

## **Marianne Jurzyniec**

My interest in being part of the Saskatoon Community Clinic Board is rooted in my desire to see community and member focused organizations thrive. Health and wellbeing are fundamental to building strong and sustainable communities and as a co-operative, I feel the Saskatoon Community Clinic has an advantage in better understanding and responding to these needs.

I've worked in a financial co-operative for the past fourteen years in the areas of member-facing retail, community development and governance. Through my current experience I've had the opportunity to gain valuable insight on democratic, member-led governance and policy frameworks. My role involves working with elected officials from across the province who provide member feedback and contribute to local decision-making. I find my work incredibly rewarding as it truly is grassroots governance in action.

As a volunteer, I sit on the Board of the Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet) and Chair the Policy Committee. Through this network we connect people and ideas for action to build local economies that strengthen communities and benefit everyone. Involvement in this organization has given me a diverse perspective on what community economic development is and how it's being realized both locally and globally.

I recently completed a certificate in Social Economy and Co-operatives from Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy and the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives. This certificate provided me with a deeper understanding of the foundation and history of co-operatives and how they're impacted in our modern economy. As co-operatives evolve and the way members engage with them changes it's important to have this understanding to ensure the core principles remain.

I feel my experience in governance paired with my interest in co-operatives and community development would enable me to make a meaningful contribution to the Saskatoon Community Clinic Board.

Nominators: Heather Hale and Myrna Hewitt

## **Gertie Paul**

I have been a member of the Community Clinic since the 1970's and have served on the Board of Directors since January 2016. I have chaired the Audit and Finance Committee for the last three years and for the last two years have been the CHSA representative to the Saskatoon Community Clinic Foundation Board. I have also actively participated on the Foundation Fundraising Committee. During my term I have attended all board and committee meetings for both organizations.

I am a Chartered Professional Accountant /Certified Management Accountant (currently not practicing) and have a diploma from the Dispute Resolution Certificate program that was offered through SIAST. I retired from Canada Revenue Agency after working as an auditor for twenty-two years. In addition to auditing I also facilitated workshops relating to Diversity, Stress Management, Communications and Harassment Awareness. I was an active participant in implementing an Alternate Dispute Resolution process within CRA, including facilitating workshops for all management and employees. My other employment experience was within the banking and credit union systems and other private industries.

I became a Clinic member because I believe in co-operatives and I have continued because of the superior multi-disciplinary care that the Clinic offers.

The Clinic is evolving and I would like to be a part of this process by continuing to serve on the Clinic's Board of Directors. I know that I have something to offer.

I strongly believe in our mission, our values and our direction and, with your support, will work hard to maintain them.

Nominators: Angie Fergusson and Alandra Taylor

## **Cheryl (Sherri) Swidrovich**

Thank you for considering my submission for election to the Board of Directors for the Saskatoon Community Clinic.

I am a First Nations woman and member of Yellow Quill First Nation from Treaty 4 territory here in Saskatchewan. My mother and grandmother were both survivors of residential schools and I am also a survivor of the “Sixties Scoop,” having been raised primarily in foster care here in Saskatchewan.

I returned to school as a mature adult and earned both my B.A. and M.A. from the University of Saskatchewan. For the past twenty years, I have taught a variety of Indigenous Studies classes primarily at the U of S, but also at the First Nations University of Canada.

As an Indigenous person and educator, I have a strong interest in the promotion of diverse, inclusive and safe environments for otherwise marginalised or oppressed populations who are often disadvantaged or intimidated when seeking out health care services and professionals. With specific regard to Indigenous peoples, I am especially cognizant of the numerous ways in which our country’s colonial history continues to contribute to ongoing health and wellness disparities, particularly with regard to the socio-economic determinates of health. Therefore, I continue to feel strongly about advocating for cultural safety and equitable access to health care services for all community members.

My interest in this area also comes from my own personal journey as a mother who has had had to be a strong advocate in pursuing necessary health care services for my own daughter in her journey with severe facial neuropathic pain and TMJ disorder. Due to the lack of some relevant resources and also due to some of the stigma we faced here, our quest for adequate health care services took us out of province as well as out of country.

Thank you for your consideration. I am a proud citizen of Saskatoon and have actively participated in this community. Some of my more recent volunteer activities include annual campaigning for Diabetes Canada, annual volunteering at the Canada Remembers International Air Show, honouring our Veterans, and new this year – volunteering for the Santa for Seniors initiative organized by Home Instead Senior Care. I would be thrilled to be able to also contribute in some way to the operation of Saskatoon Community Clinic through participation on the Board.

**Nominators: Jaris Swidrovich and Elizabeth Plishka**

## **Patricia (Patti) Warwick**

Patti's grandparents and mother are original members of the Community Clinic and because of that, Patti has been cared for by or been a member of the Community Clinic for her entire life - including maternity and post-natal care of 2 (now adult) daughters.

Patti is a University of Saskatchewan trained lawyer who has 27 years of public service experience with the City of Saskatoon. This experience has provided Patti with a large breadth of governance, strategic planning and policy-making expertise.

Over the years, Patti has volunteered for a variety of activities in the city. Patti has coached youth basketball, served on her Community Association and a Preschool Board and she founded and ran a co-ed volleyball league for over a decade.

Patti has a love for Saskatoon and a deep commitment to community and public service. Having recently retired from the City of Saskatoon, Patti is looking for ongoing opportunities to contribute to her community and is asking for your support to become a leader on the Community Clinic Board.

Nominators: Lois J. Thon and Pat Morris