

Kacie Lunn: Election Statement

I am running for a position on the Ontario Pharmacists Association's Board of Directors and I believe I offer a unique representation for our constituents. I am young. I do not own a pharmacy. Despite my youth, I have diverse experience in different sectors. While I practice in the community setting, I have experience in the Long-Term Care sector. All of these are strengths I can bring to our Board.

My representation on the board provides a fresh perspective. I graduated from the University of Waterloo's School of Pharmacy program in 2014, and completed the bridging program for my PharmD in 2018. I can assure the constituents that I will work hard to advocate for our profession because I am passionate about our vocation and plan to practice within it for the next 30 years. I am optimistic enough to want to advocate for change, but not naïve enough to think it won't be hard work.

I do not own a pharmacy at this stage in my career, which I consider to be an important representation on the Board. I have heard feedback from colleagues who have stated they wished OPA advocated more strongly for pharmacists, not just pharmacy as a business. While I believe these two domains are entwined, I can assure the constituents that my seat on the Board will be a voice to those – the majority of pharmacists – who do not own or have direct shares in the business.

I currently practice in the community setting, and have faced many of the challenges that the majority of pharmacists have encountered in the past few years. I have struggled through the every-changing demands of vaccinations, and have celebrated the recent accomplishment of Minor Ailment Prescribing. I started my career working in Long-Term Care, and worked for there for 6 years. While I don't currently practice in LTC, I want any constituents who are in that setting to know that I will advocate for this smaller yet incredibly unique sector of our profession. You take care of some of our most vulnerable patients in a very different setting, and you deserve that level of advocacy at the table.

I want to thank you for taking the time to read my election statement. Please consider me when casting your vote for the District N seat on the OPA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kacie Lunn, RPh