

**NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2017-2018**

President Claude Savoie (2nd mandate)

Fluently bilingual

Education:

BSW from l'Université de Moncton and MSW from Université Laval

Professional Activities:

- School Social Worker
- Intake Social Worker
- Management position as Regional Director for Bathurst and the Acadian Peninsula,
- Provincial Director of Child and Youth Services

Involvement in the NBASW:

- 1978-1980 Bathurst/Peninsula Chapter President
- 1984-1987 President of NBASW
- 1984-1989 Member of the Canadian Association of Social Workers,
- 1998-2004 and 2008-2013 President of the Discipline Committee
- 2009-2015 to present day, President of the Children Issue Interest Group of the Canadian Association of Social Workers
- 2013-2104 Acting Registrar
- 2015-2017 President of the New Brunswick Association of New Brunswick (First mandate)

Recipient of the Raoul Leger Award

I am running for a second mandate as President of our Association. During my first mandate the revision of our act as move forward. I had made two majors engagements. First, I would pursuit the revision of our Act and that I would visit each Chapter to consult our members on the proposed chances. Secondly, that our Association would have a Strategic Plan developed. I also brought forward the idea of a Facebook page in order to increase communication with the membership.

More work need to be done! The modification to our Act will need to be presented to Government. New By-laws will need to be developed. We need to oversee the implementation of our Strategic Plan and develop father mechanism for engaging our members. I pledge to establish the Committee on the promotion of our profession in order to further sensitized the public on the exceptional work done by social Workers in New Brunswick.

I ask you to allow me to serve for a second mandate and to continue to lead our Association in these exciting time.

Vice-President Théo Saulnier (2nd mandate)

Théo Saulnier earned his Bachelor of Social Services from Université de Moncton. He is a social worker with Addiction Services in Tracadie. He has worked mainly in the schools with youth and their family. Provincially, he is the social worker with the most experience in working with youth with addiction-related problems.

Théo has been involved for a number of years with the NBSAW, both provincially and within his local Chapter. He was formerly Chapter Director and Chair of the Complaints Committee. After a few years, he returned as Chapter Director (Acadian Peninsula), finishing his second term in June 2015. In June 2013, he was a member of the organizing committee for the Annual General Meeting, which was held in Tracadie.

Théo is very involved in his community and sits on several committees. He is Vice President of the Tracadie Club Richelieu and of a special care home, and chairs his local activities committee.

Théo and his wife Suzanne have two daughters (Marie-Hélène and Jasmine) and a grandson, Master Xavier. Théo's hobbies are photography, volleyball and hockey.

In running for the office of Vice President of our Association, I want to contribute to the development of and pride in our profession and to stay involved in my Chapter. In conclusion, I would like to share this thought, so characteristic of social work, "you can't change people, you can just show them a path and make them want to go down it."

Théo Saulnier, RSW

Acadian Peninsula Geneviève Bourgeois (2nd mandate)

Geneviève Bourgeois was born in beautiful Memramcook Valley, New Brunswick. She graduated from the Université de Moncton with a bachelor's degree in social work in 2004. She has been employed with the Community Mental Health Centre in Caraquet as a member of the adult long-term-care team for the past five years. She has worked throughout the province, mainly in psychiatric and community mental health field. Ms. Bourgeois has a passion for working in this branch of social work. She loves taking part in conferences, training sessions and meetings to enhance her skills as a social worker and front-line responder.

She has been involved with the NBASW for the past number of years. She was the liaison officer for the Restigouche Chapter in 2005–2006, took part in annual meetings in the Richibucto region (Moncton Chapter), acted as Counsellor to the Executive of the Acadian Peninsula Chapter for two years and has been Chapter Director for the past two years. She has always been involved with her chapter and enjoys helping out with various activities, annual meetings, and the unforgettable discussions and networking opportunities they provide.

Geneviève is committed to her community. She has been involved with the Board of Directors of the *Le*

Contact Activity Centre in Caraquet as liaison officer. The Centre offers support activities to individuals with mental health problems; it also offers participants a safe and welcoming environment where they can take part in a variety of activities aimed at leading an active and inclusive life in the community.

