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89 SEEK COUNCIL SEATS

Eighty-nine candidates are running for Council, more than twice as many as were nominated in the 2003 election. The names and biographical information of all candidates will be available in the September issue of *Professionally Speaking* and online as the magazine arrives in your mailbox.



The Southcentral full-time regional position has drawn the most candidates at 11. The Central full-time regional position has drawn nine candidates and seven candidates are standing for the principal/vice-principal position. Other positions have between two and five candidates.

A complete list of how many candidates are running in each position is [available here](#).

Two positions - Northeast full-time and faculty of education - have been acclaimed.

No candidates were nominated to the French-language Roman Catholic secondary position. Council will appoint someone to this position after the election. Directions on how to put your name forward for consideration will be available in the September issue of *Professionally Speaking*.

By the time you receive the magazine, candidate information available through the **Members' Area** of the College web site will provide four ways to learn more about a candidate before you vote:

1. You can read their complete, detailed profiles.

2. You can see each candidate's response to three specific questions:
 - a. What is your vision for the teaching profession?
 - b. How do you see yourself contributing to this vision?
 - c. What should the College do to promote the public interest in the teaching profession and greater respect for the work that teachers do?

3. You can view a candidate-created flyer.

4. You can listen to a candidate's recorded message.

The three questions, flyer and recorded message are optional choices for candidates who wish to communicate further with voters.

For more information about the election, see **eVote 2006**.

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BALLOTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MEMBERS' AREA

Are you ready to choose the next College Council?

In order to vote, you must be in good standing by August 25, 2006 and have your own password-protected **Members' Area account**.

Eighty-nine of your colleagues are standing for election. Taking the time to consider the candidates and to vote shows your appreciation for their willingness to play an active role in regulating the teaching profession.

Starting Tuesday, September 5, until Tuesday, October 24, you can cast your ballot online in the Members' Area of the College web site to vote for those who you think will best represent the public interest on College Council.

The voting function will be removed from the web site at midnight October 24.

The ballots will be tabulated and verified October 25. Results will be posted on the College web site on October 26.

For more information about the election, see [eVote 2006](#).

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Evelyn Kingsmill of Everett, Ontario, wins our trip for two to London, England. Our second-prize-winner Andrea Hayes of Oshawa is on her way to Vancouver.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Evelyn Kingsmill of Everett, Ontario, has something terrific to look forward to in the coming year - she's won our grand prize of a trip for two to London, England! A principal at Alliston Union Public School, she has been involved in education for around 20 years and loves her work.



"I feel the same way as a principal as I did as a teacher - that being there for the kids is the thing I like best about my job. The only difference is that I can now also be there for the teachers."

Kingsmill almost didn't respond to our phone message telling her she'd won a prize because she had forgotten that she'd entered the contest. "I'd received a slip in the mail telling me how to open an account in the Members' Area and decided to sign up. I guess I entered the contest at the same time."

When her family finally coaxed her into calling us back, she was thrilled.

"My husband Gordon and I love to travel and we rarely have an opportunity to do so," says Kingsmill. "We have two kids in university - one at McGill and one at Western - so I thought we wouldn't have the financial opportunity to go away again for quite a few years. The only London we've been to recently is London, Ontario. So, it's absolutely amazing!"



Our second prize went to Andrea Hayes of Oshawa, who wins a trip for two (airfare and accommodation) to Vancouver. A high school math teacher at Anderson Collegiate in Whitby, Hayes recently celebrated her fifth anniversary as a teacher at the school she originally attended.

"I'm teaching with a lot of the teachers who taught me," says Hayes. "And I'm teaching brothers and sisters of students I went to school with."

How does she feel about winning? Hayes says: "I'm really surprised and a bit shocked. I don't enter contests very often and have never won anything before."

Our winners, like all College members who sign up in the **Members' Area**, have access to exclusive online benefits, including:

- the ability to print their up-to-date teaching certificate and tax receipts
- access to the Teachers' Network
- the ability to update College information
- access to personalized ballots for the upcoming Council election.

"The College does a lot for teachers," says Hayes, "and I feel fortunate that I've received an even greater benefit by winning the contest."

Contest prizes were provided by **EF Educational Tours** and **Air Canada**.

EF Educational Tours is the industry leader in educational student travel, working hand-in-hand with teachers to give students the very best cultural experience possible. Every EF tour includes flights, ground transportation, comfortable accommodations, most meals and a full-time tour director - all at the lowest price guaranteed.

Contest rules.



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LIBRARY SERVICES FOR MEMBERS

Request books and videos from the College library online, check the status of your holds, renew materials you've checked out and create your own library lists.

You can even e-mail book lists to colleagues and friends. Simply log into your **Members' Area account** and choose "Your Library" to access your new customized library page.

The library has a circulating collection of more than 4,800 books and videos, approximately 200 professional journals and many other resources. You can search the library database online from the College web site.



We will mail books and videos postage-free to your home or school address. Using a special-return mailing label, you can mail books back to the library free of charge.

You can also request a literature search by library staff, who will mail, fax or e-mail the journal articles.

[More information regarding the library and its resources](#) or e-mail **library@oct.ca**.

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