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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues,

Serving on the Board of Directors is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. The Board manages - or supervises the management of - the activities and affairs of the organization via six two-hour teleconferences and two face-to-face meetings each year (a four hour meeting aligned with the Annual meeting in September and a full-day retreat during the Spring). We are presently looking for volunteers to fill vacancies as some of the limited terms come to a close in September 2016. I call upon you to nominate colleagues - or submit your own name - for these positions by sending an e-mail to me **before Friday, March 18, 2016** at carol.herbert@schulich.uwo.ca. The Governance and Nominations Committee will formally propose a new Board slate to the Academy for approval at the Annual General Meeting in Montreal on September 16, 2016.

- **TREASURER** A two-year term appointment with responsibility for the maintenance of proper accounting records in compliance with federal legislation as well as the deposit of money, safekeeping of securities and the disbursement of funds of the Corporation; whenever required, the Treasurer shall render to the Board an account of all such person's transactions as Treasurer and of the financial position of the Corporation. The technical aspects of this position are well-supported by the Chief Financial Officer of Council of Canadian Academies.
- **DISCIPLINE DIRECTOR, REHABILITATION SCIENCES** A two-year term representing the rehabilitation sciences
- **MEMBER AT LARGE** A two-year term representing the Fellows (may come from any of the disciplines of the Academy).
- **NOMINATION FROM THE FLOOR** A one-year term representing the Fellows (may come from any of the disciplines of the Academy).

I would also like to request nominations for two awards - the **PAUL ARMSTRONG LECTURE** and the **CAHS SCIENTIFIC LECTURE**. The **ARMSTRONG LECTURE** was established to honor our founding President, Dr. Paul Armstrong, and recognize leadership and commitment to advance academic health sciences through academic service and innovation at local, national and international levels and achievements that are truly extraordinary. Each year the CAHS also selects a Fellow, to give the **CAHS SCIENTIFIC LECTURE** providing an opportunity to showcase his/her research activity. This presentation features the outstanding

SECRETARY'S NOTE



Please remember that we rely on our Fellows, to keep us abreast of their own news and that of their

colleagues. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the year and to receiving photographs that we can use to promote our collective success!

Sincerely,

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qualities of our Fellows and informs a diverse audience of the current state of the art in a given field of investigation.

Both awards recognize the extraordinary work of our Fellows and are an important feature of our annual meeting program. We would be delighted to hear about a deserving colleague or from you about your own research! Again, please contact me directly **before Friday, March 18, 2016** at carol.herbert@schulich.uwo.ca

Finally, I ask that you mark your schedules now for the 2016 Forum & Annual General Meeting being held this year in Montreal on **Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16, 2016** at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal. This year's Forum program - entitled *Solutions to Inequities in Indigenous Health: What Works and Why?* - will be led by Professor **Jeffrey Reading**, First Nations Health Authority Chair in Heart Health & Wellness, Simon Fraser University and former Director of the Institute for Indigenous Health, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, and Professor **John O'Neil**, Dean of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University and former Director of the Manitoba First Nations Centre for Aboriginal Health Research. In addition to exploring best practices in governance, new science and promising practices that are making a difference, two keynote presentations will be featured. The first of these will be delivered by **Dr. Malcolm King**, Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health, who will speak to historical and social perspectives, as well as ways forward for Canada's Indigenous Peoples. The second will be delivered by **Dr. Linda Tuhiwai Smith**, a leading Maori scholar, who will speak to international solutions to inequities in health. The program and registration detail will be available shortly.

Sincerely,



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President