

Election statement:

I am seeking election to the OPA Board of Directors because I believe Ontario pharmacists need strong, practical, and experienced representation during a period of rapid change. Across community practice and broader healthcare delivery, pharmacists are being asked to do more, adapt faster, and meet growing patient needs in an increasingly demanding operating environment.

My career has been built at the intersection of patient care, pharmacy operations, governance, and advocacy. As the owner of two community pharmacies, I understand firsthand the pressures facing front-line practice: workload, staffing, reimbursement, regulatory complexity, and the challenge of sustaining high-quality care while running viable businesses. I have also had the privilege of serving previously as Chair of OPA and as a director of the Canadian Pharmacists Association, experiences that reinforced for me the importance of thoughtful governance, credible advocacy, and member-focused leadership.

If elected, I would bring an experienced but grounded perspective to the Board. I believe OPA must continue to be a strong voice for pharmacists and pharmacy teams while staying closely connected to the realities of everyday practice. That means advocating for sustainable practice models, supporting expanded patient access to care, and ensuring that policy positions are informed by the operational and clinical realities members face across Ontario.

I also believe strong boards work best when they combine strategic thinking with practical judgment. I value respectful dialogue, financial stewardship, accountability, and clear decision-making. My governance experience in pharmacy and the broader nonprofit sector has taught me the importance of listening carefully, asking hard questions, and keeping long-term mission and member value at the centre of decisions.

Pharmacy remains one of the most accessible points of care in the healthcare system. OPA has an important role in ensuring the profession is supported, respected, and positioned to thrive. I would be honoured to serve and to contribute my experience, energy, and commitment to advancing pharmacy in Ontario.

Sean Simpson