

May 6, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO IPAC CANADA MEMBERS

RE ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVISED AS OF MAY 5, 2016

The following candidates have been nominated for positions open on the Board of Directors in 2016. Additional nominations may be presented by not less than two IPAC Canada at the Annual General Meeting (**Wednesday, May 18, 2016, Niagara Falls**). Additional nominees must be present to confirm their willingness to be nominated, or just have provided a written confirmation to the nominator(s).

Director (3 year term)
(Programs and Projects)

Mandy Deeves BScN RN CIC
Network Coordinator, Public Health Ontario
North Simcoe Muskoka Infection Control Network
Orillia, Ontario

Director (3 year term)
(Standards & Guidelines)

Tara Donovan BHSc MSc
Epidemiologist
Fraser Health
Surrey, British Columbia

Public Representative (3 year term)

Sara Limpert
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Stephen Palmer
Keswick, Ontario

CANDIDATE PROFILES



MANDY DEEVES BScN RN CIC is nominated for her second term as a Director of IPAC Canada with responsibilities for Programs & Projects. Mandy is Network Coordinator, Public Health Ontario - North Simcoe Muskoka Infection Control Network, Orillia, Ontario. She has been in Infection Prevention and Control for nine years and has been an IPAC Canada member during that time. Her role at the Network is to provide a specialized range of evidence-based, educational and consultative services to Infection Prevention and Control staff, management and front-line healthcare providers in regional and provincial stakeholder organizations. Mandy was instrumental in the formation of IPAC Simcoe Muskoka chapter and has served as its President. Her responsibilities as a Director of IPAC Canada have included oversight of the Programs and Projects Committee and she has served as Chair of the Programs and Projects Core Committee.

Philosophy: Over the past three years, I have worked with members of the Board of Directors of IPAC Canada to represent the needs of our membership, working to promote resources and/or create tools that will assist them in meeting IPAC needs. Working with infection prevention and control professionals across the continuum of care, has afforded me the opportunity to better understand the IPAC challenges faced in these different sectors. As the chair of the Programs & Projects Committee, I will continue to support the work that is being done by this organization to maintain and support projects developed by our membership. In the role of Director, I hope to continue to promote both IPAC Canada and the practice of IPAC by encouraging exchange of knowledge, experience, ideas and information for the prevention and control of infections as well as collaboration and networking among persons interested in Infection Prevention and Control.



TARA DONOVAN BHS c MSc completed an MSc in Community Health and Epidemiology in 2007 at Queen’s University in Kingston Ontario. Motivated by her interest and a desire to continue learning, Tara completed a Certificate in Infection Control at Queen’s University. She began her career as the Communicable Disease Epidemiologist with the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health Unit and particularly focused on the monitoring and evaluation of a real-time syndromic surveillance system. In 2009, Tara accepted a contract position and moved across the country to work with the Immunization Program at the BC Centre for Disease Control as a Vaccine-Preventable Disease Epidemiologist. Following the contract term, Tara joined Fraser Health Authority in 2010 as the Regional Epidemiologist for Infection Prevention and Control. Her primary role was to lead, direct and provide expertise in the development, implementation, maintenance and ongoing evaluation of a Regional Infection Prevention and Control Surveillance Program. Tara has recently taken a Managing Consultant position with the Fraser Health IPAC program and will continue to collaborate with team members and stakeholders to enhance and maintain surveillance initiatives as well as pursue other important projects to drive quality improvement and patient safety. Tara co-chaired the Surveillance and Applied Epidemiology Interest Group in 2012 and 2013. She is actively involved with the IPAC BC Chapter having served as Treasurer and then President for three years respectively. Tara has provided both poster and oral presentations at the IPAC Canada National Conferences in recent years and has been the Module 4 instructor for the IPAC Canada Novice Infection Prevention and Control course since 2012.

Philosophy: If I am granted the opportunity to hold a Director position with IPAC Canada, I pledge to actively communicate and collaborate with my fellow Board members to achieve results and maintain the values of the association. I would focus my efforts as liaison with the standards and guidelines committee as this group plays a crucial role as reviewer and generator of guidelines as requested by IPAC Canada members. I would be dedicated to employing critical thinking when making decisions in the Director role. I would strive to give effective and timely feedback in order to continue momentum and create resources that support members in their endeavours to uphold patient and staff safety by fortifying best practices. IPAC professionals strive to do the right thing at the right time and this is also my commitment in the role of Director.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE (3 year term) – Two Candidates for the Position



SARA LIMPERT BA(Hons) MHA is a Quality Improvement Implementation Officer with the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness, System Quality Branch. Her role includes research and analysis, policy development, and consensus building with stakeholders. Sara is required to provide leadership and support in many areas. She has managed all work related to the Health Association Nova Scotia Continuing Care Council and the Nova Scotia Association of Adult Residential/Regional Rehabilitation Centres, including facilitating strategic plans and implementing strategic directions. She has collected data and provided analysis for new quality improvement information protection legislation and drafted provincial policies related to the reporting of patient safety incidents, certification of medical device reprocessing technicians, and falls prevention. She is a steering committee member and mentorship program coordinator at the Dalhousie School of Health Administration Alumni Association. She also serves as a member of the Halifax Family Services Committee of Habitat for Humanity.

Philosophie : Sara has great courage of conviction and an innate way of framing issues and providing insight that creates contemplation and reflection in others. She will draw on her experience from the public, academic and workplace settings to contribute positively to board discussions, decisions and achievement of the strategic plan.



STEPHEN PALMER is an Investment and Insurance Advisor with HollisWealth. He is well known in his community and has served as volunteer Chair, Georgina Community Food Pantry (current), former Director/Treasurer of East Gwillimbury Chamber of Commerce, and is a Permanent Deacon with the Archdiocese of Toronto (current). Stephen is very knowledgeable on current events and issues at all levels. He has broad based experiential knowledge, has solution oriented thinking, and is committed to successful outcomes.

Philosophie : Stephen’s diverse work experiences and knowledge would be a great asset as a Board member. His dependability, his past and current commitments with Boards and his meticulousness for seeking answers are all integral to his support of IPAC Canada.

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