

Ashley Van Zelst – Candidate Statement

My Candidate Statement My name is Ashley Van Zelst, and I am seeking re-election for the board for District 6. I have been registered with the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario in good standing since 2014. I am in Chatham ON, in a multi-disciplinary clinic.

Over the years, I have continued my clinical education to have a more focused understanding on those with sports injuries, as well as increased my knowledge on chronic, diverse disabilities and illnesses, most recently being post-oncology massage therapy care. In addition to my professional background, I served as a non-board member for the CMTO for 4 years, and the past 3 years on the Board.

I began my first 3 years on the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (chairing 2 years), and 1 year on Quality Assurance. My last 3 years I have returned to ICRC as panel chair (currently I am Vice-Chair of the Committee), and have actively participated on Discipline, Fitness to Practice, and the new EDI committee.

These experiences have given me the knowledge and understanding of how to apply the competencies in College processes in accordance with legislation. During this time, the education I have done so far has only improved on my knowledge of implementing our competencies with good critical thinking and ethical decision making, and compassionate regulation in a way that protects the public, with professional judgement without bias, as well as given me a greater passion for Healthcare governance, regulation and legislative work.

I am running to continue my professional obligation to protect the public and ensure the College regulates all applicable regulations, legislation, College by-laws, and the standards and policies established by the Board. I hope that with my knowledge and experience, you consider me for District 6.