

## Nomination process

You can nominate someone (including yourself) for election by sending a completed Nomination Form to our office before the nominations deadline. Candidates for all positions must fill out the Confirmation of Good Standing form before their nomination can be accepted. This is to make sure that all candidates are qualified to serve in the position they are seeking. These forms can be downloaded from our website at [http://www.chfcanada.coop/eng/pages2007/agsm\\_elections.asp](http://www.chfcanada.coop/eng/pages2007/agsm_elections.asp).

## To send in your nominations

1. **Mail** them to:  
CHF Canada Nominating Committee  
311-225 Metcalfe Street  
Ottawa, ON K2P 1P9
2. **Fax** them to 613-230-2231
3. **Email** them to CHF Canada's Corporate Secretary, **Nick Sidor**, at [nsidor@chfcanada.coop](mailto:nsidor@chfcanada.coop). Please make sure your email asks that we confirm that it has been received.

## Election material

We strongly encourage all members to declare their nominations as early as possible. We will help candidates in the following ways:

- Enabling them to tell members about themselves on CHF Canada's electronic voting site (for regional elections), and
- For those candidates elected at the AGM, placing election material in the participants' kits at the AGM.

## For more information

If you would like more information on what's involved to run for any of these positions, please see "Thinking of Running for the Board of Directors" or "Thinking about running for Ontario council" and other information available on the AGM section of our website at <http://www.chfcanada.coop/eng/pdf/ThinkingofrunningfortheBoard.pdf>.

If you have any questions about the elections, you can call Linda Stephenson at the CHF Canada office at 1-800-465-2752 (613-230-2201 in Ottawa), ext. 234. Or contact the Nominating Committee member nearest you:

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**Patrick Newman (Regional Director, Ontario)**  
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**Deryl Thompson (Regional Director, Alberta/Northwest Territories)**  
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**Judith Collins (Ontario Council member)**  
[jcollins@chfcanada.coop](mailto:jcollins@chfcanada.coop)

**Please tell your members about this report and about the 2012 AGM elections!**

## **NEW!** Nominations deadline

**The deadline to receive *all* nominations is March 31st!**

### 1. Regional and At-Large Directors (Board of Directors); Finance and Audit Committee; Ontario Council positions

The nominations deadline for **ALL** positions up for election this year on the Board of Directors, Finance and Audit Committee and the Ontario Council is **5:00 p.m. EST (Eastern Standard Time) on Saturday, March 31st**. Nominations will be accepted at the CHF Canada national office until that time.

