



## **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.

Ce profil et ce Curriculum Vitae sont une exigence des statuts de l'IFSW et informent les membres votants de votre expérience et de vos capacités pour le poste. Il fournit également des informations précieuses pour le bureau de la FITS. En le remplissant et en le signant, vous acceptez d'être candidat à ce poste. Veuillez vous assurer que le formulaire rempli ne dépasse pas cinq (5) pages en utilisant la police Times New Roman 12 et avec des marges d'au moins 0,75 cm de chaque côté.

### **IFSW Position to which you seek nomination / Poste de la FITS pour lequel vous sollicitez une nomination**

North American Regional President

### **Candidate's Name and Country / Nom et pays du candidat**

Barb Whitenect, Canada

### **Social Work and Other Educational Qualifications (include institution and date) / Travail social et autres diplômes (indiquer l'établissement et la date)**

Bachelor of Arts (Criminology) University of New Brunswick 1986  
Bachelor of Social Work Saint Thomas University 1991  
Masters of Social Work Carleton University 1992

### **Professional Affiliations / Associations professionnelles**

Registered Social Worker with the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers  
Member of Canadian Association of Social Workers  
Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) Board Representative for NBASW  
Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) committee member

### **Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade / Expérience de leadership professionnel au cours de la dernière décennie**

New Brunswick (NB) Provincial Director of Child and Youth Addiction & Mental Health Services  
(NB) Executive Director- Addiction and Mental Health Services - Department of Health.  
(NB) Executive Director -Department of Public Safety  
(NB) Assistant Deputy Minister-Justice and Public Safety



(NB) Assistant Deputy Minister - Social Development

(NB) lectured on a part-time basis at Saint Thomas University, University of New Brunswick and NBCC

**National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade**

**Association nationale et expérience de leadership au cours de la dernière décennie**

Elected President of the NBASW

Elected Vice President CASW

Elected Chair Nomination Committee- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

Elected Member of Regulatory Education and Leadership (REAL) committee -ASWB

Elected Vice President of NBASW

Chair of Management committee -NBASW

Social Work representative on Pan Canadian Standards committee

F/P/T representative on National Housing committee

F/P/T representative on National Social Development committee

Atlantic chair of national Long Term Care Ministerial committee

**Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade**

**Expérience de communauté/bénévolat et de leadership au cours de la dernière décennie**

Vice-Chairperson Premiers Council on Status of Disabled Persons

Liason/Board member Charlotte County Activity Centre

Board member of Charlotte County Group homes

Board member of NBASW

Chair of NBASW Legislative Committee

Chair of (CASW) Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB) committee

By-laws committee NBASW

Scope of Practice committee (NBASW)

Management Committee (NBASW)

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

**Connaissez-vous la description, le rôle et les responsabilités attachés au poste que vous souhaitez occuper au sein de l'exécutif de la FITS ?**

**YES / OUI:** Yes

**NO / NON:**

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

**Si la réponse est OUI, veuillez répondre aux questions suivantes:**

a) **What are the three most important responsibilities towards IFSW?**

a) **Quelles sont les trois responsabilités les plus importantes envers la FITS ?**



- Developing policies and positions on the diverse nature and importance of the social work profession.
- Maintaining an active commitment to global goals of IFSW while supporting regional planning and activities to promote the profession of Social Work.
- Encouraging and support of communication, exchanges, collaboration and meetings between member organizations in the region.

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

**b) Quelles sont les trois responsabilités les plus importantes envers votre Région ?**

- Supporting work and activities in the development of Regional structure and operations consistent with IFSW constitution.
- Open Communication and productive working relationship with the Regional President.
- Ensuring that the development of research is evidence -based and relevant to social work practice.

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

**Quelles sont les trois responsabilités les plus importantes envers votre association nationale ?**

- Ensure ongoing support, collaboration and communication with member organizations regionally.
- Advocating for social justice and ensuring that policy development has a social justice and EDIB lens.
- Ensuring that scope of practice and advocacy of the profession of social work is shared within all environments.



**Please demonstrate / Veuillez démontrer :**

- Commitment to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the Constitution / Engagement envers les objectifs de la FITS tels qu'énoncés dans la Constitution

My commitment to social justice, human rights and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB) are consistent with IFSW goals. My previous and current experiences are consistent with the advancement of social work practice and engagement for the advancement of professional standards.

- Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)
- Possession de capacités linguistiques (de préférence bilingue)

English  
French

- Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region •
- Identification à la région que vous représentez, principalement par la résidence, les expériences professionnelles et la connaissance de la ou des principales langues parlées dans la région.

I am an anglophone from New Brunswick that has learned French and worked in French my whole career as New Brunswick is the only official bilingual Province in Canada. I have had increasing responsibilities throughout my career which has lead me to the highest leadership level of position (not politically afflicted) within the Province of New Brunswick, Assistant Deputy Minister. I have worked from front line social work practice to advanced policy development and administration.

- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs •
- Sagesse pratique et intérêt objectif pour les affaires internationales

I have worked on international files within my roles as ADM in both Public Safety and Social Development. Most specifically international foreign worker programs and recruitment initiatives. I have also worked on refugee files and false imprisonment cases. I have a very strong interest in human rights and learning of the diverse role of social work and social justice in international environments.



- Willingness and capacity to devote time to assume work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee •
- Volonté et capacité de consacrer du temps pour assumer des responsabilités professionnelles au sein du comité exécutif ou régional.

I am very willing and keen to devote any time necessary to advance the work of IFSW.

- Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings •
- Possibilité, dans la mesure du possible, d'assister aux réunions du Comité Exécutif ou Régional

Due to my recent retirement I have time required to devote to committee work and meetings.

- Participation, so far as possible, as delegate of the General Meeting or attendance at IFSW Conferences
- Participation, dans la mesure du possible, en tant que délégué de l'Assemblée générale ou participation aux conférences de l'IFSW

Fully prepared and willing to participate in any capacity presented by IFSW.

- Any other information relevant to your nomination / Toute autre information pertinente à votre candidature

**Signature and Date / Signature et date**

*Barb Whiteneck*

June 8, 2026