

May 9, 2022

Dear Members of the CDA,

Re: Dr. Sonya Abdulla

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of **Dr. Sonya Abdulla's nomination for the position of Secretary on the Canadian Dermatology Association Board of Directors.**

I have known Sonya for 15 years, initially when she entered the Dermatology Residency Program, and subsequently as my fellow in the Dermatologic Laser Surgery and Aesthetic Medicine Fellowship at the University of Toronto, where I had the opportunity to work with her very closely for one year. I am now pleased to call Sonya one of my dearest friends and a valued colleague.

Having known Sonya all these years, I can attest that she is highly motivated, responsible, hard-working, extremely organized and detail oriented, an effective communicator and she establishes strong collaborative working relationships with everyone she deals with. I truly think she will add significant contributions on the Board of Directors. She is passionate about creating more opportunities for female physicians to thrive and assume more leadership roles in order to elevate the profile of dermatology across Canada and she herself is an excellent mentor and leader.

I would consider Dr. Sonya Abdulla to be one of the best candidates for the position of Secretary. She would be a valued asset to the CDA and therefore it is without reservation that I give Sonya my highest recommendation and support.

Yours sincerely,

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