



Nominations for Positions on the Board of Directors

2019–20

President:

Géraldine Poirier-Baiani

Ms. Baiani started her career as a Social Worker in Child Protection in the South end of Saint John. She later moved to Moncton and worked in most of the programs within the Department of Social Development moving from Supervisor, Manager, Regional Director and, finally, Assistant Deputy Minister of Program Delivery. Throughout her career, Ms. Baiani helped clients, peers and colleagues to achieve their goals. She has been involved in a variety of Boards in the three southern NB cities including United Way Chair of Southeastern NB.

After a successful career, she drew on her 35 years of experience to write about some of the achievements, programs and services she led while in government. Several articles on Family Group conferencing were published in journals in the UK between 2014–2019. Ms. Baiani also started painting and she is the President of the Fredericton Society of Artists.

She is not a stranger to the NBASW. She was, at the beginning of her career, on the Executive as Secretary and later worked on the committee that brought in the legislation that gave the Association control of the title and practice of Social Work. More recently, she represented the NBASW on the CASW Editorial Board, Chaired the Re-opening of the Act Committee and was a member of the By-laws Committee.

The New Strategic Plan and the amendments to our Act will elevate the profile of Social Workers. Géraldine would like to continue her service to the NBASW and the Social Workers of this province by leading the board into this new phase. She would like to take a vision and make it a reality and she thinks she has the skills to lead the Association at this time.

Théo Saulnier

Théo Saulnier has held a Bachelor of Social Work since 1986. He began his career working in mental health, and has been a social worker in addiction services since 1990. Théo has always been interested in his professional association, which is why he is running for President. He has been Vice-President of the Association for four years. During his career, he has also been Director of his chapter twice, as well as a member of the Complaints Committee.

He is currently Co-Chair of the Promotion of the Profession Committee. Over the last two years, we have worked on the strategic plan and the revision of the Act, and, by becoming President, he wants to ensure continuity by sharing his knowledge and commitment in cooperation with the other members of the Board of Directors.

As well as being involved in his professional association, Mr. Saulnier is very involved in volunteer work in his community, including with the Association of Nursing Homes, Club Richelieu, and other groups. In his leisure time, he enjoys volleyball, curling, and photography.

Vice-President:

Anouk McGraw

Anouk McGraw is from the Acadian Peninsula, specifically from Landry-Office, which is known for its golf course. She has been living in the Beresford area for more than 10 years. Anouk received a Bachelor's degree in social work from Université de Moncton in May 2007. She has practiced in various fields, particularly in child and youth clinical mental health, as well as adults. She recently returned to mobile crisis services with the Bathurst mental health centre.

She has been actively involved with the NBASW for several years. Anouk's involvement began with attending regional meetings of the Restigouche Chapter, where she had to leave her position as Treasurer because of regional work. She has taken part in various provincial AGMs since she became involved with the NBASW, including those held in Miramichi, Red Bank, Campbellton, Chaleur, and the upcoming one in the Acadian Peninsula. In 2012, she agreed to serve as Secretary of the Chaleur Chapter, and she is now in her third term. Anouk has been a member of the Education Committee since the fall of 2015. At the first meeting, she was offered the position of President, which she was pleased to accept. As President, Anouk McGraw had the privilege of participating in meetings on the NBASW provincial strategic plan. She also took part in organizing the provincial AGM held in the Chaleur region in June 2015.

She is involved in her community as a commissioner of the Mgr-Robichaud Public Library in Beresford, as well as being a member of the provincial groundhog carnival organizing committee 2019 in Beresford. She is known everywhere she volunteers as someone who shows leadership and initiative.

In closing, Anouk is the mother of a child who will soon be 9 years old. When she is not working or being a Mom, she likes to read. Pets have always been part of her life; right now, her dog Daisy is an important part of the family. Nature is a refuge that gives her a lot of energy. She would be more than proud to represent you as an NBASW member.

Carole Gallant

Carole Gallant received a Bachelor's degree in social work in 1987. She then did a certificate program in staff administration in 1997, and received a Master's degree in health care management in 2015. All of her education took place at Université de Moncton.

Her work experience began in 1987 at the Restigouche Hospital Center as case manager for clients with intellectual disabilities, a position she left in 1993 to take a position in employment rehabilitation. She also enjoyed a brief but enriching experience as a social worker for intake and investigation for the Department of Social Development, and then took a position as a clinical social worker in community mental health intake. She held this position from 1993 until 2003, when she became manager of the child and youth program. From 2010 until 2013, she was also Assistant Director for the mental health and addictions section for Vitalité Health Network. From April 2013 to August 2015, she worked for the New Brunswick Community College as the department head for health and community services. Since August 2015, she has been working again for the Vitalité Health Network, as Director of the Provincial Centre of Excellence for Youth, and, since March 2016, as Director of Youth Services.

During her career, Carole has been involved many times on the executive of the Restigouche Chapter, as President, Vice-President, and Secretary. In June 2019, she will finish her second two-year term as Director of the Restigouche Chapter on the NBASW Board.

Debby Stanton

Debby Stanton has been a social worker for over 20 years, graduating from St. Thomas University in 1996 with a BSW and obtaining an MSW from Carleton University in 1998. From Ottawa she made her way out to the west coast, in lower-mainland BC to begin work in the field of child welfare for the BC government. She was employed with the MCFD (Ministry for Children and Family Development) for 12 years and served in a variety of roles including supervising and training. Ms. Stanton was also active in the employees' union as a shop steward and trained to be a trainer as well as acting staff support person. She also sat on the Social Work Advisory Council at University of Fraser Valley, and supervised social work placement students for more than ten years. She has a passion for mentoring new social workers and sharing some of the knowledge and experiences she has had along the way, and benefit from their fresh insights and views they bring with them.

She previously served on the board of the Association as the Saint John Director for four years and she is active in her local chapter and was involved in organizing and hosting the AGM last June. Very recently, she has been appointed to the Discipline committee and has sat on other committees over the past few years.

Debby loves being a social worker, and currently works as an ongoing child protection worker.

Secretary:

Julie Ouellette

Julie has been a member in good standing since 1995, when she received a Bachelor's degree in social work from Université de Moncton. Julie has worked for various employers during her career, which has made her a person with diverse experiences. She is now a manager for child and youth teams in the northwestern region, as an employee of the Vitalité Health Network.

She has always remained more or less involved with the NBASW at the local and provincial levels, with breaks for years here and there from serving in executive positions. At the local chapter, she has held positions as President, Secretary, and Vice-President, the position she still holds. She is among the members who attend the NBASW AGM nearly every year. As for her involvement at the provincial level, Julie has been Chapter Director for two terms, she filled in as acting Secretary for a term when she was Chapter President, and she has been a member of the Complaints Committee a few times (for a total of about six years). She has been serving as an alternate member of this committee since last year.