

March 10, 2016

## MEMORANDUM TO IPAC CANADA MEMBERS

### RE ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following candidates have been nominated for positions open on the Board of Directors in 2016. Additional nominations may be presented by not less than two IPAC Canada members at the Annual General Meeting (**Wednesday, May 18, 2016, Niagara Falls**). Additional nominees must be present to confirm their willingness to be nominated, or just have provided a written confirmation to the nominator(s).

Director (3-year term)  
(Programs and Projects)

Mandy Deeves BScN RN CIC  
Network Coordinator, Public Health Ontario  
North Simcoe Muskoka Infection Control Network  
Orillia, Ontario

Director (3-year term)  
(Standards & Guidelines)

Tara Donovan BHSc MSc  
Epidemiologist  
Fraser Health  
Surrey, British Columbia

Public Representative (3-year term)

Carolyn Canfield  
Vancouver, British Columbia

### CANDIDATE PROFILES



**MANDY DEEVES BScN RN CIC** is nominated for her second term as a Director of IPAC Canada with responsibilities for Programs & Projects. Mandy is Network Coordinator, Public Health Ontario - North Simcoe Muskoka Infection Control Network, Orillia, Ontario. She has been in Infection Prevention and Control for nine years and has been an IPAC Canada member during that time. Her role at the Network is 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. Mandy was instrumental in the formation of IPAC Simcoe Muskoka chapter and has served as its President. Her responsibilities as a Director of IPAC Canada have included oversight of the Programs and Projects Committee and she has served as Chair of the Programs and Projects Core Committee.

**Philosophy:** Over the past three years, I have worked with members of the Board of Directors of IPAC Canada to represent the needs of our membership, working to promote resources and/or create tools that will assist them in meeting IPAC needs. Working with infection prevention and control professionals across the continuum of care, has afforded me the opportunity to better understand the IPAC challenges faced in these different sectors. As the chair of the Programs & Projects Committee, I will continue to support the work that is being done by this organization to maintain and support projects developed by our membership. In the role of Director, I hope to continue to promote both IPAC Canada and the practice of IPAC by encouraging exchange of knowledge, experience, ideas and information for the prevention and control of infections as well as collaboration and networking among persons interested in Infection Prevention and Control.



**TARA DONOVAN BHSc MSc** completed an MSc in Community Health and Epidemiology in 2007 at Queen's University in Kingston Ontario. Motivated by her interest and a desire to continue learning, Tara completed a Certificate in Infection Control at Queen's University. She began her career as the Communicable Disease Epidemiologist with the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health Unit and particularly focused on the monitoring and evaluation of a real-time syndromic surveillance system. In 2009, Tara accepted a contract position and moved across the country to work with the Immunization Program at the BC Centre for Disease Control as a Vaccine-Preventable Disease Epidemiologist. Following the contract term, Tara joined Fraser Health Authority in 2010 as the Regional Epidemiologist for Infection Prevention and Control. Her primary role was to lead, direct and provide expertise in the development, implementation, maintenance and ongoing evaluation of a Regional Infection Prevention and Control

Surveillance Program. Tara has recently taken a Managing Consultant position with the Fraser Health IPAC program and will continue to collaborate with team members and stakeholders to enhance and maintain surveillance initiatives as well as pursue other important projects to drive quality improvement and patient safety. Tara co-chaired the Surveillance and Applied Epidemiology Interest Group in 2012 and 2013. She is actively involved with the IPAC BC Chapter having served as Treasurer and then President for three years respectively. Tara has provided both poster and oral presentations at the IPAC Canada National Conferences in recent years and has been the Module 4 instructor for the IPAC Canada Novice Infection Prevention and Control course since 2012.

**Philosophy:** If I am granted the opportunity to hold a Director position with IPAC Canada, I pledge to actively communicate and collaborate with my fellow Board members to achieve results and maintain the values of the association. I would focus my efforts as liaison with the standards and guidelines committee as this group plays a crucial role as reviewer and generator of guidelines as requested by IPAC Canada members. I would be dedicated to employing critical thinking when making decisions in the Director role. I would strive to give effective and timely feedback in order to continue momentum and create resources that support members in their endeavours to uphold patient and staff safety by fortifying best practices. IPAC professionals strive to do the right thing at the right time and this is also my commitment in the role of Director.

#### **PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE (3-year term)**



**CAROLYN CANFIELD** is a full-time volunteer for healthcare improvement and patient safety. Prior to 2008, she was a full-time volunteer in community affairs and held appointed/elected leadership positions. She is an honorary lecturer and on the departmental advisory council for the Department of Family Practice, University of British Columbia. She has been an active volunteer with the BC Patient Voices Network, the Province Health Care Board Committee on Care, Quality and Performance Improvement, and a presenter on patient safety locally, nationally and internationally. Carolyn was the inaugural recipient of the Patient Safety Champion Award (2014) from

Accreditation Canada. She has functioned as a patient reviewer on manuscript submissions to the British Medical Journal. Carolyn is a passionate, articulate advocate for patients as equal partners in their own healthcare. She takes a systems approach to issues and is highly respectful of healthcare providers and the work they are trying to accomplish. She has a long history of engagement with the health care system as a patient advisor, has presented in numerous countries, and provided training to medical students on patient related topics.

**Philosophy:** I welcome opportunities to collaborate with healthcare professionals to engage the perspective of patients, family members and the public in the difficult and complex work of policy, governance, quality innovation, patient safety and culture change. Patient expertise can drive creativity and sustain system-scale transformation to fulfill the aspirations of users, practitioners and managers for care excellence. My appreciation of practice, performance and policy continues to expand through citizen-patient participation as a keynote speaker, panelist, course instructor, researcher, project team member, conference resource, awards adjudicator and workshop facilitator. This energetic full-time commitment to healthcare improvement arises from the misfortune of premature widowhood in 2008 following preventable harm, unacknowledged as a system failure and ignored as an opportunity for organizational learning.

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