

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of CHICA-Canada is charged with the responsibility of ensuring continuity by nominating a slate of officers for positions open in 2013 (Policy 12.10). Additionally, nominations for board positions are welcomed from members of CHICA-Canada. Serving on the board of CHICA-Canada is an excellent way to participate at the national level. This offers the opportunity to meet a wide range of CHICA-Canada members, network with allied professional groups, and work with other motivated and experienced Board members.

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association – Canada (CHICA-Canada) has put forth the following candidates for the positions open as of January 1, 2013.

President-elect (1 year term) Suzanne Rhodenizer-Rose RN BScN CIC

Halifax NS

Director, Programs & Projects (3 year term)

Mandy Deeves RN BScN CIC

Orillia ON

Director, Standards & Guidelines (3 year term) Victor Leung MD FRCPC

Vancouver BC

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Mandy Deeves RN BScN CIC is Network Coordinator of the North Simcoe Muskoka Infection Control Network of Public Health Ontario. Her responsibilities are to provide a specialized range of evidence-based, educational and consultative services to Infection Prevention and Control staff, management and front-line healthcare providers in regional and provincial stakeholder organizations, using comprehensive understanding of IPAC competencies of integrated knowledge, skills, judgment and attributes. She is a Member of the Research Ethics Board at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, Ontario. Mandy has been in Infection Control and a member of CHICA-Canada for six years. She is the founding Chapter President of CHICA-Canada's newest chapter, CHICA Simcoe-Muskoka. Currently a member of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO), Mandy is pursuing a Master of Public Health Nursing.

Suzanne Rhodenizer-Rose RN BScN CIC is Director, Healthcare Quality, Patient Safety and Infection Control Nova Scotia. She is responsible for the overall strategic development and implementation of a provincial strategy for quality/patient safety and infection prevention and control. The development of a comprehensive Quality Framework that embodies the work of IPCNS along with an indicator framework has been a key focus to drive her team's work. She manages a team of five professionals whose expertise are sought from myriad jurisdictions and healthcare organizations across the province. From a governmental perspective, this involves standardization of best practices, sharing of lessons learned, and building capacity for front line health care providers and support staff. Additionally, her work involves providing subject matter expertise and education on issues related to quality and infection prevention and control to health care providers, organizations, governmental branches and the ministry. Suzanne has taken a leadership role in several exciting projects that have been initiated to improve the practice of

infection prevention & control including provincial surveillance, best practice guidelines and policy, and fostering a high level of competency for infection control professionals. Suzanne has been in Infection Prevention and Control for 12 years and a CHICA member for 11 years. Recently appointed as a Centennial College mentor in the Infection Prevention and Control program, Suzanne is also the Chapter President of CHICA Nova Scotia and is an active member of several interest groups.

Victor Leung MD FRCPC is an Infection Prevention and Control Physician, Infectious Diseases Consultant and Medical Microbiologist at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver. A graduate of the University of British Columbia and previously Chief Resident in Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology at McGill University, Dr. Leung is a member of CHICA-Canada and CHICA British Columbia. His professional career focuses on infectious diseases and medical microbiology specializing in hospital infection prevention and control. He also leads the hospital antimicrobial stewardship program. He educates medical trainees and allied healthcare workers in infection prevention and control to improve adherence to evidence-based practices. Among his research initiatives are the development of novel post-discharge surveillance systems for surgical site infections and collaboration with behavioral research scientists to implement successful interventions in antimicrobial stewardship.

Additional nominations from the membership of CHICA-Canada will be accepted until August 15, 2012. Position descriptions (Section 2 Board of Directors) and nomination forms (Forms 3 and 4) are found in the CHICA-Canada Policy and Procedure Manual, or may be obtained from the Membership Services Office or downloaded from www.chica.org (Members area).

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

Marilyn Weinmaster RN BScN CIC CHICA-Canada Secretary/Membership Director c/o Membership Services Office Email chicacanada@mts.net

Deadline for nominations: August 15, 2012.