

Jan Christianson-Wood, BSW, MSW, RSW

Vice President - Executive Committee

MCSW Member Representative (current term 2015 – 2018)

Region: Capital

Member – Nominating Committee

Jan Christianson-Wood has a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Manitoba and has worked in various sectors of child welfare including Winnipeg Child and Family Services, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the Office of the Children's Advocate. She has worked at the General Child and Family Services Authority at different times as a Program Specialist, Senior Manager and Differential Response Coordinator. Most recently she has worked on interchanges with Healthy Child Manitoba Office and the Pension Commission before joining the Administration and Finance Division of the Department of Families. Ms. Christianson-Wood worked as a Research Associate on the Manitoba Risk Estimation System project at the University of Manitoba and was Co-Principal Investigator of a federally funded project on child mortality data collection. She has been involved with committees at the University, taught as a sessional instructor and presented on risk assessment in child welfare and regulation of the social work profession in Manitoba. Jan is currently Vice-President of the MCSW Board of Directors.

In June 2016, Jan was elected President of the Canadian Association of Social Workers and Deputy President of the North American Region of the International Federation of Social Workers. She served as Vice-President and Manitoba's Director for the Canadian Association of Social Work Board (CASW) for several years. Jan is a past Chair of CASW's national Children's Issues Committees for CASW and MIRSW.

She and her husband share their home with two dogs; a senior Standard Poodle who enjoys Take Your Dog to Work Days and a rescue poodle-cross who enjoys meeting the neighbourhood while on walks.