

February 12, 2018



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 2018. Additional nominations may be presented by not less than two IPAC Canada members at the Annual General Meeting (**Wednesday**, **May 30**, **2018**, **Banff**). Additional nominees must be present to confirm their willingness to be nominated, or have provided a written confirmation to the nominator(s).

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 30, 2018:

Treasurer (3 year term)

Michael Rotstein RN BScN MHSc CIC CHE St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto

Director (3 year term) (Physician)

Joseph Kim MD FRCPC Rockyview General Hospital, Calgary

CANDIDATE PROFILES



MICHAEL ROTSTEIN RN BScN MHSc CIC CHE has over 18 years of clinical and administrative healthcare experience. After completing his Nursing diploma and his post-RN degree at Ryerson he began his SickKids career of almost 14 years on a medicine unit as a staff nurse. He also worked in the emergency department, ambulatory diabetes program, and as a clinical response nurse. He was then elected to the position of Chair of the Registered Nurses' Council. During his tenure in this role, he implemented the "80/20" model of nursing governance, facilitated the roll-out of a large benefit program change, and developed a two-day leadership workshop for front-line nurses. In 2009 he became an Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) with primary responsibility for the Emergency Department, the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, the Heart Centre, as well as

several ambulatory and patient support areas. He was also responsible for consulting on all construction and renovation projects in the hospital. Michael completed his Master of Health Science, Administration Program at the University of Toronto in June 2013 and at the same time became a Certified Health Executive with the Canadian College of Health Leaders. He is also Certified in Infection Control. In May 2013 Michael moved to Mackenzie Health to take on a new management role of the IPAC program. Since April 2016, Michael has been at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto as the IPAC, Medical Device Reprocessing Department, and Eye Clinic manager. Michael was elected as the National Treasurer on the Board of Directors Executive of IPAC Canada in June 2015.

PHILOSOPHY: It is an honour to have my name put forward for re-election to the IPAC Canada Board of Directors in the capacity of Treasurer. Since starting this position I have become more and more comfortable with the operations of the organization and have had the pleasure of working with Gerry and the Board to ensure that a fiscal lens is placed on decision making conversations. My experience on the board has confirmed that the vision and mission of IPAC Canada are well aligned with my own. The principles of support, standardization, and promotion provide an important framework for development and dissemination of key infection and resources that assist members nationally and internationally. I believe a clear vision – not only for the organization, but for the individual chapter that each member is able to identify with – is integral to maintaining quality decision-making that is consistent and transparent. I'm excited for the upcoming strategy planning session in June and I look forward to the opportunity for reelection for a second term.

JOSEPH KIM MD FRCPC is the IPC medical lead at a tertiary care center, Rockyview General Hospital, Calgary, Dr. Kim's responsibility is to provide medical consultation and support for the IPC team. He also works within the provincial and zonal capacity specifically in areas of policy and standards development, stakeholder engagement, research initiatives, and in various working groups where medical expertise is required. In his clinical role, Dr. Kim is an adult Infectious Diseases consultant. Dr. Kim is the Physician representative on the 2018 Scientific Program Committee.

PHILOSOPHY: The core of what we do in Infection Prevention and Control is ensuring patient safety and quality of care. The role of IPAC in healthcare is becoming more integral as we move further into the era of evolving antibiotic resistance and complex medical care. IPAC teams at various levels should be at the forefront of patient advocacy, peer education, and healthcare research. Issues in healthcare systems can be challenging often requiring engagement from competing stakeholders and at these points of divergence, we should bridge the gap and provide leadership. Our involvement should be embedded in sound scientific evidence as well as pragmatic application. I believe the role of the medical lead in any IPAC team is to provide leadership and expertise within a collaborative environment. Learnings and differing perspectives from peers are critical in strengthening the IPAC community.

Position descriptions (Section 2 Board of Directors, Policy) and nomination forms (Form 3 and 3C) may be obtained from the Membership Services Office (info@ipac-canada.org) or are available in the Members Area of the IPAC Canada website (Policies and Forms).

Jennifer Happe, IPAC Canada Secretary Chair, Nominations Committee