

Each member of Royal College Council is in a position of trust and is responsible for the effective governance of the organization. Council members, as individuals and as part of Council, are accountable to the Fellowship and the public for the actions, decisions and policies of the Royal College.

## Qualifications

The following are key qualifications of a Royal College Council member

- a stated commitment to the Royal College strategic plan, including its vision and mission;
- a track record of leadership and accomplishment in areas of corporate governance, and/or specialty medical education or practice;
- a confirmed willingness and ability to make the necessary time commitment to serve as a Royal College Council member.

## Term of office

The term of office for all elected members of Council is four years. Elected members of Council are also eligible for election to one additional term, if so nominated. [Bylaw No. 19, Article 11.4.1].

## Time commitment

Council meetings are held three times a year (in February, June and October). Each of these meetings is usually one and a half to two days long.

## Council election regulations

Council elections occur at the Annual Meeting of the Members every second year, in odd-numbered years. The Royal College's Nominating Committee (NC) oversees these elections and ensures that it satisfies all requirements of the Royal College Bylaw and the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act.

The Royal College Bylaw and Council regulations also specify a number of related activities:

Timeframe	Bylaw No. 19 Reference	Activity
October 2016	Article 11.2.1	The Royal College's NC formulates nominations to fill each end-of-term elected-member vacancy on Council
December 2016	Article 11.2.2	All Fellows receive the nominations of the NC and may submit additional nominations for any of the available Council positions
January 2017	Article 11.2.3	All Fellows receive an update on the Council elections process with the official notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members. This includes advanced voting ballots, if additional nominations are received from the Fellows
February 2017	Article 11.2.3	Council members are elected by the Fellows at the Annual Meeting of the Members

## Seeking nominations for the Royal College's Nominating Committee

Nominees are needed to fill three (3) impending vacancies on the Royal College's Nominating Committee in **Region 1** (British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, Northwest Territories), **Region 2** (Saskatchewan, Manitoba) and **Region 3** (Ontario, Nunavut) for the 2017-2021 term. Please refer to the attached **blue nomination form**.

The Nominating Committee is an important committee of Council. It nominates the President-Elect of the Royal College, as well as members of Council. Please contact [governance@royalcollege.ca](mailto:governance@royalcollege.ca) for more information.