CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

IPAC Canada REPRESENTATIVE TO CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (CNA)

IPAC Canada is a member of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Nursing Specialties Network (the Network). The objective of the Network is to ensure that specialized nursing knowledge and practice are recognized as vital components of individual, family, community and population centred health-care delivery and professional practice within the Canadian health system. The Network supports excellence in, and contributes to, specialized nursing knowledge and practice by providing opportunities in leadership, education, policy advocacy, and research and evidence-informed practice. The network uses available best practices in conducting its work. There are currently 44 national groups representing more than 51,000 nurses and students in various nursing specialties and interest groups. IPAC Canada represents 1650 Infection Prevention and Control Professionals of which 68% are nurses. More information about the Network can be found at http://cna-aiic.ca/en/professional-development/canadian-network-of-nursing-specialties.

There are regular teleconferences with the Network members and the CNA President or designate. Twice a year, there is input into an environmental scan that surveys issue trends and changes. These become a policy priority for C.N.A. board discussion. Every two years there is a face-to-face networking meeting. The 2014 biennial meeting was held in Winnipeg. Network members are **i**nvited to the AGM but have no individual vote at this meeting. The Network is represented as a voting position on the Board of C.N.A.

IPAC Canada is seeking a representative to the Network for a three-year renewable term effective September 1, 2014 (limit of two terms). This position will work with the first representative, Madeleine Ashcroft, who will report to the Board through the Executive Director. This is a volunteer position. Support for attendance at the biannual meeting (2016)) will be discussed by the Board of IPAC Canada dependant on the organization`s financial ability to support this attendance.

APPLICATION

Applicants must possess the following qualifications and agree to the following terms:
- Must be a current (2014) member of IPAC Canada, having held membership for at least 5 years;
- Must be a Registered Nurse with current membership in the Canadian Nurses Association or the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario;
- Preferably has a Certification in Infection Control & Epidemiology (CIC);
- Must have a minimum of 8 years' experience in nursing including a minimum of 5 years' experience in Infection Prevention and Control;
- Must be able to attend conference calls and in-person meetings as required;
- Must have the time and commitment to review proposed projects, determine priorities, and approve resources to accomplish the desired results;
- Must have the time and commitment to participate in all activities IPAC Canada and the CNA actively endorse;
- Must have the time, commitment and support of their facility to serve IPAC Canada and CNA through this position.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:
- A letter from applicant expressing interest in the position, demonstrating suitability for the position, and addressing all the foregoing requirements.
- A curriculum vitae that includes details as to Infection Prevention and Control experience, nursing experience, education, and IPAC Canada involvement such as service as an IPAC Canada Board Member, as a chapter executive, or active participation on an IPAC Canada Standing Committee, Interest Group, or working group.

- A letter from employer acknowledging the candidate's qualifications for the position and ensuring the employer's support for this volunteer position.

Applications must be received no later than **August 15, 2014.**

Applications must be forwarded by email to executivedirector@ipac-canada.org with the subject: C.N.A. Application.

For additional information, contact the IPAC Canada Executive Director at executivedirector@ipac-canada.org or 1-866-999-7111.