

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
Associate Member Representative on the CNA Board of Directors

The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) is the national professional voice of registered nurses in Canada. A federation of 11 provincial and territorial nursing associations and colleges representing 143,843 registered nurses, CNA advances the practice and profession of nursing to improve health outcomes and strengthen Canada's publicly funded, not-for-profit health system.

CNA is seeking an interested individual who is a member of a CNA associate member to serve as an associate member representative on the board of directors for the period September 1, 2012, to August 31, 2014.

Criteria for position

- member of a CNA associate member;
- registered nurse who is a member in good standing with a CNA jurisdictional member;
- able to help ensure that the agenda and directions of the board are informed by broad and inclusive information; and
- previous committee or board experience.

Desirable expertise

- comfortable with public speaking;
- previous experience on a board of directors of an associate or affiliate member or emerging group; and
- knowledge of governance of a not-for-profit organization.

Term of office

The member shall serve the term of September 1, 2012, to August 31, 2014, after which the member is eligible for renewal for a two-year term.

Special responsibilities

- attend three meetings per year (two days each) and teleconferences, if required. Note: As this is a volunteer position, all expenses are reimbursed in accordance with board policy; however, no remuneration is provided for the meeting or travel time;
- address issues critical to nursing and health care;
- participate in decision-making; and
- serve on committees as required (by teleconference or in person at the call of the chair).

Important dates

- The closing date for nominations is April 1, 2012.
- CNA will send a list of all nominations, along with a ballot form, to associate members by April 9, 2012.
- Associate members shall send their completed ballot form to CNA by April 20, 2012. The nominee with the majority of votes shall be appointed by the associate members.
- CNA shall notify the associate members and the CNA board of directors of the election results by May 4, 2012.

These time frames have been selected so that the incoming associate member representative can take advantage of an overlap with the outgoing representative, whose term of office ends on August 31, 2012. The incoming representative may attend the June 2012 CNA board meeting as an observer. The expense of attending this meeting will be borne by the individual.

Please e-mail or fax:

- completed and signed nomination form, including the statement of philosophy;
- brief curriculum vitae of the nominee;
- letter signed by the president of the CNA associate member, outlining the contribution that the nominee could make to CNA; and
- letter or e-mail from the nominee's CNA jurisdictional member verifying that the nominee's current membership as a registered nurse is in good standing with that organization.

*Only those nomination forms completed in full and accompanied by the documents as stated above, **and received by e-mail or fax by 23:59 ET, April 1, 2012**, will be considered.*

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