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Official Notice of Election

Registrants of the College are hereby notified that there will be five (5) vacant Board offices open for election in September 2009. The affected electoral districts are:

Electoral District	# of Vacancies	Incumbent
District 1 Lower Mainland	1	Baljit Lail
District 2 Coast-Island	2	Robyn Dyck Shelly Trimblett
District 3 Cariboo/Peace River	1	Gwen Herrington
District 4 Okanagan	1	Terrance Teite
District 5 Kootenays	0	No vacant offices in 2009

Elections for the College must follow the procedures in the Bylaws for the College. The relevant sections are reproduced here:

4. Electoral Districts

- (1) The province of British Columbia is divided into 5 electoral districts whose boundaries are defined by the map attached as Schedule A.
- (2) The number of elected board members from each electoral district is:

(a)	District 1	-	Lower Mainland	-	two (2)
(b)	District 2	-	Coast-Island	-	two (2)
(c)	District 3	-	Cariboo/Peace River	-	one (1)
(d)	District 4	-	Okanagan	-	two (2)
(e)	District 5	-	Kootenays	-	one (1)
- (3) The Board may designate by a two-thirds vote the boundaries of each electoral district.
- (4) The electoral district in which a registrant is eligible to vote is the district in which, on the date of the election, the registrant principally resides. The district will be determined by the residential address last recorded at the College.
- (5) A registrant is eligible to vote in the election of members to the Board if the registrant is the holder of a certificate of registration.

5. Eligibility for Election

A registrant is eligible for election to the Board if,

- (1) the registrant is resident in the electoral district for which he or she is nominated;
- (2) the registrant is not in default of payment of any monies prescribed in the Bylaws;
- (3) the registrant's certificate of registration has not been revoked or suspended in the six years preceding the date of the election for any reason other than non-payment of fees;
- (4) the registrant is the holder of a certificate of registration and the certificate is not subject to a term, condition, or limitation arising from an incapacity, incompetence, or professional misconduct matter;
- (5) the registrant has not been the subject of a finding of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity with respect to the registrant in the three years preceding the date of the election.

6. Nomination Procedure of Elected Registrants

- (1) At least 120 days prior to the expiry of the term of office, the Registrar must notify every registrant in the applicable district(s) of the date of an election and provide information about the nomination and voting procedure.
- (2) Any registrant, may nominate for office one registrant in good standing with the nominees consent and in accordance with the College nomination procedure. The nomination must be received at least 90 days prior to the expiry of the term of office.
- (3) The Registrar must disqualify any nominee whose nomination or election contravenes the Act, the regulations, the bylaws, or the procedures, or who does not meet the requirements of Section 5. The Registrar will notify the nominee of the reasons for disqualification in writing and report the disqualification with reasons to the Board.

The current term(s) of office expire on September 12, 2009. In accordance with section 6 nominations for vacant offices in the electoral districts listed above will be accepted from 00:01 June 12, 2009 until 11:59 on July 12, 2009 (known as the nomination period)

Terms and Conditions

To be considered valid:

1. Original, complete, and duly signed documents must be received by the office of the College during the nomination period.
2. Documents required are:
 - a. letter of nomination, and
 - b. letter of consent and declaration.
3. Every nominee must sign the consent and declaration
4. By signing the letter of consent and declaration every nominee agrees to abide by the:
 - a. Health Professions Act (RSBC 1996, c. 183)
 - b. Nurses (Licensed Practical) Regulation (283/2008)
 - c. Bylaws for the College (2009),
 - d. Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy Act (RSBC 1996 c. 165)
 - e. Any other provincial or federal law as required, and
 - f. To act at all times in the public interest.

5. Further, by signing the letter of consent and declaration every nominee specifically agrees and understands that:
 - a. They must take the Oath of Office as set out in the Health Professions General Regulation (275/2008) and as required by the Health Professions Act.¹
 - b. The conflict of interest policy applies to situations of real and/or perceived conflict of interest.
 - c. Conflict of interest includes executive or other positions of authority including but not limited to:
 - i. An organization dedicated to advancing the interest of the profession of Nursing,
 - ii. An Employer or bargaining agent or organization,
 - iii. A Union, or other labour organization,
 - iv. Any other organization with a mandate inconsistent with that of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC
 - d. A Conflict of Interest must be disclosed by any member of the Board in all situations in which there may be actual or perceived benefit to the member, their family, or close associates.
 - e. A Conflict of Interest must be disclosed by any member of the Board in all situations in which there may be actual or perceived detriment to the College or public interest.
 - f. Conflict of Interest applies and will be determined in both broad and narrow issues.
 - g. Disclosing a conflict or potential conflict may not be sufficient to prevent action by the Board.^{2,3}

6. The Board of the College adheres to Roberts Rules of Order and requires all members to support democratic decision made by the Board and/or its committees.



¹ Section 17.11(4) of the HPA states that an elected member who refuses or fails to take the Oath of Office cannot take office as a member of the Board.

² For more information on conflict of interest please see <http://www.lcs.gov.bc.ca/brdo/conduct/index.asp>

³ BC Government ethical standards document: <http://www.lcs.gov.bc.ca/brdo/conduct/ethicalstandards.pdf>



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LETTER OF NOMINATION 2009

This form must be completed in full and submitted along with the Nominee's consent and declaration form. Please note that any registrant may nominate for office one (1) registrant in good standing [Bylaw 6(2)]

Name of Nominator - _____

License Number of Nominator _____

Current Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Email address _____

Phone Number _____

I, _____ Print Name _____ wish to nominate the following registrant for the 2009 election to the Board of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC. As the nominator, I verify that the nominee is eligible to hold office and confirm that the nominee has read the notice of election in full and that the nominee understands the requirements and agrees to the terms and conditions.

Name of Nominee _____

License Number of Nominee _____

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2009

Nominator signature _____

Nominee's Signature _____



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Nominee Consent and Declaration

Name of Nominee- _____

License Number of Nominee _____

Current Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Email address _____

Phone Number _____

I, _____ Print Name _____ confirm and agree to accept the nomination to be a candidate for the 2009 election to the Board of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC. As the nominee, I verify that I am eligible to hold office and confirm that I have read the notice of election in full and understand the requirements and agree to the terms and conditions including but not limited to the Oath of Office

Oath of Office

I do swear or solemnly affirm that:

- I will abide by the *Health Professions Act* and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the position, according to the best of my ability;
- I will act in accordance with the law and the public trust placed in me;
- I will act in the interests of the College as a whole;
- I will uphold the objects of the College and ensure that I am guided by the public interest in the performance of my duties;
- I have a duty to act honestly;
- I will declare any private interests relating to my public duties and take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest;
- I will ensure that other memberships, directorships, voluntary or paid positions or affiliations remain distinct from work undertaken in the course of performing my duty as a board member;

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2009

Nominator signature _____

Nominee's Signature _____