

## Running for SRNA Council and Nominations Committee Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Who can serve on SRNA Council and the Nominations Committee?

- Any Registered Nurse (RN) practicing member of the SRNA in good standing can run for a Council and/or a Nominations Committee position with the exception of RNs employed at the SRNA.

### 2. What is the composition of the SRNA 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 who is a non-voting member.
- Apart from the Public Representatives, all Council members must be practicing 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 20 days for Council business:
  - Regular Council meetings (five times per year) = 10 days
  - SRNA Annual Meeting = one day
  - Council Retreat = two days
  - Video conference meetings as required (approximately once a month)
  - Other business (approximately eight days) such as membership visits, meetings with government officials and/or other health agencies, and attendance at events.
- These estimates do not include the time required for personal preparation prior to meetings and travel to and from meetings.
- The Canadian Nurses Association's (CNA) Biennium occurs on even years. Council members are provided with professional development funds that can be used to attend the Biennium. This event is usually three days in length plus travel.
- The President role requires additional commitment of time provincially (meetings with members, committee work, etc.) and for CNA board meetings (meeting time, travel and preparation). The estimated time the President can expect to commit to SRNA business is 30 to 40 days at the provincial level (including SRNA Council meetings) and 20 days at the national level for CNA and other work.
- The President-Elect can expect a time commitment of 30 days provincially (including SRNA Council meetings) and four days at CNA (one meeting per year).

**4. How long is a term on Council?**

- The term of office for President-Elect is two years, followed by two years as President. For the 2021 election, the Members-at-Large in Region 1 and 2 will fill two-year terms. The term for Member-at-Large in Region 4 is three years, Member-at-Large in Nursing Practice Area is three years and the Nominations Committee term is two 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. Can a candidate run for both Nominations Committee and/or Member-at-Large and/or President-elect?**

- *SRNA Bylaws, 2019* - Bylaw IX, Section 3, 2(4) states a practicing member may only stand for election to one position on Council or the Nominations Committee.
- You may be asked if you would be willing to let your name stand for an additional position if no nominations come forward for a specific position on the Nominations Committee or on Council.

**6. Have the electoral regions changed with the move to one health region?**

- As the Government of Saskatchewan passed legislation to change to one Saskatchewan Health Authority, the electoral regions have been revised to be consistent with the new wording in legislation.
- The electoral regions are reflective of the terminology in the SRNA Bylaws.

**7. Are Council members compensated for attending Council meetings?**

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

**8. What are the days for the Council meetings for the upcoming election year? *Please note, these dates are subject to change.***

- June 8, 9 & 10, 2021
- August 24, 25 & 26, 2021 (Council Retreat plus one day business meeting)
- November 3 & 4, 2021
- February 1, 2 & 3, 2022
- May 3, 2022
- May 4, 2022 (Annual Meeting)

**9. 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 registered nursing in Saskatchewan.

**10. How is information communicated to Council Members?**

- Members are provided with a laptop computer for SRNA business during their term on Council.



- All information required for Council is provided online through an online platform (OurBoardroom.com).
- Support for computer use, and an orientation to OurBoardroom.com is provided.

### **11. What are some of the benefits to serving on Council?**

- ensuring quality health care for Saskatchewan citizens
- contribute to the growth and development of the SRNA and the registered nursing profession
- work with colleagues and public representatives on health and professional issues
- gain professional and personal growth

### **12. What is the Nominations Committee?**

- The Nominations 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 Nominations Committee consists of three Registered Nurses and one public representative.
- The term of the Committee is two years.
- The Committee meets face-to-face at least once during the year and has at least three teleconferences. Most work is done from September to January.
- Committee members communicate with members by telephone or email.
- Expenses and honoraria are provided as per SRNA Policy.

Further information can be found on [www.srna.org](http://www.srna.org)