

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of IPAC Canada is charged with the responsibility of ensuring continuity by nominating a slate of officers for positions open in 2014 (Policy 12.10). Additionally, nominations for board positions are welcomed from members of IPAC Canada. Serving on the board of IPAC Canada is an excellent way to participate at the national level. This offers the opportunity to meet a wide range of IPAC Canada members, network with allied professional groups, and work with other motivated and experienced Board members.

Because of changes to election laws as prescribed in the current by-laws, the procedure for election of Directors and Officers has changed. Please also note that, because of by-law changes to terms of office, the current President will hold office until the 2015 AGM and the current President-elect will become President at the 2015 AGM. The election for a President-elect will take place every two years, starting in 2015.

Timelines for Election of Officers and Directors:

December 16, 2013 – Announcement of the Nominating Committee slate of Directors
February 14, 2014 – Deadline for additional nominations from membership
February 28, 2014 – Announcement of final slate of candidates for election at 2014 AGM.
May 28, 2014 – Elections to be held at the Annual General Membership Meeting, Halifax.
May 28, 2014 – Newly elected Board Orientation, Halifax

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC Canada) has put forth the following candidates for positions open as of May 28, 2014.

Secretary (3 year term)	Marilyn Weinmaster RN BScN CIC Regina SK
Director (Education background) (3 year term)	Barbara Catt RN BScN MEd CIC Toronto ON
Director (Experienced ICP) (3 year term)	Ramona Rodrigues RN BSc MSc(A) CIC CNS Montréal, Québec

CANDIDATE PROFILES

MARILYN WEINMASTER RN BScN CIC is a Regional Long Term Care Infection Prevention and Control Professional (ICP) in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, one of two ICPs providing infection control support to the 23 Long Term Care facilities in the health region. During her career, she has been a staff nurse, care coordinator, a manager in long term care and rehabilitation (adult and paediatric) and an ICP in Long Term Care, Complex Care and Rehab. She has been an ICP for 10 years. As an IPAC Canada member, she has chaired the Membership Core Committee, and was Chair of the Long Term Care Interest Group. She has represented Long Term Care on the 2011 and 2012 Scientific Program Committees, participated on the Routine Practices E-Learning Modules Working Group for development and review of the E-Learning tool, and has participated as a pilot test site for RPAP tools. Marilyn was President of IPAC SASKPIC for three terms and has chaired the chapter's annual education planning committee. Marilyn held the position of IPAC Canada Secretary/Membership Director for one term and is seeking re-election as Secretary of the Board.

BARBARA CATT RN BScN CIC MEd has worked in the field of Infection Prevention and Control for many years. Her work experiences include emergency room, operating room, ICU, medical-surgical, long-term care, and professor of nursing at college and university levels. She has worked in a variety of health care settings including public health, small community hospital and large tertiary health care centre. Barbara is a registered nurse and holds a Master in Education where her research was focused on principles of adult learners. She has been involved in research and publications regarding disease transmission and education such as core competencies. Currently Barbara is the Coordinator of the IPAC Canada Endorsed Infection Control Course offered at Centennial College and is a lecturer for the "Prevention of Catheter-Related Blood Stream Infections", "Adult Education" and "Ambulatory Care Settings" modules. In 2008, she developed an Infection Control Course for Estheticians at Centennial College and continues to be the lecturer. She has been working at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto since 2003 as an IP&C Coordinator, PPL. She played a major role in curriculum development and implementation of core competency certification and hand hygiene initiatives. She continues to be an active member in IPAC Canada, APIC, CON, and RNAO. She is a past member of the IPAC Canada Standards and Guidelines Committee and continues to be an active participant on committees such as the IPAC Canada Prehospital Care Interest Group, and Healthpro Clinical Advisory Committee. She is currently Co-Chair of the IPAC Canada Education Core

Committee. She is the current president for IPAC Greater Toronto Area (GTA), formerly CHICA TPIC. In 2013, Barbara was appointed Interim Director by the Board of IPAC Canada to fill the position vacated by Donna Moralejo as of December 31, 2013.

RAMONA RODRIGUES RN BSc MSc(A) CIC CNS is Manager for the Infection Prevention and Control Service of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) in Montreal, Quebec. She manages a team of 9 infection control professionals and 3 support staff for 4 adult sites: the Montreal General, the Royal Victoria, the Montreal Neurological Institute and the Chest Hospital in Montreal. Ramona has been a strong supporter for ensuring the minimum number of resources to practice Infection Prevention and Control. She was a member of the Canadian Infection Prevention and Control Alliance group in 1997 and 1998 that published ratios for the number of professionals per acute care beds. In Quebec, as a member of the “Comite sur les infections nosocomiales du Québec” supported the regulation to enforce Health Care Facilities to support the ratios. In addition, she worked collaboratively with colleagues in Quebec to have the Specialization recognised by the l'Office des professions du Québec as a Clinical Nurse Specialists in Infection Prevention and Control. Ramona is an active member of several provincial expert committees. She is an expert consultant for the Comité sur les infections nosocomiales du Québec (CINQ), - an advisory committee to the Ministry of Health of Quebec; a member of “Surveillance provinciale des infections nosocomial (SPIN); a consultant to the Quebec Provincial Committee on Environmental Hygiene and an active member of several regional Infection Control working groups. Ramona has been a speaker at several conferences, posted abstracts and has taught Infection Control to varied professionals. In 2011, she was asked to review the Infection Control Program at the Chest Diseases Hospital (CDH) in Kuwait City, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and has taken every opportunity when traveling to visit and learn from other hospitals and health centers.

Additional nominations from the membership of IPAC Canada will be accepted until February 14, 2014. Position descriptions (Section 2 Board of Directors, Policy) and nomination forms (Forms 3 and 4) may be obtained from the Membership Services Office (info@ipac-canada.org).

Signatures of two active members are required for each nomination. Send completed nomination forms to:

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