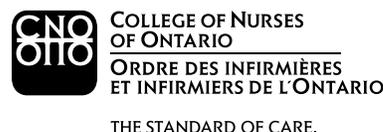


College elects 2015-2016 Council officers



(June 12, 2015) — The Council of the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) – the regulatory body for Ontario’s 160,000 nurses — elected new officers at its March 2015 meeting. The new Council officers assumed their roles on June 10.

Nancy Sears, RN, President

Dr. Sears is a professor of nursing science at St. Lawrence College in Kingston. She holds an appointment with the Canadian Patient Safety Institute’s Home Care Patient Safety Expert Faculty group. Her research and consulting interests include health care management and policy, with special interest in patient safety, health care service quality, and system design and organization.

Cheryl Barnet, NP, Vice-President

Ms. Barnet works at the Centre for Complex Diabetes Care at Trillium Health Partners, Mississauga.

Megan Sloan, RPN, Vice-President

Ms. Sloan is a staff nurse at Roger’s House paediatric hospice in Ottawa.

“Council is made up of public and nursing leaders, so taking on a leadership role within such an accomplished group of people is daunting and humbling,” says Sears, who first joined Council in June 2010. “I intend to support the individual and collective work of Council members to advance a regulatory framework within which the public receives the best possible nursing care. Nursing regulation must support nurses to provide safe and effective care. Council works in the public interest, but we work with nurses to achieve this.”

CNO’s Council sets goals and objectives for the organization according to the governing legislation, and establishes the direction for regulating the nursing profession. With an understanding of the profession and the different settings in which nurses practise, Council makes decisions in the public interest that support confidence in nursing regulation.

Council comprises between 14 and 18 public members appointed by the government, and 14 RNs and seven RPNs elected by nurses from across the province. The newly elected officers will serve until June 2016.

More information about the College and the work of Council is available at www.cno.org.

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