



**Manitoba Child Care
Association**

NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A “Call for Applications” to the Board of Directors and Resolutions for AGM 2021 were included in the Winter 2021 Volume 4 issue of *Child Care Bridges*. Applications were evaluated to ensure collective experiences and perspectives reflect the diversity of MCCA’s membership, including that of Child Care Assistant, Early Childhood Educator, Supervisor, Inclusion Facilitator, Executive Director, Family Child Care Provider, Nursery School, Educator/Instructor. We seek applicants who have knowledge in a wide variety of areas important to the governance of MCCA, including financial management; human resources; business; public relations; communications; fundraising; current or former board memberships; political; public speaking; national, rural, and northern child care; and fluency in French.

The following applications to the Board of Directors were received by the closing date of January 31, 2022.

Two Year Term AGM 2022 – AGM 2024

Position: President Elect
Nominee: Cathy Gardiner

Cathy is the Executive Director at Learning & Growing. She is an ECE III with a specialized degree in Daycare Management. She has been with the centre for 29 years. In addition to her work at the centre, Cathy is a certified Circle of Security Facilitator. Being involved with MCCA has given her the opportunity to share her thoughts, ideas, and experiences to improve the quality of Manitoba’s early childhood education system. Cathy takes pride in her job and her role in advocating for a robust early childhood education system within the centre, community, province and even the country. *“I believe that together we can make a difference, no matter how long or steep the road is.”*

Position: Secretary-Treasurer
Nominee: Fernanda Hodgson

Fernanda is the Executive Director of Day Nursery Centre, which is a network of five Winnipeg inner city Early Learning & Child Care Programs. Throughout her 40 years in the field of ELCC, she has been an advocate committed to providing high quality ELCC for all children, as well as supporting Educators and the profession. She currently sits on the MCCA’s Public Policy and Professionalism Committee, Awards Committee and Board Operations Committee. She is an active member of MCCA’s Pedagogy Community of Practice.

Position: Director of Board Operations
Nominee: Sue Sydorчук

Sue is an ECE III. She is currently working at the place that she graduated from in 1984, RRC Early Childhood Centre Inc. And so very proud! She has held a number of positions within the Early Learning and Child Care sector over the years, front line ECE (of which her back & knees could no longer do), Supervisor, Executive Director, Child Care Coordinator, team member on the OCCR project, MCCA Board & Committee member. She has a good sense of humour and positive outlook. She is constantly humbled by ECEs that work for little pay and just continue to showing up, making a difference in the lives of children. One day, she wants to retire to the Bahamas and drink fruity beverages with umbrellas in them.

Position: Director of Public Policy & Professionalism

Nominee: Lisa Hrechkosy

Lisa is the Executive Director at Stanley Knowles Children's Centre School age Program. She was MCCA's "Leader of the Year" in 2012. Lisa is part of MCCA's Finance committee and is the current chairperson of the Education Committee. Lisa looks forward to a new challenge as the impending Chair of the MCCA Public Policy & Professionalism Committee for a two-year term.

Position: Director

Nominee: Connie Cava

Connie has worked in child care for over 34 years. Her experience covers infancy to school age, local and international. She is currently a child care director for the YMCA - YWCA of Winnipeg overseeing multiple sights in St. James. Connie is an active member of MCCA's Public Policy & Professionalism Committee.

Position: Director

Nominee: Adam Manicom

Adam has been working in child care for the past 20 years and has spent his time working with all ages of children. Passionate about professional development and gender diversity in the workforce, Adam spends time supporting, developing, and executing strategies to create a positive space for staff, children, and families. Adam has a wide breadth of experience on MCCA's Board of Directors and Child Care Benefits Committee, is Board Chair for Beaver Lodge Care for Kids Ltd, and the networking group, Men in Early Childhood Education.

Position: Director

Nominee: Tracy Cosser

Tracy is the Executive Director of Can You Imagine Preschool and School Age centres in the Elmwood and Weston areas. She has been a frontline CCA, ECE, Supervisor, and Family Child Care Provider. She has served on the board of Directors for a child care program and has been a member of the Child Care Inclusion Committee through Community Living Manitoba. She is also a past Practicum Instructor for Red River College and has sat on CCQTC (Child Care Qualifications and Training Committee). Tracy says she is passionate about early learning and child care, with inclusion being a main principle that guides her practice.

Position: Director

Nominee: Laureen Brandson

Laureen has been the Assistant Director of Agassiz Child Care Centre for 22 years. Laureen is proud of the program she leads, recognizing that it is her amazing educators that create it. A life-long learner herself, she encourages everyone to continue learning and growing in their chosen profession. A mom, grandmother and ECE – she loves and advocates for all the children in her life. Having been an MCCA Board Member for the past two years, she is hoping to remain on the Board to help continue the important work our sector needs.

Position: Director

Nominee: Mariëlla Carr

Mariëlla Carr is the Executive Director at Prairie Nature Children's Centre Inc. She started in the child care sector in 1990 and has loved all of her different roles over the years. Mariëlla has been an Ethics Guide since 2008 and is on MCCA's Ethics and School age committees. She is passionate about Reconnecting Children with Nature and Inclusive Practice.

**One Year Term
AGM 2022 – AGM 2023**

Position: Member at Large

Nominee: April Kalyniuk

April Kalyniuk is the Executive Director at Lord Roberts Children’s Programs Inc. in Winnipeg. She has been in the Early Childhood field for 40 plus years and has been a strong advocate for a system that promotes quality, universally available, affordable and developmentally appropriate child care and education for all families who require it. She has served as the President of the Manitoba Child Care Association and as the Chair of the Canadian Child Care Federation. Currently, She is a board member of both groups as well as the MCCA Chair of the Public Policy and Professionalism committee.

Position: Member at Large

Nominee: Erin Dagg

Erin (she/her), new to the Board of Directors but not to the field of Early Learning and Child Care. Since graduating from Red River College in 2003, Erin has experienced both the successes and challenges of our sector from coast to coast. Returning to Manitoba in 2015, she had been the Program Coordinator & Pedagogical Leader at Horizons Children’s Centre and now is the new site Manager at the Grace location. Her passion for curriculum planning and reflective practice keeps her motivated to do more and network with other professionals in the field. Together, we are stronger and our children deserve the best!

The following directors will remain on the board to complete their terms:

Lynda Raible	President – 2022-2024
Caryn LaFlèche	Past President – 2022-2024
Janice Delf	Director of Branch Services – 2021 -2023
Kisa Maclsaac	Director – 2021 – 2023
Susana Lam	Director – 2021 – 2023
Barb Carlson	Director – 2021 - 2023

Many thanks to Cheryl Tremblay who has served on MCCA’s Provincial Board of Directors since 2017. Over the past 5 years, she held two positions on the on the board including Member At Large and Director. She has been a voice and role model for the licensed family child care providers. Thank you for your input and commitment to the Manitoba Child Care Association.