



Becoming an Elected Council Member

What is the Role of an Elected Council Member?

Working with the Saskatchewan College of Opticians is a rewarding way to contribute to public protection and govern the self-regulated profession of Opticianry. Opticians who serve on the Council make decisions about college policies and bylaws that reflect our mandate of ensuring that the public receives safe, ethical, and competent care from Licensed Opticians. If you are a Licensed Optician interested in using your knowledge and skill in the interest of public protection, you should consider seeking nomination.

Council members attend regular meetings and make decisions about policies and the strategic direction of the College. In addition, Council Members:

- may serve on the Regulation Committee to decide on the various policies and standards.
- attend council meetings and make decisions on the functioning of the college, registration, quality assurance, Standards of Practice, patient care, governance, or complaints and investigations.
- commit to attending meetings, maintaining confidentiality, preparing for meetings by reviewing materials and undergoing training.
- receive an honorarium for attending meetings and reviewing meeting materials.
- members are also reimbursed for reasonable travel and expenses.

Who can Run?

To seek election to the Council, you must meet the [eligibility criteria](#) set out in the eligibility document.

What skills and attributes make a great Council member?

Anyone seeking election to the Council will be required to demonstrate various specific skills and knowledge, as well as the five behavioural competencies listed below:

- **Passion – Public Service Oriented:** Demonstrates outstanding initiative and commitment towards the practice of opticianry. Committed to service the College's mandate to regulate the profession of opticianry in the public interest.
- **Exemplified Integrity:** Demonstrates a conviction to do what's right and to reject what's wrong, regardless of the consequences.
- **Unbiased and Open-Minded:** Demonstrates the ability to self-identify and set aside conscious biases. Proactively reflects on the impact of unconscious biases in all situations. Actively listens and absorbs all information to make an informed and open-minded decision.
- **Critical Judgment and Decision Making:** Makes good decisions based upon a combination of analysis, wisdom, experience and sound judgment. Comfortably deals with concepts and complexity and looks beyond the obvious to avoid 'group think' and/or the status quo.
- **Collaboration and Inclusion:** Demonstrates an open mindset, listens without judgement, and embraces the diversity of others and thought. Seeks to understand and build on the strengths of others.



How can I Become an Elected Council Member?

To become an elected Council member, you must seek a nomination for election during an election period. Seats come up for election at the end of two-year terms.

For more information, email us at mail to :registrar@skopticians.com