

Poll Group: District 7 (2 candidates)

Leanne Smith

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Employment history

Job Title	Employer	Start/End Date
Practice of Kinesiology & Community Placement Coordinator	Lakehead University, School of Kinesiology	Sep 2017 - present
Contract Lecturer	Lakehead University, School of Kinesiology	Sep 2019 - present
Graduate Diploma Coordinator	Lakehead University, School of Kinesiology	Sep 2013-2017

Previous participation in professional associations (related to kinesiology)

Position	Association/Organization
Committee, co-Chair	Academic Advisory Committee, OKA

Other community involvement (not related to kinesiology)

Position	Association/Organization	Start/End Date
Volunteer Coach	Thunder Bay Rowing Club	May to Sept, 2018 - Present

Candidacy Statement:

Please accept this as my statement of interest in continuing into a second term as a member of Council with the College of Kinesiologists of Ontario (CKO). I am a member of District 7, Province-wide academic district.

I have been a Registered Kinesiologist since 2013 and worked as a kinesiologist prior to formation of the CKO for ~18 yrs. Since 2013 I have worked in a School of Kinesiology at an Ontario university. I am a staff member supporting the academic and experiential learning of students, focused on the practice of kinesiology. I was a CKO non-Council committee member of the Inquiries, Complaints, and Reports and the Patient Relations committees prior to joining Council.

Since 2022 I have participated in a variety of committees, including Quality Assurance, Registration, Planning & Finance, and Executive. I appreciate the training and development experiences I have gained while on Council, acquiring knowledge and understanding of governance responsibilities and fiduciary duties to meet our mandate of public protection. During the term, I have been part of

several projects: the Emergency Class policy development, to support health workforce planning in times of emergency; updating the Kinesiologist Core Competency profile; and promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion to help ensure all are treated with respect. These are just a few examples where training and development have been put into action.

As this first term passed so quickly, I would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to continue into a second term to work on the new strategic plan (2025-2030). I look forward to working on projects and plans to continue effectively regulating the profession and support meaningful engagement with the public and partners to improve the understanding of Kinesiologists' place in healthcare, to create a strong healthcare system that ensures high-quality care for all.

Sincerely,
Leanne Smith

Adam Upshaw

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Employment History

Job Title	Employer	Start/End Date
Lab Supervisor	Brock University	Jan 2024 – present
Instructor	Niagara College	Sept 2014 – Aug 2024

Previous participation in professional associations (related to kinesiology)

Position	Association/Organization	Start/End Date
CSEP President	CSEP	Oct 2019 – Oct 2021

Other community involvement (not related to kinesiology)

Position	Association/Organization	Start/End Date

Candidacy Statement:

As a dedicated Registered Kinesiologist and educator with over 20 years of experience, I am seeking election to the Council of the College of Kinesiologists of Ontario to further support the profession's growth, integrity, and public trust. I previously served on the College's Examination Committee, contributing to the development of updated competency-based assessments and a revised theory exam—ensuring new members meet high professional standards.

Throughout my academic career at Niagara College and Brock University, I have mentored countless kinesiology students, promoted registration with the College, and embedded regulatory awareness into curricula. I remain an enthusiastic ambassador of the profession, integrating ethical practice, evidence-informed care, and public education into every facet of my work—from teaching and mentorship to community outreach and my "Train to Treat" initiative for addiction recovery.

I would be honored to serve on Council and contribute to safeguarding the profession's future.