SO YOU WANT TO BE A BOARD MEMBER
Newfoundland & Labrador Pharmacy Board
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What is the Board?

- The group of individuals that govern the regulation of pharmacy practice in NL
- Receives authority from the Pharmacy Act, 2012
- Represents the public interest
- Accountable to the public
- Elected members do not “represent” the pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who elected them

The Board shall regulate the practice of pharmacy and the pharmacy profession in the public interest.

s. 7, Pharmacy Act, 2012
What does the Board do?

- Makes decisions that ensure the public receives safe, competent and ethical care from pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacies in NL
- Works within the rules set out in the *Pharmacy Act, 2012*, regulations, and bylaws
- Sets the strategic direction for the regulatory body
- Establishes standards for the operation of pharmacies
What does the Board do?

- Promotes continuing competency and quality improvement
- Provides governance and direction to the Registrar, and allows the Registrar to operationalize the direction
- Ensures the public interest is protected in all matters relating to the practice of pharmacy
Board composition

- Seven elected pharmacists
- One elected pharmacy technician
- Two members of the public appointed by the Board
- Two members of the public appointed by the Minister of Health and Community Services
- Dean of the School of Pharmacy of Memorial University
- Registrar appointed by the Board (non-voting member)

All positions serve three-year terms

Both serve the duration of their position
General responsibilities of a Board member

• Remain committed to the vision, mission, core values and strategic goals of the Board
• Come to meetings prepared and ready to discuss the matters on the agenda
• Become familiar with all relevant legislation, by-laws, standards and guidelines
• Engage in discussion and put forward your opinions on matters
General responsibilities of a Board member

• Work with others towards finding consensus on all matters
• Step back if you are in a conflict or unable to perform your duties
• Allow the Board to speak with one voice after decisions have been made, regardless of whether you personally agreed with the decision
• Act with respect for fellow Board members and NLPB staff at all times
Governing in the public interest

Board members MUST:

• Make all decisions in the public interest
• Set aside personal, professional and corporate interests
• Have the moral courage to make difficult decisions that may be contrary to the interest of pharmacy professionals provided they are in the public interest
Time commitment

Board members are elected for a three-year term and are expected to:

• Attend four full-day Board meetings per year
• Spend 2-4 hours in preparation prior to each Board meeting
• Attend the Annual General Meeting
**Time commitment**

- Check Board e-mail regularly and respond within 48 hours
- Attend special meetings on short notice when possible
- Participate in Board committees
- Attend Board governance and orientation sessions
- Participate in possible travel and attendance at conferences
Good luck with nominations, we look forward to seeing some new faces and hearing new perspectives!