

## **Election statement:**

### **Proven Leader for a Progressive OPA Board**

I am seeking a Director position on the OPA Board to leverage two decades of executive leadership and cross-functional expertise to drive our profession forward. My career is defined by systemic transformation and results-focused advocacy, spanning national operations, cutting-edge specialty services, and long-term care. Crucially, my strategic perspective is grounded in the reality of community pharmacy, having served as a Shoppers Drug Mart Associate/Owner and an independent owner of three community pharmacies.

### **Advocacy Grounded in Results**

As Head of Pharmacy & Clinical Practice Innovation at GSK, I lead national initiatives to expand the pharmacist's role in accessible care. This includes pioneering a vaccination program that reached over 2 million people in a single year. In Ontario, I worked directly with the OPA to secure RSV injection authority—a critical win for our scope of practice. Beyond policy, I have actively secured the future of our profession by supporting \$3.3 million in combined grants to the University of Waterloo and the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, ensuring a robust talent pipeline for years to come.

### **Financial and Operational Governance**

Effective advocacy requires a Board with sharp fiscal discipline and a deep understanding of pharmacy economics. My background includes managing national specialty P&L portfolios exceeding \$1 billion at McKesson. With a formal education in both finance and software development, I bring a data-driven approach to evaluating marketplace needs. I am committed to optimizing the OPA's strategic investments to ensure we build sustainable, profitable financial models that allow every Ontario pharmacist to thrive.

### **Innovation for Modern Practice**

My core strength lies in designing patient-centric solutions that solve real-world operational hurdles. During my time leading national specialty pharmacy operations, I designed a rapid-assessment specialty model that reduced the time from patient identification to treatment from 6-9 months to under four weeks—improving outcomes while creating significant revenue uplift for the pharmacy, a program I am further developing in my current role for broader impact. By leveraging AI-based tools and technology platforms, I have proven that innovation can drive both clinical excellence and business efficiency.

### **Dedication to the Profession**

My commitment to pharmacy is reflected in my service on the Board of the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy and the Dean's Advisory Council at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. In 2025, I was honored with the University of Toronto Arbor Award for my dedication to mentoring the next generation.

I bring the vision, operational excellence, and proven advocacy results required to be a highly effective OPA Director. I ask for your support to help shape a progressive, sustainable future for pharmacy in Ontario.

**Ramon Goomber**