

May 5, 2026

Dear regulated member,

**Re: Special election notice**

In July 2026, a special Council election will be held for one pharmacist and one pharmacy technician member of Council. In keeping with [ACP Bylaws](#), if a position on Council becomes vacant before the end of the position’s term, Council may direct that a special election be held to elect a replacement member of Council for the unexpired portion of the term.

**2026 special election of Council positions**

ACP Council previously approved changes to the college bylaws that [ended the use of voting districts](#) and made all eligible regulated members able to vote for [both pharmacist and pharmacy technician councillor positions](#). Council now consists of five elected pharmacists, two elected pharmacy technicians and seven public members (appointed by the Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services). Each member of Council represents Albertans and pharmacy professionals living in Alberta.

The terms for the vacant positions on council are as follows:

- [Pharmacist Councillor 5](#)
  - This position is for a three-year term, effective August 2026-June 2029. The successful candidate will be eligible for election for a second three-year term.
- [Pharmacy Technician Councillor 6](#)
  - This position is for a 10-month term effective August 2026-June 2027. The successful candidate will be eligible for election for a second three-year term.

**Establishment of Nominating Committee**

Council has appointed the following individuals to the Nominating Committee for the purpose of the forthcoming elections. Their terms will conclude June 30, 2026.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Background</b>
Murtaza Hassanali (Chair)	Pharmacist, President-elect
Patrick Zachar	Pharmacist, President
Jason West	Public Member
Nicola Hoensbroech	Public Member
Wilson Gemmill	Pharmacist, Past Council Member

The Nominating Committee is now inviting applications from regulated members eligible for nomination for these Council positions who are interested in being recommended to Council for nomination. Please refer to the [Council elections webpage](#) to access and complete the application form and view supporting documents.

**Application forms must be submitted prior to 4:30 p.m. MT on Wednesday, June 1, 2026.**

The Nominating Committee will review all applications received and may conduct interviews with candidates and/or references provided by candidates to support them in developing a slate of nominees for recommendation to Council. Applications received by the Committee will be adjudicated against criteria approved by the Council (Appendix).

The Committee must recommend a slate of nominees to Council on or before June 29, 2026.

Per the ACP Bylaws section 18.1(3) "Council must consider the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and may:

- (a) approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee in whole or in part;
- (b) reject the recommendations of the Nominating Committee in whole or in part;
- (c) add eligible and qualified candidates if the Nominating Committee has failed to provide a slate with at least two candidates for each Councillor position where an election is required in that year."

Per the ACP Bylaws section 18.1(4), "Decisions of the Council respecting the slate of candidates are final."

The Registrar is responsible for conducting special elections. Per section 27 of the ACP Bylaws

- (2) If Council directs that a special election be held under Subsection (1), the Council must set the date for the special election and set out the process for and the timing of the steps for the special election, which must generally follow the process set out in Subsections 18 and 18.1 with all changes necessary for the prompt and effective conduct of the special election in the circumstances.
- (3) The Nominating Committee must identify and recommend to Council, candidates for the special election in accordance with the criteria established by the Council and the process adopted by the Council under Subsection (2).
- (4) The Registrar must conduct the special election in accordance with the process and timing of the steps directed of the Council.

I encourage regulated members to get involved in the forthcoming special election. Work together to identify strong candidates who have an interest in serving and contributing to the mandate of the college by ensuring that pharmacy practices are conducted ethically and professionally, and in a manner that serves and protects the public's interest.

Sincerely,



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Registrar and CEO

## APPENDIX

### Criteria to guide the Nominating Committee in recommending regulated members as candidates for election to the Council

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Potential candidates for nomination to council must meet all criteria established under section 22 of the Bylaws (amended December 2020). Further, the Nominating Committee will consider the following criteria when submitting a slate of candidates to council:

1. **Values:** Does the candidate's personal behaviours demonstrate ACP's values?
2. **Ethical professional conduct:** Are there any indications that the candidate does not practice ethically?
3. **Leadership:**
  - a. Practice - does the candidate demonstrate leadership in their professional practice? Do they practice to full scope, and do they motivate others to practice to full scope?
  - b. Organizational - their commitment to public service through involvement in committees and work of the College or other pharmacy organizations, training and mentoring new pharmacists or pharmacy technicians, or demonstrated leadership in their community?
4. **Role:** Does the candidate understand the role of:
  - a. the College; and,
  - b. the Council,under the *Health Professions Act* and the *Pharmacy and Drug Act*. Does the candidate understand what is not within the scope of the college or the council?
5. **Accountability to Moral Ownership:** Is the candidate's sense of accountability to the public, and what is their willingness to put responsibility to the public through ACP above self-interest?
6. **Personal attributes** including:
  - a. excellent listening and verbal communication skills;
  - b. strategic thinking, respectful inquiry, critical thinking, tact, and diplomacy; and
  - c. any other qualities, competencies, behaviours, or experiences determined by Council as being important to the Council and college in fulfilling their collective responsibilities.