

Information for Candidates For Election as Internal Governors

Responsibilities of the Board of Governors:

The Board of Governors is responsible for defining the role and mission of the college and, thereby, setting the strategic directions for the college to achieve. The Board of Governors also has responsibility for fiduciary oversight and institutional performance. Ministry Directives define the Board's responsibility as follows:

- Establishing governance structures to enable the achievement of expected institutional outcomes with clear lines of communication and internal accountability.
- Setting the college vision, strategic directions, and overall goals and outcomes within the context of the appropriate laws, government policy, and local need.
- Hiring the CEO (i.e., president), delegating to the CEO accountability for the performance and operation of the college, and evaluating the CEO's performance.
- Approving the college's annual business plan, budget, and annual report.
- Assessing periodically the effectiveness of the board with respect to governance and the attainment of corporate goals and outcomes.
- Ensuring that appropriate corrective action is taken where expected outcomes or quality of performance is not being achieved.

Potential candidates are also encouraged to read the Niagara College Board By-laws and Policies and current Strategic Plan, available at www.niagarac.on.ca/bog.

Service on the Board of Governors:

Service on the Board of Governors of Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology involves:

- a) Up to one evening per month with the exception of July and August. The 2010-2011 meeting schedule is available at www.niagarac.on.ca/bog;
- b) Membership on one sub-committee with no more than one meeting per month;
- c) Other meetings as scheduled from time to time; i.e., Board Retreat normally held in October;
- d) Orientation sessions:
 - a. Niagara College (usually in August)
 - b. Colleges Ontario (usually in November)

Governors are also requested to represent the Board at some of the College's special events and functions (i.e., Convocation, press conferences, official openings or recognition events, etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Rose ext. 4001 or Charmaine Kissmann ext. 4039.