

## Call for DOHaD Canada Nominations - Secretary and Council

We are excited to announce the upcoming elections for the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD) Canada Council. This is a unique opportunity for DOHaD Canada members to actively participate in shaping the future of our society.

We are currently seeking nominations for the key positions of:

- **Secretary**
- **One Council representative for Ontario**
- **One Council representative for Saskatchewan.**

These roles are vital in driving our mission forward and enhancing our community impact in the field of Developmental Origins of Health and Disease. We encourage members who are passionate about contributing to the growth and success of DOHaD Canada to step forward. Your involvement and leadership can make a significant difference. The office period is 3 years, starting July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

Our Council reflecting the diverse and dynamic nature of the DOHaD Canada Society, included members from all regions across Canada and encompasses the four pillars of research. The current composition of the Council can be found listed below. The Council conducts its meetings through teleconferencing 6-8 times annually. The leadership of the Council consists of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, collectively known as the Executive. This Executive body convenes 6-8 times a year via teleconference.

### **Eligibility:**

#### ***For Council Members***

DOHaD Canada members in good standing as DOHaD International Standard (Faculty) members can run for Council.

#### ***For Secretary***

Nominees must be current or past DOHaD Canada Council members in good standing as DOHaD International Standard (Faculty) members .

We welcome people at all faculty career levels. Candidates to these positions can nominate themselves for the election, or nominate another member, but please check with them first; we will need an e-mail from the individual stating that they are willing to be nominated.

### **Application Process:**

Nominations to Council seats and Secretary must include:

- A one-page statement detailing intended contributions to the Council member or Secretary roles and to the Regional Society.

The Canada DOHaD Society is committed to supporting and promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion. We value input from all the researchers and communities we represent and recognize and respect human differences and similarities. We encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates, including but not limited to women, members of the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) communities, First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, individuals with

disabilities, and of diverse gender identities. Our goal is to enrich our Society with a wide array of perspectives and experiences. We are committed to fostering an environment where everyone can contribute to the diversification of ideas and the advancement of our collective goals. We encourage all who can add to this diversity to apply and help us shape a more inclusive and equitable DOHaD Canada.

**Deadline for nominations: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.** Please e-mail nominations and self-nominations to. Questions? Please contact [secretary@dohad.ca](mailto:secretary@dohad.ca).

#### DOHaD Canada Council 2023-2024

Name	Position	Province
Stephane Bourque	Council member	AB
Vern Dolinzky	Council member	MB
Gillian Englan-Mason	Council member – Trainee representative	AB
Gerald Giesbrecht	Council member	AB
Sheila Hirani	Council member	SK
Maryam Kebbe	Council member	NB
Mike Kobor	Council member	BC
Anita Kozyrskyj	Council member/Interim President	AB

John E. Krzeckowski	Council member	ON
Steve Matthews	Outgoing President	ON
Tina Montreuil	Council member	QC
Pablo Nepomnaschy	Council member	BC
Maria Ospina	Secretary	ON
Sophie Petropoulos	Council member	QC
Timothy Regnault	Treasurer	Treasurer
Stephen Renaud	Council member	ON
Elnaz Vaghef–Mehbarani	Council member – Trainee representative	AB
Deb Sloboda	EDII representative	ON
Ryan Van Lieshout	Council member	ON
Ian Weaver	Council member	NS