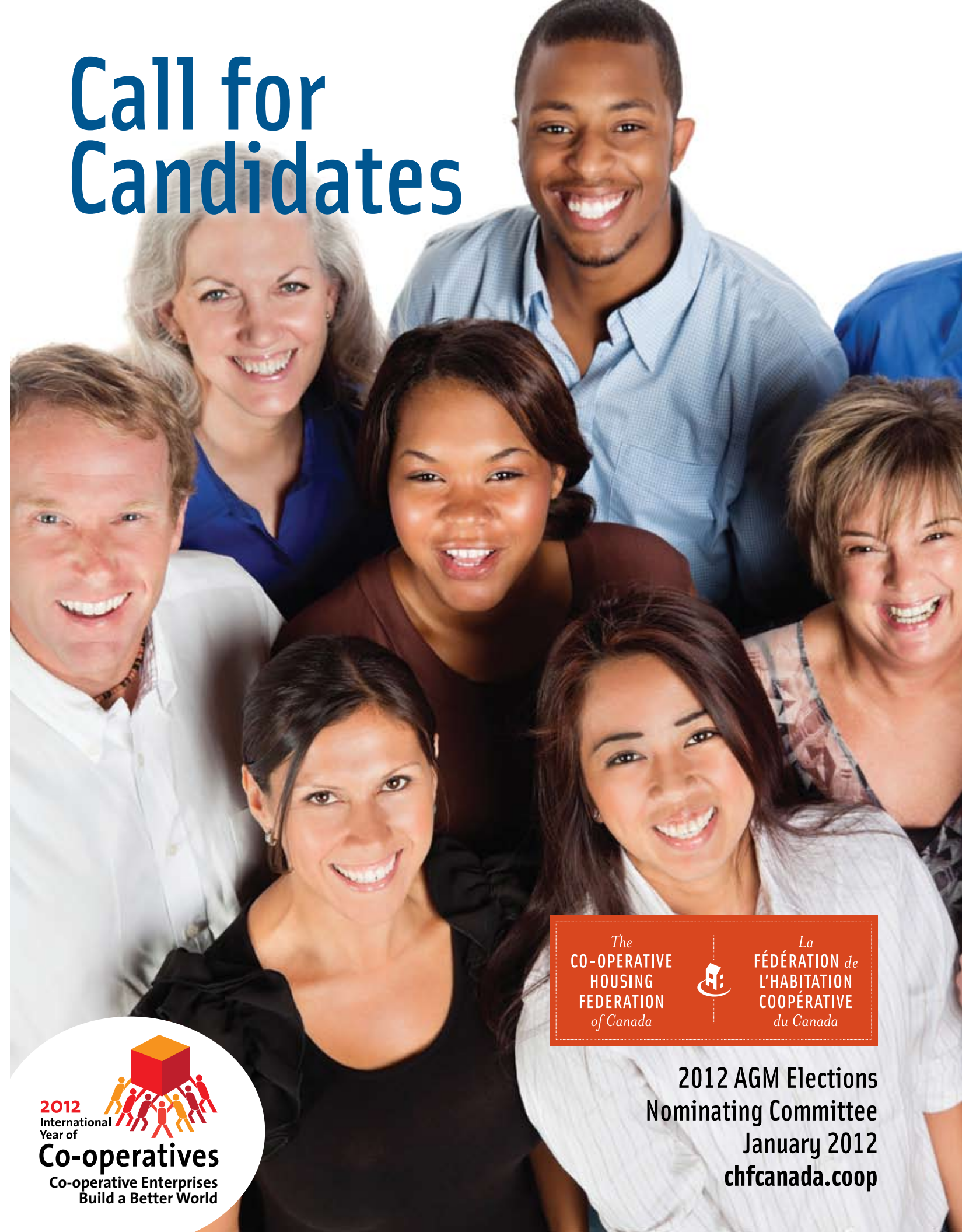
### 2. Aboriginal Director (Board of Directors)

If you are running for Aboriginal director, you must declare in writing that you are of North American Aboriginal ancestry. You must also send us your nomination form so that we receive it at the CHF Canada national office no later than **5:00 p.m. EST (Eastern Standard Time) on Saturday, March 31st**.

## DIVERSITY MEANS (but isn't limited to):

- Including people from any/all walks of life and backgrounds (political, religion, colour, race, gender, sexual orientation, country of origin, age, physical ability and economic level)
- Respecting the differences that are inherent in any group of people and that distinguish one group from another
- Accepting one another as unique individuals

# Call for Candidates



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# Bring your leadership skills to CHF Canada!

CHF Canada is looking for qualified people to run for positions on our Board of Directors, Finance and Audit Committee, and Ontario Council.

Before each year's Annual Meeting (AGM), regional elections are held for positions on CHF Canada's Board of Directors. At the AGM itself, elections are held for at-large positions on the Board of Directors, and on the Finance and Audit Committee. And at the Annual Meeting of Ontario Members, elections are held for positions on the Ontario Council.

This year's AGM will be held in Niagara Falls, Ontario, from June 6–9, 2012.



## Why you?

CHF Canada is a dynamic national association looking for people to represent members and key stakeholders to participate in the governance of a strong federation driven by co-operative values. CHF Canada has almost 900 member co-ops, along with regional federations, co-op management companies, staff associations, and many other stakeholder organizations in all parts of Canada.

Members look for representation on their governing bodies that mirrors the diversity of people in our housing co-op communities across the country.

