
2020

College Council Elections

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Agenda

1. Understanding Regulation
2. The Role of OTs in Self-regulation and Governance
3. The Role of a Council Member at the College
4. Some College Priorities
5. Time Commitment
6. Logistics
7. Questions



Why Regulation Matters:

The regulation of health professionals matters because:

- It protects the public's right to quality health care services.
- It sets and enforces standards and guidelines for the practice and conduct of its members.
- It takes action when members of the public have a concern about their health care.

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What is your role in self-regulation?

Take an active part in protecting the public by:

- Participating in the election by supporting a nomination and voting.
- Standing for election and if elected, serving on Council.



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What is the role of a Council member?

- To make decisions in the public interest
- To participate on statutory and other committees
- To participate in decision-making about:
 - ✓ Standards of practice and professional conduct
 - ✓ Competencies for entry to practice and ongoing practice
 - ✓ Policies, regulations and bylaws of the College in accordance with relevant legislation
 - ✓ Programs, enforcement, transparency

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Current College initiatives include:

- CORECOM
- Review of governance
- Performance measurement
- Quality Assurance competency assessment project – risk based
- COVID-19
- Focus on Diversity



Meetings and Time Commitment:

- Election is for a Council role
- Terms: Oct 2020– March 31, 2022/23
- 4-5 full-day Council meetings a year
- Each Council member sits on 1-2 statutory committees, subcommittees or working groups, which typically meet once/month
- Meetings require up to 0.5 day preparation time

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Council and Committee Training

- Orientation
- On-boarding process
- Professional learning and development
- Ongoing staff support



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Competencies to Effectively Participate on Council

- Registered OT
- No identified concerns within past 6 years
- Ability to make decisions in the public interest
- Effective communicator
- Ability to participate in collaborative decision making
- Analytical, rational, objective
- Knowledge of societal values, human rights, social justice
- Integrity
- Capacity to meet demands of role

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Calendar of Meetings

March Council Meeting & Election of Officers

June Council Meeting

October Council Meeting plus an Education Day

January Council Meeting

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Statutory Committees

- Executive
- Registration
- Inquiries, Complaints, Reports
- Discipline
- Fitness to Practise
- Patient Relations
- Quality Assurance

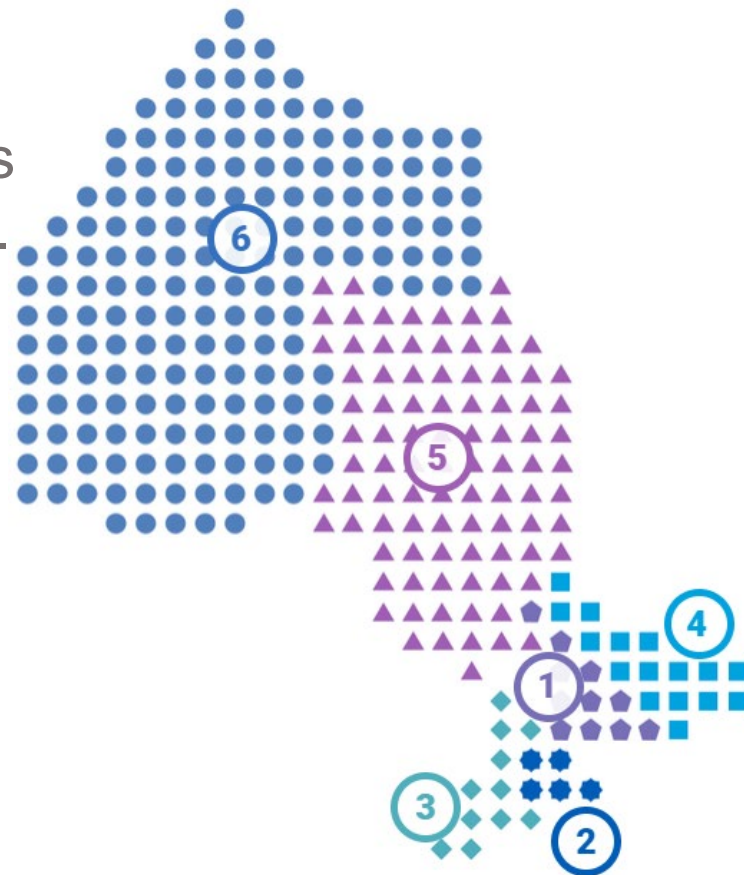


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Elections Process

- Ontario has 6 voting districts
- Districts usually vote on a 3-year rotating schedule
- 2020 Special Elections will be held in:
 - ✓ **District 1** (Toronto and area)
 - ✓ **District 2** (Hamilton and area)



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Elections Process

District 1 (Central East)

- Electing 1 member
- District 1 is composed of: The Municipality of Toronto, counties of Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Simcoe and Kawartha Lakes, and regional municipalities of Durham, Peel and York

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District 2 (Central West)

- Electing 1 member
- District 2 is composed of: The counties of Brant, Dufferin and Wellington, and the regional municipalities of Haldimand, Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton, Niagara and Waterloo.

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Elections Process

- Elections (including nominations) are conducted electronically.
- Ensure your email is correct in your member profile which can be accessed through the registrants login section of the College website www.coto.org.

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Important Dates:

- **Nominations Open:** July 8, 2020
- **Nominations Close:** August 27, 2020 at 4PM
- **Voting Opens:** September 15, 2020
- **Voting Closes:** September 30, 2020



Questions?



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