



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
(Canada and USA rotate President and Vice-President under a MOU every two years)

Candidate's Name and Country

Joan Davis Whelan – Canada

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

2007- 08	Health Leadership Institute, Toronto, Ontario
2001	Quality Management Program Canadian HealthCare Association, Ottawa, Ontario
1993	Resolve through Sharing Counsellor Certificate, Lutheran - LaCrosse Hospital, Wisconsin, USA
1992	Master of Social Work, Memorial University of Newfoundland
1991	Discharge Planning Certificate, Canadian Association of Social Workers
1981	Bachelor of Social Work, Memorial University of Newfoundland
1979	Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), Memorial University of Newfoundland

Professional Affiliations

Newfoundland and Labrador College of Social Workers -Registered Social Worker
Canadian Association of Social Workers -President
IFSW – President – North America Region (current)
IFSW – Global Vice –President (current)
IFSW -Interim Education Commission member (North America representative)

Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade

June 2021-present

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

March 2011 to December 2018

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

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

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 – President (2020- current)

Vice President (former) and Treasurer (former)

- CASW Code of Ethics Revision Committee – Chairperson
- Intersectoral Committee (CASW, CASWE, CCSWR) -current
- CASW Compensation and Benefits Committee – former Chair

- CASW Ends Committee – former Chair

Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers – Past President

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

Association of Social Work Boards - NLASW representative - former

- Bylaws Committee - former
- Approved Continuing Education (ACE) Committee - former

Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade

Synchro NL -treasurer

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 cooperation
- 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 and 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 is my primary language and some ability for reading in French.

- 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. My work experience has focused in Atlantic Canada in Newfoundland and Labrador. I have worked in clinical, policy and academic sectors. Canada is a bilingual country – French and English with each region having specific language groups. My area has English as the primary language.

- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs

My original Arts degree was in the areas of political science and history. Policy and international relations have always been a keen interest for me.

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

Willing and able to work in the Executive and Regional Committee level

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

My schedule is completely flexible and I can attend meetings.

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

No impediment to participation as a delegate at the General Meeting or IFSW Conferences.

- Any other information relevant to your nomination

Signature and Date

Joan Davis Whelan

March 02, 2024

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President – Canadian Association of Social Workers
President -North American Region – IFSW
Vice-President -Global IFSW