

Candidate Statement

Jeff Dionne, RRT

District 4

Reasons for running in the election

Over the past three years, I have completed my first term with the CRTO Council and, most recently, as part of the Executive Committee, where I have learned a great deal in regard to both governance and the impact regulatory bodies have on protecting the general public. I feel that I can expand on this knowledge and apply it further in my second term on the CRTO council.

Relevant skills and experience

As a senior leader at my organization, I feel that I possess a wide array of skills that prepare me for this role on the CRTO council. These include, but are not limited to, strong decision-making, effective financial acumen, and strategic thinking and governance. As a co-chair of the Finance and Audit Committee and a member of the CRTO Executive Committee for the past two years, I believe that I have been able to optimize my skill sets and hope to be able to give back for a second term on Council.

In your opinion, what are the key issues facing the profession today, as they relate to the public interest?

As a leader throughout the pandemic, I saw firsthand the impact it had on our Respiratory Therapists from both a burnout and staff retention perspective. I also understand how these stressors impact patient safety and the trust they have in the healthcare system. In my current role, I work to help our healthcare providers experience the value and appreciation they rightfully deserve, which can have an indirect impact on the patients and clients they serve. The betterment of our Respiratory Therapists means a healthier community for us to serve.