CHF Canada needs strong leaders, and it starts with you. Here are some of the qualities CHF Canada looks for:

- An understanding of the co-operative principles, and how to apply them
- A commitment to help CHF Canada grow, and to serve our members
- Proven leadership skills—either within the co-op sector, or from other experience
- Flexibility, collaboration, and good communication skills!
- We also want to make this process as accessible to all members as possible, whether or not you have a long history of leadership in the co-op sector
- Many new directors or Council members have no experience at all in association governance, so CHF Canada offers an excellent governance training program. We'll help newly elected leaders learn what good governance means and how you can contribute to the good governance of your national federation.

## Who we are

### CHF Canada Board of Directors

The Board of Directors governs CHF Canada according to the by-laws and rules approved by the members. It oversees CHF Canada's operations and sets its priorities based on resolutions passed by its membership. The board makes sure that CHF Canada's management is performing well, and is accountable to members.

There are 16 directors on the CHF Canada Board.

- Each province elects one regional director
- Five (5) directors are elected at large (by all the delegates at the annual meeting), and
- One (1) director is elected to represent the Aboriginal community by co-ops who have at least 10 percent (10%) of their units occupied by Aboriginal people.

Directors serve a two-year term and can be re-elected for up to three consecutive terms.

### Finance and Audit Committee

CHF Canada's Treasurer, another member of CHF Canada's Board of Directors, the Treasurer of the Ontario Region, and two members at-large elected at the AGM sit on CHF Canada's Finance and Audit Committee. Their role is to watch over CHF Canada's finances on behalf of the membership, advise the board, and report directly to the members.

You can find more information about the duties of Finance and Audit Committee members on CHF Canada's website, or call the office at 1-800-465-2752.

### Ontario Council

The Ontario Council directs the work of the Ontario Region, which represents Ontario members and delivers services that affect only Ontario. It is elected by Ontario members of CHF Canada.

There are eight or nine Ontario Council members.

- Four (4) are elected at-large by all Ontario members at the Ontario members meeting (June 8, 2012, in Niagara Falls)
- One (1) is elected by members from Northern Ontario at a meeting held in Northern Ontario before the AGM
- Two (2) more are elected at the AGM, one each by staff organizations and local federations
- The Ontario regional director on the CHF Canada Board also sits on the Ontario Council
- Finally, if it decides to, the CHF Canada Board can appoint one more at-large director from Ontario to sit on the Council.

Ontario Council members serve a two-year term and can be re-elected for up to three consecutive terms.

## Positions up for election in 2012

### 1. Regional Directors (Board of Directors, two-year terms)

- British Columbia/Yukon
- Manitoba
- Ontario
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland/Labrador

*Co-ops will elect their regional director at a meeting held in their region and by using an electronic voting system, and will be contacted separately about how to vote.*

### 2. Director representing the aboriginal community (Board of Directors)

The Aboriginal director is elected before the AGM by member co-ops that are eligible to vote for the Aboriginal director.

### 3. At-large directors (Board of Directors)

Two (2) at-large positions \*

*\* elected at the AGM in Niagara Falls*

### 4. Finance and Audit Committee

One (1) two-year position \*

*\* elected at the AGM in Niagara Falls*

### 5. Ontario Council

Council member representing Northern Ontario \*

*\* Co-ops will elect the Northern Ontario council member at a meeting held in their region and by using an electronic voting system and will be contacted separately about how to vote.*

Council member representing Staff Associations \*

*\* elected at the Ontario Members Meeting in Niagara Falls*

### 6. At-large Council members (Ontario Council)

Two (2) at-large positions \*

*\* elected at the Ontario Members Meeting in Niagara Falls*

## You can run for these positions if you are:

- A member in good standing, director, officer, or employee of a CHF Canada member (Board and Finance and Audit Committee positions) or,
- A member in good standing, director, officer, or employee of an Ontario member (Ontario Council positions)
- 18 years of age or older
- mentally competent
- not an undischarged bankrupt.

## VOTING AT REGIONAL ELECTIONS—NOW USING THE WEB!

Once again this year, voting in regional elections will include a voting system that will allow members to vote using CHF Canada's website. This process may be different in each region. CHF Canada will be sending out a flyer to members in each region outlining the specific voting process for that particular election.

**NEW!**

Election for the regional director position on the Board of Directors representing Ontario will be held in the region for the first time in 2012.

