



FAQs about running for SRNA Council and Nominations Committee

1. Who can serve on Council?

- Registered Nurse members of the SRNA in good standing can run for a Council position except for RNs employed at the SRNA

2. What are the positions on Council?

- Council is composed of 13 members who work together as a Board of Directors
- Council is composed of seven Members-at-Large, the President and the President-Elect
- Three Public Representatives are appointed by the Government of Saskatchewan
- The 13th member of Council is the SRNA Executive Director
- With the exception of the public representatives, all Council members must be registered nurses
- A member must live or work in the electoral region in which they are nominated

3. What is the time commitment for Council work?

- A member running for Council can anticipate being away from his/her place of employment for a MINIMUM OF 21 DAYS for Council business
- Regular Council meetings (4/year) = 7.5 days
- Annual meeting and conference (2 days) = 2 days
- Council Retreat = 3.5 days
- Teleconferences as required
- Other business approximately 8 days such as membership visits, meetings with government officials, other health agencies, attendance at events
- These estimates do not include the time required for personal preparation prior to meetings

4. How long is a term on Council?

- The term of office for President-Elect and President is two years; for Members-at-Large it is three years.
- A term begins at the close of the annual meeting in May
- Members are eligible for re-election for a total of two terms in a position

5. Are Council members compensated for attending Council Meetings?

- Council members are reimbursed for travel, accommodation, meal expenses and honorarium as per SRNA Policy

6. What are the days for Council meetings? *Please note the dates may change*

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
February 14, 15 & 16	February 12, 13, & 14
May 1, 2 & 3	April 30, May 1 & 2
June 6 & 7	June 12 & 13
September 4, 5 & 6	September 3, 4 & 5
November 7 & 8	November 6 & 7

7. Do members need the support of their employer to run for Council?

- It is important to speak with your employer before you let your name stand for election
- Discuss the roles and responsibilities for Council members, the dates of Council meetings and the opportunities this presents for nursing in Saskatchewan

8. How is information communicated to Council Members?

- Members are provided with laptop computers for Association business during their term on Council
- An orientation to computer use is provided

9. What are the benefits to serving on Council?

Some include:

- Ensuring quality health care for Saskatchewan citizens
- Contribute to the growth and development of the Association and profession
- Work with colleagues and public representatives on health and professional issues
- Gain professional and personal growth

10. What is the Nominations Committee?

- The Nominations Committee consists of three Registered Nurses and one Public Representative
- The committee's role is to provide a slate of candidates to fill the Registered Nurse positions for the yearly election of positions to Council and the Nominations Committee
- The term of this committee is two years
- The committee meets face to face at least once during the year and has at least three teleconferences during the year. Most work is done from September to January.
- Committee members communicate with members by telephone or email. The SRNA provides a calling card to cover telephone expenses
- Expenses and honoraria are provided as per SRNA Policy