



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

President for North America

Candidate's Name and Country

Morel Caissie, Canada

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

April 1981 Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Que

Course work for Masters Degree in Social Work - Majoring in Personal intervention and group work

April 1977 Université de Moncton, Moncton, N-B

Certificate diploma in Social Work

April 1972 Université de Moncton, Moncton, N-B

Bachelor of Arts degree – major in psychology

Professional Affiliations

Member of the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers since 1988

Commissioner of Oaths for the Province of New Brunswick since 1976

Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade

- Regional Director for Department of Social Development, encompassing the Social Service, Human Resource Development and Social Housing sectors from April 2002 to May 2010

- Site Manager in the Grand falls office and supervisor of access and evaluation, child protection, children in care and young offender services from September 1999 to April 2002
- Secondment to Central office for the review and restructuring of the child welfare program in New Brunswick from January 1999 to September 1999.

(For a complete Professional Experience see Curriculum vitae)

National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade

Chair of the Education committee of NBASW from May 1991 to May 1993.

Chair of the Discipline committee of NBASW from May 1993 to May 1997.

Vice-President of NBASW from May 1995 to May 1997.

President of NBASW from May 1997 to May 1999.

CASW Board member representing NBASW since June 2007

Secretary/treasurer of CASW Board since June 2008

Chair of By-laws and Nomination committees of NBASW since June 2010

CASW President since June 2011

Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade

Personal involvement in the establishment of a number of community resources in the Grand Falls region: community residence for mentally handicapped adults; early intervention program; family support services; sheltered workshops and supported employment programs; special care homes; group home for youth.

Participated in over 200 interview panels for candidates applying in the Public Service as chair of the selection committee for three years. Member of the provincial committee who developed the selection criteria and tools for the interview process.

Participated on a number of provincial standards review committees including chair of the committee reviewing the special care homes standards in 1984-1985.

Representative of the senior management team of Family & Community Services on a committee mandated to develop and implement a treatment program as well as a provincial residential treatment center for troubled youth in 1994.

Co-author of the report « *Children Come First* » following the review and restructuring project for the Provincial Child welfare program in 1999.

Member of the Public School Board from 1983 to 1986 and member of the Premier's advisory committee on special education from 1983 to 1986.

Member of the Moncton University school of social work advisory committee from 1983 to 1985.

Speaker and group leader for various community organizations or non-profit groups over the years

Author and contributor of a number of newspaper articles promoting social services and the social work profession

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

Yes

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

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

- Develop more active policies and position statements and influence the world's social agenda
- Provide enhanced support for national member organizations and regions.
- Generate new sources of revenue that would enable us to extend our activities and provide financial support to member organizations and regions.

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

- Leading the development of regional structure and operations consistent with OFSW constitution and bylaws.
- Attend IFSW Executive committee and General Meetings to represent the region and to contribute to the accomplishment of IFSW global action plan goals.
- In consultation with the IFSW President/Secretary General act as IFSW spokesperson and representative in regional events, activities, and developing networks with regional institutions.

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

- Provide leadership to encourage and support communication, exchange of information, and collaboration in meetings between member organizations in the regions.
- Ensure that there are regional nominations and election processes for the purpose of electing of members of the regional executive or committee.
- Promote collaboration between CASW and IFSW

Please demonstrate:

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

As President of the Canadian Association of Social Workers I am strongly committed to the goals of IFSW, and in my capacity as Canadian President I intend to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors in supporting our association's involvement and commitment to IFSW and its goals.

• Leadership in your professional organization

President of NBASW from May 1997 to May 1999.
CASW Board member representing NBASW since June 2007
Secretary/treasurer of CASW Board from June 2008 to June 2011
President of CASW since June 2011

• Leadership in your country or internationally in promoting social welfare

As President of CASW I have on numerous occasions authored and/or approved press releases, publications and letters addressed to members of political parties in relation to our advocacy for social justice on the national scene as well as on the international scene occasionally. I also represented CASW at the United Nations Social Work day in New York in 2009 and 2013.

- **Possession of professional qualifications**

Masters of Social work, Université de Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Québec (without thesis)

- **Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)**

Fluent in english and french languages (written and spoken)

- **Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region**

I was born in Canada where I have lived my entire life. I am officially retired after having exercised my professional career as a social worker over 38 years. I do private practice on a contract basis occasionally and remain actively involved with my professional association. My first language is french but I have been fluent in english since childhood having completed my primary and elementary education in english . My father was born in Lewiston Maine USA and he immigrated to Canada at a very young age.

- **Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs**

As President of CASW I have been involved in several activities and continue my commitment to support the Global Agenda for social work in any way I can.

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

Yes I am committed to devoting time to assume to the responsibilities of the executive committee

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

Yes I am able to attend Executive Committee meetings

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

In June 2012 I was a delegate and attended the IFSW conference in Stockholm. I will be attending the IFSW meetings and World Conference in Melbourne in July 2014.

Signature and Date



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Président, CASW