



NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A “Call for Applications” to the Board of Directors and Resolutions for AGM 2022 were included in the Winter 2022 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, 2023.

Two Year Term AGM 2023 – AGM 2025

Position: Director of Branch Services

Nominee: Janice Delf

Janice Delf is the Director of the Westend Day Care Centre in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, where she has spent the last 30 years providing and managing an extended hour child care program in a rural setting. Janice is a strong advocate of child care in her region and has been the Chair of the Central Branch for the past 20 years. Janice lives in the small community of Rathwell and assists her family on the farm. Outside of work, she enjoys family time with her twins Bailey and Brooklyn and looks forward to gardening, camping, and hiking.

Position: Director of Board Operations

Nominee: Susana Lam

Susana Lam has been in the field for over 25 years and is the Executive Director at Seven Oaks Child Day Care Centre. She believes in supporting her team and that each educator reaches their full potential in their pedagogical learning. She is passionate in providing an inclusive practice and believes all children should have access to opportunities and support during the earliest and most influential years of their learning and growing. During her free time, Susan enjoys reading and spending time with family.

One Year Term AGM 2023 – AGM 2024

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 currently a board member of both organizations. She is happy to work in whatever capacity to meet the goals and objectives of MCCA.

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!

Position: Member at Large

Nominee: Kisa Maclsaac

Kisa Maclsaac (she/her) is Métis with family ties to manitow sâkahikan (Lac St. Anne, Alberta), has Scottish/European roots, is a mother, and ECE III with a degree in Developmental Studies, and an artist. She has dedicated more than 20 years of her life working with children and families, with most of her career spent working in non-profit ELCC in the inner city of Winnipeg. Kisa is passionate about land-based early learning programs, as well as the critical importance of love in our learning environments. She has been volunteering with MCCA since 2005; current as a board member, and as chair of the Ethics Committee.

Position: Member at Large

Nominee: Michelle Normandeau

Michelle Normandeau is an ECE II who has been in the Early Childhood Education field for over 20 years as a literacy assistant, CCA, licensed family daycare provider, and is currently enjoying working at Horizons Children Centre at Grace Hospital. Her passion is working with preschool children and encouraging risky play, outdoor play, and anti-bias curriculum. She is currently enrolled in the University of Winnipeg PACE program to become an ECE III.

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

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| Lynda Raible | President – 2022 – 2024 |
| Caryn LaFlèche | Past President – 2022 – 2024 |
| Cathy Gardiner | President Elect – 2022 – 2024 |
| Fernanda Hodgson | Secretary-Treasurer – 2022 – 2024 |
| Lisa Hrechkosy | Director of Public Policy & Professionalism – 2022 – 2024 |
| Connie Cava | Director – 2022 – 2024 |
| Adam Manicom | Director – 2022 – 2024 |
| Tracy Cosser | Director – 2022 – 2024 |
| Laureen Brandson | Director – 2022 – 2024 |
| Mariëlla Carr | Director – 2022 – 2024 |
| Sue Sydorчук | Director – 2022 – 2024 |

Many thanks to Barb Carlson who served on MCCA's Provincial Board of Directors from 2021 - 2023. During that time, she held the position of Director. Thank you for your commitment and support to the Manitoba Child Care Association, as well as to the early learning and child care profession.