

## Public Representatives Policy

### **Recruitment of Public Representatives for Committees/Board**

Selection of public representatives for Committees/Board shall involve the creation of a roster of representatives. This roster shall consist of eligible and qualified public representatives who may be selected to serve on any MCSW Committee/Board requiring public representatives.

The MCSW may give notice of public representative vacancies as follows:

- place notice on the College website,
- issuing notice to other professional regulatory bodies throughout the province
- any other means identified by the registrar

The notice shall include criteria and desirable skills/attributes for public representatives and reflect the values of cultural diversity and recognition of indigenous skills as outlined in the By-law.

Members of the MCSW Board/Committees and staff may also contact individuals in the community directly and request that they consider submission of an application.

### **Eligibility as a Public Representative**

Public representatives must be residents of Manitoba, and must not be, nor have ever been, a member of the Manitoba College of Social Workers or the former Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers.

Individuals eligible for registration under the *Social Work Profession Act* on the basis of their completion of a BSW or MSW degree from an accredited or approved social work program are not eligible for public representative positions on MCSW Committees/Board.

### **Selection of public representatives for Committees/Board**

The MCSW shall review all submissions received and make appointments/selections based on criteria. The names of successful candidates shall be posted on the College website. Once appointed/selected, public representatives shall serve for a period of three (3) years and may be renewed for a successive term of three (3) years.

### **Remuneration for public representatives**

In recognition of the commitment made by public representatives serving on the Board of Directors and Committees, an honorarium may be provided for attendance/participation at Board and Committee

meetings, as well as reimbursement for costs incurred in connection with their attendance. Examples of such expenses include parking and mileage.

**References:**

- 1. Social Work Profession Act (2009) – Section 6 (1) (2), 7(2), 8, 27, 41**
- 2. Social Work Profession Regulation (2014) – Section 15(2), Section 17(1) (a) (b)**
- 3. Manitoba College of Social Workers By-Law – Sections 1-2, 1-3, 1-5, 3-1.6, 3-1.7**

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