

Ontario's Nursing Regulator Elects Officers



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(Tuesday, June 28, 2005) — The Council of the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO), the regulatory body for Ontario's 143,000 nurses, recently elected its Executive Officers for 2005/2006.

CNO's 39-member Council consists of elected Registered Nurses (RNs) and Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) and government-appointed public members. As the governing body of the College, Council establishes the strategic direction for nursing self-regulation and sets regulatory policy.

The following were elected by CNO's Council at its June 9 meeting in Toronto:

- Sandra Keating, RN, President
- Mary Ann Murray, RN, MScN, Vice-president
- Kathy Cook, RPN, Vice-president

Ms. Keating is a staff nurse in the intensive care unit at University Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre. Ms. Murray, whose clinical practice is in palliative care, is currently working on her PhD in nursing at the University of Ottawa. Ms Cook is a staff nurse practising in long-term care at St. Joseph's Care Group/Hogarth River Manor in Thunder Bay.

"I feel very proud to be elected Council President," says Ms. Keating. "I look forward to my continuing involvement in self-regulation. One of Council's focuses this year is the review of the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA). As the largest health regulatory college in the province, CNO has an important role in examining current regulatory practices and making recommendations to the Minister of Health in the interest of the people of Ontario."

"It is a privilege to be part of a leadership team that is continuing to make nursing excellence in Ontario a reality," adds Ms. Murray. "Being involved in Council is one of many ways nurses influence the direction of their profession and maintain the public's trust in nursing."

"I feel honoured to serve a second term as RPN, Vice-president," says Ms. Cook. "I look forward to continuing to build confidence in nursing self-regulation and advance the use of CNO knowledge with our stakeholders."

The mission of the College of Nurses of Ontario is to protect the public's right to quality nursing services by providing leadership to the nursing profession in self-regulation.

Information about Council members appears in the September issue of *The Standard*, the College's quarterly membership magazine, and on the Web site at www.cno.org.

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