



Nominations for Positions on the CWCA/ACCR Board of Directors

Nominees' biographies

For election at 15th CWCA/ACCR Annual General Meeting, May 26, 2022

To nominate yourself (or someone else), please put a brief bio (100 words or less) under the position(s) for which you wish to stand.

Descriptions of all Board positions can be found in the [CWCA/ACCR Bylaws](#).

Nominations

Treasurer

Mark Blaauw-Hara, University of Toronto

I am an Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, at the University of Toronto, where I teach writing and rhetoric and work in the Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre. I have taught writing in higher education for more than twenty years, including serving as a writing-program administrator. I am currently the Immediate Past President of the Council of Writing Program Administrators, where I have also served as a board member and have chaired and worked on numerous committees. I was the chair for CWPA's 2019 national conference, which included budgetary oversight as well as session planning, etc. At my former academic institution, I served as the President and Vice President of the faculty union; both offices included financial oversight. I have also served as a board member and Secretary of a multimillion-dollar natural foods co-op, which included financial oversight. I would like to become more involved with Canadian scholarly organizations, and I have found CWCA to be a leader in supporting writing studies and writing instruction. For CWCA to continue to do this good work, it needs solid finances, and I think I have the experience and attention to detail to be able to

contribute in this regard. I would also welcome working with the leadership team to chart CWCA's future steps.

Francophone Representative (1-year term)

Tessa Troughton, (ON Tech U)

As a French-speaking Anglophone, I am eager to help the CWCA/ACCR make deeper connections with the Francophone community. My position is Writing and Study Skills Specialist in the Student Learning Centre at Ontario Tech University in Oshawa, Ontario. Prior to that, I worked in program development and as a French, Spanish, and English teacher at the intermediate-senior and college levels in Puebla, Mexico and Victoria, British Columbia. My research interest in my doctoral studies is undergraduate academic writing. I have been in this role for the past year. During this time, I have helped with the conference organizing committee, including the Pilcrow Writing Retreat, and reaching out to francophone contacts. My goal in seeking re-election to this position is to continue to connect with conversations in other writing centres around Canada and to support relations with French-speaking centres.

Student Member-at-Large (1 position, 1-year term)

Mohsen Hosseinpour Moghaddam (Simon Fraser University)

I am a PhD student (ABD) at Simon Fraser University (SFU), in the Faculty of Education, specializing in Languages, Cultures, and Literacies. At SFU, I have been working as a sessional instructor, TA and TM for a variety of courses. I have also been working as a Graduate Writing Facilitator at the Student Learning Commons (SLC) and a writing tutor at WriteAway for almost four years. At SLC, in addition to offering individual writing consultations, I deliver general and course-integrated writing workshops across disciplines to undergraduate students on topics ranging from argumentation to ethical use of research material in writing assignments. At WriteAway, an SFU-supported online tutoring service for BC undergraduates, I provide personalized written feedback on students' papers. As a nonnative speaker and writer of English, I am interested in this position to assist CWCA with different tasks designed to promote its objectives and the engagement of writing tutors within this community.