accept this letter as my formal expression of interest in being President for 2018. I have been involved with the college since 1998 and have had the privilege of sitting on most College committees, most notably as Chair of Discipline for most of the last 12 years and Chair of Registration for the last 8-9 years. I have been to several of the national meetings and have been Chief examiner and sat at the National exam committee reviews. I am well versed in the College's legislation having been involved in developing most of the recent Regulations and Bylaws. I am very aware of our history and the challenges we face in the future. I am looking forward to your support to serve as President in 2018.

Some of my College experience

- Vice President 2012
- Chair of Discipline 12 years, Vice Chair 4 years
- Chair of Registration, Fitness to Practice 9 years, Vice Chair 1 year, member 1 year
- Member of Complaints, Unauthorized practice 2 years
- By-Law Ad-hoc committee
- Resource Ad-Hoc committee
- Delegation Ad-hoc committee Chair 2 year
- NEC Rep 1 year
- Chief Examiner 1 year
- Nation examiner 17 sessions
- College examiner 10 sessions
- PLAR interviewer 20 sessions
- Appointed Non-Council Member 9 years
- Elected Council Member 8 years
- College Executive 3 years
- Quality assurance 1 year

I was licensed in 1981 and became a CCLF in 1983. I opened my own store in 1988 and currently have over 60 employees in the 8 retail locations I am involved in.

Sincerely,

Rob Vezina

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Please except this as my expression of interest for the position of Vice-President for 2018.

As the incumbent Vice-President and having served as president in 2015-2016, I ask for Council's support in my reappointment.

Last year we continued to ensure a better governance process by working diligently on the new policy manual. With Councils continued support we should see its completion in 2018.

We have continued to establish relationships with key stakeholders and have invited them to participate in Council meetings via webinar.

As Vice-President I will continue to assist the new executive in support of our stakeholders both provincially and nationally.

Thank you for considering me for Vice President.

Professional experience 2017

- Vice-President of the College of Opticians
- Committee member of Executive, ICR, Governance
- Past NACOR chair
- OCC NACOR representative
- ECHO low vision committee
- Owner of Visual Rehab

BRYAN TODD
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I would like to express my interest in running for the [Vice President](#) of the College for the year of 2018.

I bring a great deal of experience having been a council and appointed member since 1994. During this time I have held the position of chair and vice chair of ICRC, Discipline, Exams, Registration, Patient Relations and Quality Assurance Committee.

As a past member of the Executive Committee, I understand and accept the responsibilities that come along with this position.

I believe I possess the ability to work as a team player on the Executive Committee and help guide this College through some challenging and difficult issues this year will bring.

Having an experienced person as [Vice President](#) is also extremely important in assisting the President and the Registrar with new challenges OUR College will face this year.

Residing in Sudbury, Ontario, I feel I have much to offer AS the [Vice President](#) by way of a perspective on issues from outside the Greater Toronto Area.

I respectfully seek your vote for this position.

Sincerely,
Bryan Todd

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January 8, 2018

Fellow Council Members,

Please accept this letter as my expression of interest to serve as a member of the 2018 Executive Committee.

I have had the opportunity to serve both as an Appointed and Elected Member of Council. During this time, I have worked on several different committees in various roles. I have served as Chair of Quality Assurance and was instrumental in re-vamping the portfolio. I have also served as Chair and Vice-Chair of Patient Relations, been a committee member of ICRC and Registration Appeals Panel. I served as a representative at ECHO. In 2016, I acted as Chief Examiner at the fall session of the National Exams and was elected by Council to the position of Chief Examiner in 2017.

During my 2011-2013 elected term, I had the opportunity to fill a vacated position on the Executive Committee in 2012 and was elected to Executive in 2013. As an appointed member from 2014-2016, I was unable to run for a position on the Executive Committee.

