

Calling all Advocates

Are you interested in arthritis issues such as access to medications, research, disability & work or access to health care? If yes then think about joining us.

We are looking for candidates who can bring fresh new ideas from across Canada. Candidates should have the following qualifications and skills:

- Strong advocacy skills or the willingness to learn
- General awareness of arthritis issues
- Strong writing skills
- Time to dedicate as a volunteer and to attend monthly teleconferences and an annual face to face meeting usually in the Fall
- Must be able to dedicate 5-10 hours per month to CAPA business
- Ability to attend out of town conferences/meetings as needed
- Computer skills, access to the internet and e-mail is absolutely essential
- Willing to work as part of a committee, sharing information so CAPA's Steering Committee (and members) are up to date on issues
- Personable and loves working in a team but is also self directed

Application Process:

E-Mail capasecretariat@arthritispatient.com

Deadline: **August 15, 2010**

We will forward a Nomination Form to prospective Steering Committee Members.

What does a Steering Committee Member do?

A CAPA Steering Committee (SC) member typically is responsible for being the ears and voice of CAPA in their province or region. The SC member will represent CAPA and ensure CAPA's policies/philosophies are heard in matters affecting arthritis patients or bring new issues to the full SC so a consensus is reached on all CAPA positions.

The SC member will be a Committee member on committees such as Access to Medication, Juvenile Infantile Arthritis (JIA), Access to Professionals, Communication (to members, to organizations with shared interests (such as Joint Pain), and to politicians to ensure CAPA members are visible and have a voice). We also work with professionals on research studies, supporting grant applications and providing patient-focused feedback and provide feedback to pharmaceutical companies, being careful to remain neutral and bias-free.