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### **RAPS Calls for Board of Director Nominations**

**Rockville, MD**— The premiere international organization representing, credentialing and educating individuals working in the health product regulatory affairs (RA) profession announced today that it is seeking nominations for three director positions and a new president-elect for its governing board.

An open memorandum sent to members of the Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) by S. Albert Edwards, PharmD, RAC, Chairman of the RAPS Nominating Committee and former 2005 Chairman of the Board, urged RAPS members to submit candidate nominations for the three director slots and for the president-elect seat opening in 2007.

“This is such an exciting time to serve on the board considering RAPS’ international expansions and continued strides in education,” said Sherry Keramidas, PhD, CAE, Executive Director of RAPS.

Keramidas cited a new affiliate in Japan and highlighted numerous online educational opportunities as some of the organizations’ evolving services to RA professionals worldwide.

“In RAPS 30-year history, this is one of the most opportune times to leave a thumbprint on an organization that continues to grow reflecting RA’s impact on and need in society,” Keramidas said.

RAPS Board of Directors is tasked with identifying and guiding strategic directions, ensuring financial solvency for the organization, evaluating organizational effectiveness and acting as ambassadors for RA and RAPS.

According to the memorandum sent by Edwards, members elected to director seats serve three-year terms beginning in 2007. The president-elect position is a one-year term with an automatic succession to president in 2008 and then to chairman of the board in 2009.

The current chairman of the RAPS Board of Directors is Robert (Bob) H. O’Holla, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Johnson & Johnson Inc., and president is Susan Alpert, MD, PhD, Vice President, Chief Quality and Regulatory Officer, Medtronic Inc.

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Members who wish to nominate or to be nominated to the RAPS Board of Directors must complete an application form or submit a curriculum vitae and answer two response questions by April 18, 2006.

The new slate of directors will be announced mid-July and at the RAPS Annual Conference in Baltimore in October.

For more information on the nominating process, visit the RAPS website [www.raps.org/nominations](http://www.raps.org/nominations) .

### **About RAPS®**

The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) is the foremost worldwide member organization creating and upholding standards of ethics, credentialing and education for the regulatory affairs (RA) profession within the health product sector. Founded in 1976, RAPS represents nearly 10,000 individuals worldwide, working in government, corporations, academia, research and nonprofit organizations.

RAPS is a nonprofit educational/scientific organization with headquarters in Rockville, MD, and members in 45 countries in Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and the Pacific Rim. RAPS is located at 11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 1000, Rockville, MD 20852; Phone: 301.770.2920; Web: [www.raps.org](http://www.raps.org)

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