

Mark Scanlon Candidate Letter

My name is Mark Scanlon, and I am asking for your vote in this year's OCP Board Member elections.

The role of an OCP Board Member is a challenging one, and one that I have enjoyed on three separate occasions.

Board Members are elected by pharmacists to look after the interests of the public, and not the interests of the pharmacists. They are elected to regulate the profession in the public's interest.

Board Members are obligated to be more concerned about the people on the other side of the pharmacy counter, not our people on our side. However, serving on OCP allows Board Members to work on shaping, guiding, correcting and enhancing the profession and/or its members.

I am a community pharmacist in Peterborough, where I own and operate a long-standing community pharmacy. I am from a four-generation pharmacy family, and that generational context certainly propels me to think of pharmacy as a noble and proud profession, in spite of the challenges it has faced over the years. The profession has experienced significant evolution since I graduated, and even more so since my father and grandfather started their careers.

I believe life is more rewarding when you are actively involved in it, whether that is in regard to family, community, or profession. As such, since my career began, I've been actively involved in teaching, mentoring, coaching, regulatory work, public speaking and education, various boards and committees, third world volunteer work, acting, pharmacy hockey tournaments, and raising four daughters.

All of the above involvements and activities have been very rewarding for me. Some of them are complete, some are in hiatus, and some continue.

I ask for your vote so that I can continue the work I enjoy in helping to shape, guide and regulate our profession.

Many thanks,

Mark F. Scanlon, R.Ph.