



# ELECTIONS UPDATE

Elections were held in September 2022 for Districts 1 and 2 for Chiropodists, and Combined District 1 for Podiatrists. Chad Bezaire, Chiropodist, was elected in District 2, Matthew Andrade, Chiropodist, was acclaimed in District 1, and Peter Stavropoulos, Podiatrist, was acclaimed in combined District 1.

Deborah Loundes was also appointed to Council as the Selected Member from the Michener Institute.

On November 16, 2022, a call went out for nominations for vacancies on Council for a podiatrist in Combined District 2 and for a chiropodist from District 6. No nominations were received. A second call was sent on December 19, 2022. Nominations must be submitted no later than January 6, 2023. Please contact Christine Hickey at [chickey@cocoo.on.ca](mailto:chickey@cocoo.on.ca) if you have questions.

[Information about elections can be found on the College's website](#)

## Meet Chad Bezaire



Chad began his healthcare journey ten years ago during his university studies as a co-op student, where he was among the top three selected from his class. Chad's knowledge and enjoyment for providing healthcare services grew daily, and his experience led him to the field of chiropody. Chad's education includes a Bachelor of Human Kinetics, kinesiology (CO-OP) BHK from the University of Windsor and an advanced graduate diploma of Chiropody from the Michener Institute at UHN in Toronto. Chad has continued to receive training in different surgical practices to provide to his patients and prides himself on providing a full scope of chiropody services.

Chad currently owns/operates his own private practice and is looking forward to providing his knowledge as a clinician and entrepreneur to Council and continuing to strengthen our profession in the province of Ontario.

## Meet Matthew Andrade



Matthew Andrade is a chiropodist who was born, raised, and currently resides in Toronto. He holds a D.Ch. from the Michener Institute and a B.Sc. (Hons) from the University of Western Ontario. With experience from a number of private practices in and around Toronto, Matthew looks forward to representing the practitioners of the city at the provincial level in carrying out the duties of the College to regulate our profession and serve and protect the public interest.



### **Meet Deborah Loundes**



Deborah Loundes is a Professor at The Michener Institute of Education at UHN, Chiropody Faculty. As a faculty member for the past 15 years, she has been involved in the training and educating of many Chiropody students in both the classroom and the clinical setting. Deborah is a Michener Institute Chiropody Program graduate and has worked in both private and public chiropody clinics. Prior to graduating from the Michener Institute, Deborah completed her BSc., Biology at York University and recently completed a Clinical Masters in Wound Care at the University of Western Ontario. Deborah has been a registrant of the COCOO since 1999 and is the current selected academic council member.