

March 2017

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
TO THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Canadian Register of Health Service Psychologists invites nominations for one Registrant member and one Public member of the Board of Directors.

Background

The governance of the Canadian Register of Health Service Psychologists (CRHSP) is based on an 'Excellence' model. Its advantages are a smaller, strategically oriented Board of Directors with Directors chosen to enable achievement and development of strategic priorities. Registrants may now be nominated to the Board without having to be the nominee of a provincial / territorial association or regulatory body. There is also a provision for Public members of the Board.

Information that may be helpful to prospective nominators and nominees are the following features:

1. Broad authority is allocated to a Board of Directors (B/D) that is ultimately accountable to the Members through the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The B/D is composed of five Registrant members and two Public members, plus the Executive Director in an *ex officio* non-voting capacity. The Officers are the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Executive Director. A Public Representative may hold the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Other Officers shall be Registrants. The Officers, save the Executive Director whose appointment is contractual, shall be elected annually by and from among the members of the B/D.
2. Ordinary Members shall be convened to an Annual General Meeting (AGM). At the AGM, those present will vote on the final slates for any open seats on the B/D.
3. The current members of the Board and their respective terms are:  
Dr. Gordon Butler, Registrant (2015-2018)  
Dr. Jennifer Keller, Registrant (2015-2018)  
Ms. Susan Nicholson, Public Representative (2014-2017)  
Dr. David Pilon, Registrant (2016-2019)  
Mr. Mark Lawrence, Public Representative (2016-2019)  
Dr. Karen Todd, Registrant (2016-2019)

Mission and Objectives

In considering nominations, it will be helpful to keep in mind that the Canadian Register is a non-profit corporation that (1) identifies health service psychologists who meet prescribed educational and training requirements; (2) publishes and disseminates a register of health service psychologists to assist health service organizations, third party payers, and the general public; (3) promotes and protects the public's access to qualified health service psychologists; (4) conducts periodic research; (5) develops and offers continuing education; (6) maintains relationships with other provincial / territorial, national, and international psychological organizations to advance common goals.

## Criteria for open Board positions to be elected at the 2017 AGM

There are two Board seats for which nominations are sought. Each has its own criteria.

### Public Representative

- experience in the governance of non-profit organizations
- commitment to improving access to health care
- familiarity with the regulation of professions and public protection is desirable
- expertise and interest in areas that will add to the breadth of experience on the B/D
- cannot be a psychologist nor be in training to become a psychologist

### Registrant with experience (one seat)

- substantial experience in the governance of national level psychology organizations
- ability to contribute actively to achieving the strategic priorities of CRHSP
- at least 10 years experience actively involved in the delivery of psychological health services to the public
- experience in consulting to private or public sector bodies or other stakeholders in health care
- demonstrated expertise supporting and promoting psychological health care services

## Submitting a Nomination

1. Self-nominations are welcome. Nominations may also be made by one or more Registrants, by Members, or by private or public sector organizations.
2. Each nomination must be accompanied by a CV, a statement signed by the prospective nominee agreeing to be nominated and to serve if elected, and a letter explaining how they meet the criteria for the Board seat for which they are proposed. In the case of persons being nominated by others, it is encouraged that the prospective nominee also submit their own statement of interest.
3. The deadline for receipt of nominations and all supporting materials is **April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**.
4. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged. These should be sent to [info@crhsp.ca](mailto:info@crhsp.ca) with the word Nomination in the Subject line.

For the signed statement agreeing to be nominated and to serve if elected, electronic signatures are acceptable in the form of a signature incorporated into the text or as an email message from the prospective nominee's own email address.

Those submitting paper copy nominations should send them to:

Nominations

Canadian Register of Health Service Psychologists

72 boul. St-Raymond

Gatineau, QC J8Y 1S2

or by fax to 819 771 1444

## Review of Nominations, Creation of Slates and the 2017 Elections

1. The Bylaws provide for a Nominating Committee. It will conduct an initial review of all nominations and submit a report to the Board. The whole Board will receive information on all nominations submitted and decide on a slate for each position.

2. As prescribed by the new Bylaws, the slates proposed by the Board will be sent to all Ordinary Members. It is expected that this will occur in late April, 2017. Five Ordinary Members may then make further nominations by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Any such additional nominations will be included on the final slate(s) to be voted at the 2017 AGM (subject to the nominee being a Registrant for the Registrant position, and not being a psychologist or in training to be a psychologist for the Public Representative position). Members are strongly encouraged to submit nominations they may wish to make by the April 21<sup>st</sup> deadline for the initial Call for Nominations.

3. All candidates for each slate may submit a 350 word statement on their interest in serving on the Board, as well as describing their relevant experience and expertise. These statements will be included with the slates to be sent to Members in advance of the AGM.

Recognizing that not all candidates may be present at the AGM, a Rule was adopted whereby there may be no speeches by or on behalf of any candidate, during the conduct of the elections.

4. The federal legislation through which the Canadian Register received its Letters Patent and under which it is regulated as a non-profit corporation stipulates that the Board of Directors must be elected by the Members. Therefore, the 2017 elections will be conducted as part of the 2017 AGM.

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This Call for Nominations is being sent electronically to all Registrants who have provided an email address, to provincial / territorial associations and regulatory bodies of psychology and CPA, as well as to some private and public sector organizations.

The same information is being posted on the CRHSP website [www.crhsp.ca](http://www.crhsp.ca) .

By authority of the Board of Directors,

Pierre L.-J. Ritchie, PhD, C.Psych.  
Executive Director