



PROFILE AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF NOMINEE

This profile and Curriculum Vitae is an IFSW Bylaws requirement and informs voting members of your experience and abilities for the position. It also provides valuable information for the IFSW office. By completing and signing it you are agreeing to be a nominee for this position. Please ensure that the completed form is no longer than five (5) pages using a Times New Roman 12 font and with margins no smaller than 0.75 cm on each side.

IFSW Position to which you seek nomination

Vice -President -North America Region

Candidate's Name and Country

Joan Davis Whelan - Canada

Social Work and Other Educational Qualifications (include institution and date)

1992	Master of Social Work, Memorial University of Newfoundland
1981	Bachelor of Social Work, Memorial University of Newfoundland
1979	Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), Memorial University of Newfoundland
1975	Grade XI Honours Diploma Presentation High School, Corner Brook, NL

Professional Affiliations

Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers – Registered Social Worker

Canadian Association of Social Workers – President

International Federation of Social Workers Interim Education Commission - North American Regional Representative

Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade

December 2009 – March 2011 Eastern Regional Health Care Authority
Regional Professional Practice Consultant Social Work

March 2011 to December 2018

School of Social Work Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador
Academic Staff Member - Field Education Coordinator II

- Academic Council - member
- Field Education Program Manager
- BSW Admissions -member
- BSW Undergraduate Studies -member
- MSW Program Graduate Studies – member

1995-2018 Sessional Instructor, School of Social Work, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador

SCWK 1710	Introduction to Social Work
SCWK 230A/B	Field Education Preparation Seminars
SCWK 3300	BSW Field Practicum I
SCWK 3311	Social Work Integration of Theory and Practice
SCWK 3720	Ethical and Legal Issues Social Work Practice
SCWK 4302	BSW Field Practicum II
SCWK 4320	Field of Practice: Health and Rehabilitation
SCWK 4610	Social Work Practice: Counselling and Case Management Groups and Communities
SCWK 4620	Interdisciplinary Practice: Mental Health and Health Services
SCWK 6917	MSW Field Practicum
SCWK 6014	Leadership in Social Policy and Programs

National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade

Canadian Association of Social Workers – Newfoundland and Labrador representative

Canadian Association of Social Workers Executive – President, Vice President (former) and Treasurer (former)

- Compensation and Benefits Committee
- Ends Committee
- Social Work Peer to Peer Support Group moderator

International Federation of Social Workers Interim Education Commission - North American Regional Representative

Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers – President

- Quality Assurance Committee Chair
- Disciplinary Committee Chair
- Professional Development Committee Chair

Association of Social Work Boards - NLASW representative

- Bylaws Committee

- Approved Continuing Education (ACE) Committee

Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade

Synchro NL – treasurer (Synchronized Swimming)

Are you aware of the description, role and responsibilities attached to the position you wish to have within the IFSW Executive?

YES: **X**

NO:

If the answer is YES, please respond to the following questions:

a) What are the three most important responsibilities towards IFSW:

- Building partnerships to work for global solidarity, partnerships with other professionals and facilitating international and regional cooperation for shared learning and joint action.
- Advocating for professional social work values, standards, and ethical principles.
- Developing policies and statements that reflect the diverse nature and integrity of the social work profession

b) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your Region:

- Supporting strengthening the profession
- Encouraging evidence-based research and best practices
- Addressing de-professionalism of social work

c) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your national association

- Supporting and advocating for the profession of social work
- Establishing and maintaining a supportive framework of resources for the profession of social work
- Advocating for social justice and promoting a social justice lens in policy development

Please demonstrate:

- Commitment to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the Constitution

The IFSW goals of social justice, human rights and inclusion, social work best practices and engagement via international cooperation are critical for humanity and the social work profession. As such, I support these goals and hope to aid in their development internationally.

- Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)
English – first language my French is limited.
- Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region
I represent Canada as President of CASW. My work and residential experiences have been focused in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador in Atlantic Canada. I have been fortunate to work in clinical, policy and academic sectors. English is the primary language in my region although Canada is a bilingual country.

- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs

My original university bachelor's degree was with a major in political science and history. Several of my courses were in international political science and policy which has always been a keen interest to me.

- Willingness and capacity to devote time to assume work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee

Willing and capable of work responsibilities associated with position

- Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings

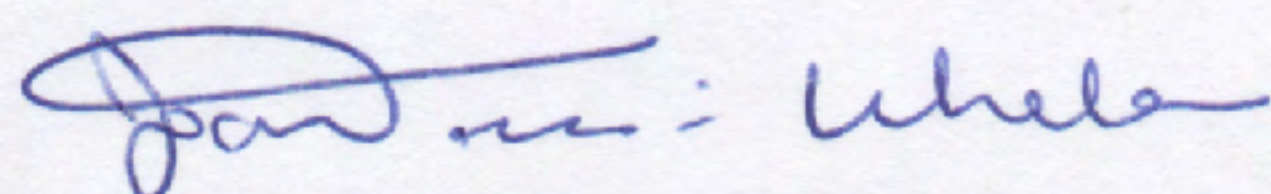
Retired from University position as of December 31, 2018 so schedule is flexible.

- Participation, so far as possible, as delegate of the General Meeting or attendance at IFSW Conferences

No impediment to attendance at the General meeting or IFSW conference

- Any other information relevant to your nomination

Signature and Date



Joan Davis Whelan MSW, RSW
July 9, 2020