

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.

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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) 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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