

call for nominations

The Alberta College of Occupational Therapists is **seeking 2 occupational therapists** to join the 11-member Council (9 elected occupational therapists and 2 public members). Interested members are invited to submit a **nomination form** to the College by **April 1, 2010**.

the council

Working as a team, councillors determine the vision for the maintenance and growth of occupational therapy in Alberta. Councillors bring unique expertise and perspectives to the process of probing the challenges facing the profession and translating the needs of the public into College goals for accessible, competent, efficient and ethical health service. The Council uses a system of governance that delegates the achievement of these goals to the Registrar.

The College is seeking diversity in its Council and is looking for representation from both rural and urban populations, varying geographic locations and different models of health care delivery.

benefits of becoming a councillor

- expanding your knowledge of professional and regulatory issues
- building leadership skills
- expanding your network of occupational therapy colleagues in different practice areas
- having the opportunity to influence the direction of the profession
- taking part in educational sessions designed specifically for councillors

what's the time commitment?

Councillors are elected for a term of 3 years. The Council meets 4-5 times per year in face-to-face meetings, typically on a weekend for one or both days. Additional teleconference meetings are scheduled as required. Councillors spend an estimated 70 hours per year on Council work.

need more info?

For more on Council initiatives or the role of councillors, contact Cori Schmitz, Chair, Nominations Committee, at E: cori.schmitz@acot.ca, T: 403.229.4154 or contact the College at E: info@acot.ca, T: 780.436.8381 or 1.800.561.5429 (toll free in Alberta).



Council nomination form

Each nomination must be endorsed by three members, together with the nominated individual's written consent to act if elected.

Nominee information

1. Nominee (print name) _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

2. Nominators' statement

We, the undersigned ACOT members, nominate the above person for the ACOT Council.

(1) signature _____ print name _____ permit # _____

(2) signature _____ print name _____ permit # _____

(3) signature _____ print name _____ permit # _____

3. Attach a statement of interest, not more than 120 words. Your statement should indicate the strengths and qualities you would bring to Council (*Council policy 'Governance Succession Planning' is attached for reference*).

4. Attach a statement of professional experience (a summary of work experience or a copy of curriculum vitae).

Acceptance of nomination

I accept my nomination and am willing to serve on the ACOT Council. I agree to carry out the powers and duties of the Council under the Health Professions Act, the Occupational Therapists Profession Regulation, and the Bylaws of the ACOT Council.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit the completed form with supporting documents by April 1, 2010 to Cori Schmitz, Chair, Nominations Committee, Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, 300, 10436 - 81 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6E 1X6 or by fax to 780.434.0658.

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists

Council Policy GP-17 **Governance Succession Planning**

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In keeping with the Council's commitment to excellence in governance, the Council shall strive to solicit for positions on the Council candidates who have characteristics that will enable them to govern, not to manage, the organization. These characteristics include:

- Commitment to link with the ownership and understand its diversity
- Ability to think in terms of systems and context — to see the big picture
- Interest in and capability to discuss the values underlying the actions taken in the organization, and to govern through the broader formulations of these values
- Willingness to delegate operational details to others
- Ability and willingness to deal with vision and the long term planning, 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 to suspend judgements in the absence of previously stated criteria
- Ability and willingness to commit the time required for Council work
- Demonstrated integrity and ethical and professional conduct
- A willingness to learn
- Belief in and commitment to the value of self-regulation
- Ability to work as a collaborative member of a team
- Strong communication skills