Along with my Council experience, I have successfully managed stores for 2 large Optical Companies since 1992. I have volunteered with The Canadian Cancer Society for 10 years, serving as Co-Chair of Luminaries on the Relay for Life Committee of Ingersoll until it ended in 2016.

I believe that my formative experiences have prepared me for a role on the Executive Committee. I am fully aware of the personal commitment and responsibilities that come with the position and am prepared to devote the necessary time and effort required to fulfill the statutory obligations of this role.

Respectfully, I ask for your support and vote for a position on the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,
Peggy Dreyer

Expression of Interest:

My name is Omar Farouk and I have been recently reappointed for a second term by the Order in Council of the Ontario Government as a Public Member to serve on the College of Opticians of Ontario. I am also a current Executive Member of the College.

My experience with the College, helps me to recognize and value the fact that the College has an ongoing quest for experienced and proven leadership from members of the public in order to ensure protecting the public interest in the College.

I have been a community leader for over 30 years in Canada, a former chairperson of the Employment Insurance Board of Appeal, a former public member of the College of Nurses of Ontario, current member of Toronto Police Advisory Community for the Police Chief and RCMP. I have been successful in broadening my knowledge and perceptions on matters of the Public Rights and Interests.

I have the firm belief that critical thinking, team work, collaboration in discussions are beneficial towards a "sober second thought". I learnt these skills from various Boards and Committees that I served on including the College of Opticians of Ontario.

I have learnt that in leadership, accountability, transparency and Integrity are crucial to gaining respect in any professional settings, particularly the College of Opticians of Ontario.

In addition, I believe that any conflict of interest if determined, must be identified, brought out in the open and acted upon appropriately.

I do not put myself in a position to be under any influence from outside individual or any agency or organization that might have an influence on my fiduciary duties to the College.

I demonstrate respect and integrity by being courteous, attentive, and patience and open to what others bring to the table. These very values are manifested in my work ethics.

I understand how to build bridges, to cater towards the public interest and human rights.

I am a public member on Council and on the Executive Committee of the College and will continue to uphold a high degree of honesty, integrity and loyalty in support of the College's vision to supporting Opticians in their delivery of high quality, safe and ethical care to the public of Ontario.

In addition, I also held various positions in large charitable organizations and was involved in many humanitarian causes. Currently, I oversees a food bank, holding weekly food drives delivering over 300 meals to the homeless and those in need. I partnered with 10 other organizations in Toronto in raising over \$ 250, 000 for the Humber River Regional Hospital and still is. I am a licensed marriage officer of Ontario. In 2012, I was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Award by the Governor General of Canada.

I respectfully request your vote to be elected for a second term on Monday January 29th 2018 as your Public Member on the Executive of the College of Opticians of Ontario because of the above noted reasons.

Yours Respectfully.

Omar Farouk.

Public Member of Council.

Chair of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee of the College

January 8, 2018

Dear Fellow Board Members:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my interest in running for the position of public member of the Executive Committee.

I have been a member of the Board for over a year now and find the position very interesting and rewarding.

I believe I have the ability to represent the college in a professional manner. I have excellent decision-making skills along with the ability to work well with others. At meetings, I feel it is important to listen patiently to the viewpoints of others and respect their opinions.

To date, I have been a member of the Quality Assurance and Registration Committees as well as vice-chair of the Discipline Committee. I believe I contribute sound and sage input to the discussions and like to draw other members' attention to issues that may not be initially obvious but could have ramifications for the College in the future.

I have prior experience with other Boards. In the past, I have been a board member with the London Humane Society. More recently, I was Chair of the Women's Shelter in Woodstock and President of the Oxford Lawyers' Association. In addition, for the past 10 years, I have appeared before tribunals as prosecutor for the Ontario Racing Commission.

I have experience in chairing meetings and crafting strategic solutions. I thrive on finding resolutions to problems. I am confident that these qualities together with my commitment to work will be an asset to the Executive Committee.

I hope you will consider me for the position of public member on the Executive Committee.

Yours truly,

Trudy Mauth