On 21 January 2016, the Breau Bourgeois family welcomed a new arrival with the birth of their little girl, Emma. This little ball of energy fills the daily life of the family with countless special moments. In her leisure time, Geneviève enjoys reading, painting, travel, and in particular, spending time with her little family.

Geneviève has applied for the position of Chapter Director of the Acadian Peninsula Chapter for a second mandate, because she would like to continue working with the NBASW, as the association has been dear to her heart since the very beginning. She wishes to continue working with the exceptional team on the Board of Directors. She firmly believes in her profession and would like to continue supporting its ideas and those of her colleagues, while pursuing her involvement with the other members of the Acadian Peninsula Chapter. The Executive Committee of the Acadian Peninsula Chapter supports Ms. Bourgeois' application.

Restigouche Carole Gallant (2nd mandate)

Carole Gallant graduated with her Bachelor's of Social Work in 1987, then completed a certificate in Personnel Administration in 1997 and a Master's of Health Services Management in 2015, all from the Université de Moncton.

She began her career as a case manager at the Restigouche Hospital Centre in 1987, working with the intellectually handicapped, ending in 1993 with a position in Workplace Rehabilitation. She also benefitted from a brief but enriching experience as an intake/investigations social worker with the Department of Social Development before taking up a post as an intake clinical social worker with Community Mental Health. She held these positions between 1993 and 2003, the year when she became Manager of the Child/Adolescent Program. From 2010 to 2013, she was also Assistant Director of Mental Health and Addictions for the Vitalité Health Network. From April 2013 to August 2015, she worked for the CCNB – Campbellton Campus as Health and Community Services Department Head. Since August 2015 she has been back with the Vitalité Health Network, first as Director for the Provincial Centre of Excellence for Youth and now, since March 2016, Director of Youth Services.

She was a member of the Executive of the Restigouche Chapter of the NBASW from 1996 to 2008, coordinator of the Chapter's Continuing Education Committee from 1998 to 2003, and Secretary of the Chapter Executive from 2013 to 2015. Provincially, she was on the NBASW's Exam Committee from September 2010 to June 2014, and she has been Director for the Restigouche Chapter since September 2015. In 2003, she was named Social Worker of the Year for the Restigouche Chapter.

Moncton Gaby Lyness (2nd mandate)

Gaby Lyness lives in Moncton. He earned a certificate in youth intervention in 2003, followed by a bachelor's degree in social work from Université de Moncton in 2012. Mr. Lyness has been working in helping relationships and mental health since 2003. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors, as well as a founding member of the Resurgo Lions Club in Moncton. He is strongly committed to his work in assisting his community through his involvement in several causes in his community.

Fredericton Susan Gavin (1st mandate)

Susan has a BA with double major in Psychology and Sociology from Mount Allison University and a BSW and MSW from Dalhousie University.

After becoming a Social Worker in 1986, Susan worked in a Child Protection team with the Department of Health and Community Services in Bathurst for 2 years, working with young single parents and families with children at risk. Susan spent the next 21 years working as a Family Court Social Worker- Mediator in Fredericton with the Department of Justice. During that time, Susan acquired and maintained her national certification as a Family Relations Mediator through Family Mediation Canada. In 2007, Susan was recognized by Family Mediation Canada with the Daniel Hamoline award and bursary for recognition of a mediator's contributions to the issue of family violence. Between 2007 and 2008, while working towards an MSW, Susan completed a student internship where she assisted in the development of a conflict resolution program for a few rural communities in the country of South Africa.

While completing her MSW in 2008, Susan became Manager of the newly established Child Protection Mediation service with the Department of Justice. In 2012 Susan commenced work as a Senior Policy Advisor within the same department.

Susan has been on the executive of the Fredericton Chapter of the NBASW as secretary since 2011. Her other volunteer work over the years has included support to newcomer families, English tutoring and mentoring. Susan is a volunteer cross country ski instructor with Fredericton's Wostawea ski club and an active member of the Fredericton Women's Choir.

Miramichi Karla Parks-Lissok (1st mandate)

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