

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 11, 2003

COLLEGE OF NURSES OF ONTARIO ELECTS 2003/2004 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Toronto – The College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO), the regulatory body for Ontario’s 140,000 nurses, recently elected its Executive Officers for 2003/2004.

The following members were elected by CNO’s Council at its June 5 meeting in Toronto:

- Sandra Ireland, RN, President
- Sue Burnell-Jones, RN, Vice-president
- Dawn Norling, RPN, Vice-president

Ms. Ireland is a clinical nurse specialist in the trauma and neurosciences program of Hamilton Health Sciences in Hamilton. Ms. Burnell-Jones is a nurse educator at Carling View Manor and Algonquin College in the Faculty of Health Sciences in Ottawa. Ms. Norling is a staff nurse in the medical-surgical unit of the Sault Area Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

The CNO’s 39-member Council consists of elected Registered Nurses (RNs) and Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) and government-appointed public members.

“I am looking forward to a rewarding and challenging year as President,” says Ms. Ireland, who has sat on CNO’s Council since March 2002. “As part of its strategic objective to build confidence in nursing self-regulation, CNO will continue its outreach to members of the nursing profession and the public. CNO will emphasize the importance and effectiveness of self-regulation in its communications with members, inspiring nurses to become more directly involved in the process.”

“Nurses should be proud of having the privilege of being self-regulated health professionals,” adds Ms. Burnell-Jones. “As they provide care to the public, they are in a position to display the principles of accountability and quality care that are the fundamentals of self-regulation.”

“Strengthening relationships with key stakeholders will also be a focus of CNO in the coming year,” says Ms. Norling. “CNO possesses unique knowledge, information and expertise that stakeholders and the public need to make informed decisions about the regulation of nursing in Ontario.”

The College of Nurses of Ontario is the regulatory body for nurses in Ontario. Its mission is to protect the public’s right to quality nursing services by providing leadership to the nursing profession in self-regulation.

Information about all of CNO’s Council members will appear in the September issue of *Communiqué*, the College’s quarterly membership magazine, and on CNO’s Web site at www.cno.org.

-30-

CONTACT:

Cindy Campbell, Manager, Communications

E-mail: ccampbell@cnomail.org

Tel: (416) 928-0900, ext. 6309

Toll-free: 1-800-387-5526