



NOMINATIONS REPORT

**MEAO Annual General Meeting
May 2, 2018**

Current Board of Directors:

The current board of directors are:

- Denise Magi, President
- Keith Deviney, Vice President
- Adrianna Tetley, Secretary-Treasurer
- Irene Turrin
- Therese Dineen
- Jeanne Samonas

Due to other commitments, Irene Turrin and Therese Dineen will not be standing for election for another term as a Director on MEAO. We will miss Irene's and Therese's significant contribution and hope that they will be able to return for another term in the future. Due to personal circumstances, Jeanne Samonas was not able to participate in the Board in 2017-18. We wish Jeanne all the best.

Process for 2018 Elections

A Call for Nominations for MEAO Board was issued on Feb 16th with the deadline on March 18th 2018.

A full board of MEAO is 7 directors. The Board needs a minimum of 4 elected Board of Directors to conduct the business of MEAO.

Four nominations were received. All four nominations are being recommended for election. See bios below.

There will be no nominations from the floor as this was clearly communicated in the Nomination process for the MEAO Board.

Elections will be held at the AGM via a written ballot. Each member will be asked to vote for or against the four nominees.

According to the Bylaws, the Board has the authority to appoint vacancies. After the AGM, if any member is interested in joining the board, please contact the newly elected MEAO Board of Directors.

Bios of Nominees:

Denise Magi

Denise is President of The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario (MEAO). Previously, Denise served as Vice-President and Secretary of MEAO.

Denise has been on steering committees including the initial steering committee that developed a business case proposal which seeks to establish a patient-centered model of medical care and system of service delivery for patients with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), fibromyalgia (FM) and environmental sensitivities/multiple chemical sensitivity (ES/MCS) and other environmentally-linked illnesses. She is dedicated to the cause of establishing a patient-centered health care delivery system to help Ontarians afflicted with environmentally-linked illnesses.

Denise is also representing MEAO on the Minister's Task Force for Environmental Health.

In the public sector, she has long and extensive work experience as a legal assistant and also in the library sciences as a library technician in a Federal Government law library.

Denise is a patient with personal knowledge of ME/CFS, FM and ES/MCS, and is a long standing volunteer and health advocate.

Keith Deviney

Keith is the current Vice-President of MEAO, and was previously President. He is a semi-retired retirement financial planner with Assante Wealth Management. Previously he worked at Crown Life as an actuary. He has also served as the treasurer of the local chapter of the Retirement Planning Association of Canada. With a family member who has been ill for many years with the medical conditions supported by MEAO, Keith is committed to working with MEAO and its continuing major project with the Ministry of Health being the Task Force on Environmental Health.

Adrianna Tetley

Adrianna Tetley has been a member of MEAO Board of Directors since 2016 and has served for two years. She is currently the Secretary-Treasurer of MEAO. Adrianna is committed to making the time, and has the energy to fulfil the role of Board member for MEAO.

Her experience with MEAO dates back to 2012 when the Association of Ontario Health Centres (AOHC) developed a partnership with MEAO to develop the business case for a Centre of Excellence for Environmental Health. During this time, Adrianna learned about the three conditions that MEAO focusses on including ME/CFS, FM and ES/MCS and has become a strong advocate to ensure these conditions are recognized and that a system of care and supports are developed to ensure the people in Ontario living with these conditions have the diagnosis, treatment and support that they need.

Adrianna brings her experience as the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Ontario Health Centres to the MEAO Board. AOHC is the voice of a vibrant network of community-governed primary health care organizations. Its members serve diverse communities across the province, and are rooted in the communities they serve. They share a strong commitment to advancing health equity through the delivery of comprehensive primary health care.

As an association, AOHC is committed to seeing transformative change to the health system in Ontario and strives to improve the health and wellbeing of people and communities facing barriers. This includes people living with ME/CFS, FM and ES/MCS.

Over the course of her 40-year career in community, health and government, Adrianna has developed a deep understanding of how government policy is made and understands the health system. In her career she has developed expertise in membership support, organizational development, government relations, public policy development and not-for-profit charitable governance.

John Doherty

John has been connected to MEAO since 2012 in the effort to win provincial government support for the Business Case proposal for the Ontario Centre of Excellence in Environmental Health. Since that time, he has worked with the Board and other interested parties to press the government to move on the important recommendations of the business case. He has attended MEAO Days at Queens Park since 2013. More recently, he has volunteered to assist the Board to rebuild the internal operations. He is committed to the work of MEAO and advancing the recommendations in the business case to implementation.

John has worked with over 30 not-for-profits going through transition, change or crisis and he has worked for community health centres, legal clinics, environmentally organizations, social policy, children and housing organizations. John also has extensive experience on Boards and has acted as Chair/President, Treasurer or Secretary for nearly 20 boards at the local, provincial and national level since 1985.

John will bring to the MEAO board extensive experience with governance and operations processes.