

## ARNNL Council: Domain Councillor for Advanced Practice

### Criteria for Nomination as an Advanced Practice Councillor

Members considering nomination for a position on ARNNL Council must:

- be interested in advancing the professional standards of nursing;
- be willing to serve a three-year term (2019-22); and
- be able to attend meetings and events throughout the term.

To be eligible for nomination as a *Domain Councillor for Advanced Practice*, you must meet the following criteria:

- you practice as a direct care provider in an advanced practice role;
- you are a current practicing member of ARNNL in good standing; and
- you reside in Newfoundland and Labrador.

If elected, you agree to:

- serve a three-year term from 2019-2022;
- maintain a practicing license throughout the term of the position; and
- abide by ARNNL Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies.<sup>1</sup>

### About Your Role on ARNNL Council

Under the RN Act (2008), ARNNL Council has the legislated authority to govern the Association and to uphold the objects:

"In the interest of the public of the province,

- (a) to advance and promote the ethical and professional standards of the nursing profession;
- (b) to promote proficiency and competency in the nursing profession; and
- (c) to encourage its members to participate in activities promoting the health and well-being of the public."

It is important to note that:

- Council is there to make decisions based on what is in the best interests of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador and secondarily of the nursing profession as a whole, not individual nurses or groups of nurses. Individual Council members do not "represent" members in a particular region or domain.
- Council as a governing body and ARNNL as an organization do not have a role in advocating for nurses.
- Council members may bring forth perspectives from their individual domains or regions, ultimately Council speaks with one voice in setting the policy direction for ARNNL.
- Council provide policy direction and ongoing monitoring to ensure that ARNNL is managed in an effective and efficient way.

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<sup>1</sup> [ARNNL Council Policies](#)

### Specific to the Role of *Advanced Practice Councillor*

- As the member of a particular domain, you may be asked to establish some form of communication with the nurses or public in your domain/region (this is flexible and can be done electronically).

### Meeting Requirements/Commitments

Being a member of ARNNL Council will require some flexibility in your schedule, and a commitment of your time and energy. Typically, Council meets as follows:

- At least three face-to-face meetings at ARNNL House annually. These meetings are typically in October, February and June for 1-2 days and include one evening working dinner and a full day in-person meeting.
- A one or two-day Annual General Meeting (typically in conjunction with the June Council meeting).
- Eight teleconference meetings (2-3 hours each).

You can reasonably expect that preparation for each meeting will require between two to four hours of reading in order to be familiar with the agenda items. Be ready to take part by coming to meetings with your materials read and be prepared to play an active role in ensuring that Council meetings are democratic and productive.

### Council Committees and Other Activities

- Council members will serve on the Complaints Authorization Committee<sup>2</sup> (Discipline) and at least one Council sub-committee.
- Council members also participate in other activities that come up from time to time (e.g., Council and staff visits to worksites throughout the province).

### Orientation

New Council members have the opportunity to participate in an orientation session during which they will learn about the role of ARNNL, their role as a Council member, and the Governance approach. During the first year on Council, new members will be paired with an experienced Councillor who will act as a “mentor”.

### Travel

Costs and related expenses are covered in accordance with Treasury Board guidelines for all Council members participating in ARNNL events.

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<sup>2</sup> For more information about the Complaints Authorization Committee, see [Section 23](#) of the RN Act (2008).