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MEAO – an organization representing and supporting the medical conditions of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS), Fibromyalgia (FM) and Environmental Sensitivities/Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (ES/MCS)

NOMINATION REPORT MEAO Annual General Meeting September 23, 2020

Current Board of Directors:

Denise Magi, President
Keith Deviney, Vice President
John Doherty, Secretary
Adrianna Tetley, Treasurer
Laurie Menard, Director

- Denise Magi, President was elected in 2018 and has 1 year left on her three year term.
- John Doherty and Keith Deviney were elected in June 2019 for a three year term and have 2 years remaining.
- Adrianna Tetley, Treasurer, has completed her two year term and is eligible to be nominated for a three year term.
- Laurie Menard was appointed by the MEAO Board at its January 22nd, 2020 board

Process for 2020 Elections

A Call for Nominations for MEAO Board was issued on July 10, 2020 with the deadline on August 9th, 2020.

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.

No nominations were received from the Membership.

Adrianna Tetley and Laurie Menard are being recommended for election for three year terms.

See bios below.

As communicated in the Nomination process for the MEAO Board, there will be no nominations from the floor.

Elections will be held at the AGM via Go to Webinar. You will be asked to virtually raise your hand in support for or against each nominee.

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 MEAO Board of Directors.

Bios of Nominees:

Laurie Menard

Laurie Menard was appointed by the MEAO Board at its January 22nd, 2020 board meeting for a three year term. As per the by-laws, her appointment will need to be ratified at the AGM.

Laurie joined the board in January, 2020 following retirement from the Waterloo Region Board of Education. Her role as consultant in special education afforded the opportunity to see and to work with many students, family and staff who experienced a variety of health issues including ME, FM and MCS. Primarily her role was working to reduce the impact of multiple chemical sensitivities on students in schools. Additionally Laurie has been personally managing Fibromyalgia for many years and would like to see appropriate access to services for those affected in our province and looks forward to helping create continued positive outcomes for MEAO.

Adrianna Tetley

Adrianna Tetley has been a member of MEAO Board of Directors since 2017. She is currently the Treasurer. Adrianna will be retiring as CEO of the Alliance for Healthier Communities in the fall and is committed to making the time to fulfil the role of Board member for MEAO.

Her experience with MEAO dates back to 2012 when the Alliance for Healthier Communities (formerly 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 to the MEAO Board. The Alliance for Healthier Communities 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, the Alliance 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.