

Election statement:

I am seeking election to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Pharmacists Association with a deep sense of commitment to the profession and a clear understanding of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

I previously had the privilege of serving on the Board from 2010 to 2019, including as Chair from 2017 to 2019. During that time, I worked collaboratively with fellow board members, staff, and stakeholders to advance the role of pharmacists, strengthen advocacy efforts, and support the evolution of pharmacy practice in Ontario. That experience provided me with a strong foundation in governance, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement at both provincial and national levels.

Since completing my term, I have remained actively engaged in the profession as an owner/operator, navigating firsthand the operational, clinical, and financial realities facing community pharmacy today. The landscape continues to shift—driven by expanding scope, funding pressures, workforce challenges, and increasing expectations around clinical care. I believe my combination of past governance experience and current frontline perspective positions me to contribute meaningfully at this time.

If elected, my focus will be on:

- Supporting strong, pragmatic advocacy that reflects the realities of pharmacy practice
- Ensuring the Association remains responsive and relevant to its members
- Advancing initiatives that enable pharmacists to practice to full scope in a sustainable way
- Maintaining sound governance and strategic discipline at the board level

The Ontario Pharmacists Association plays a critical role in shaping the future of our profession. I would be honoured to once again contribute to that work and to represent the interests of pharmacists across the province.

Mike Cavanagh