

By-Election to Council January, 2015

A by-election was held on January 19, 2015 in District 1 (North)

The College wishes to congratulate:

Elizabeth Levin, Ph.D., C.Psych.

To introduce this member of Council, reproduced below is the Biographical and Candidate Statement submitted as part of the election process.

Elizabeth Levin, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Electoral District 1 - North

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the CPO. I believe in protecting the public and in advancing the profession and I believe these goals to be compatible. I also believe that we face unique challenges living in the North and it is my responsibility to bring these issues to the College table. It is also my responsibility to communicate with you regularly about activities at the College and to bring your concerns to the College.

I have been a registered psychologist for over twenty years and I have been teaching child development to undergraduate students and psychological assessment to graduate students for over thirty years. Professionally I have been able to work at the two things I love most, teaching, and working with youth of all ages for my entire career. In my clinical work, I have had the opportunity to work with many psychologists around Northern Ontario and to consult at many agencies ranging from the local school board and hospital to children's aid and children's mental health. I have consulted to a traveling team that provided services to children in remote locations. I currently provide assessments of students with learning disabilities for NOARC. For almost half of my academic career I was the chairperson of the psychology department at Laurentian University and during that time I worked to develop a clinical graduate program. I have supervised many graduate students as they completed their degrees and I now meet them (you) regularly as you work in our profession. Several years ago I became the Division Head of Human Sciences at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and now split my time between NOSM and the university. The medical school appointment allows me to further our interdisciplinary and interprofessional collaborations.

I graduated with an HBSc in psychology from McGill University and obtained my MA and PhD in developmental psychology from the University of Waterloo. My research interests centre on parenting styles and children's conceptions of parenting, learning disabilities, and mental health. I enjoy speaking to the media and the public on parenting and child development issues. Although I came to Sudbury with the intention of spending one year here, I have spent my entire career in Northern Ontario and with my husband raised three wonderful children. We call this home.

I would now like to represent the North at the CPO. Both my clinical and academic experiences have helped foster this interest. I know the challenges and limitations as well as the advantages of working in the North and I would like to be able to foster greater communication among our members. I have a strong interest in professional practice issues such as integrating newcomers to the profession and providing supervision. I would like to facilitate more opportunities for those engaged in professional practice to get together either in person or electronically to share issues and concerns.

I hope to use my willingness to work hard, my enthusiasm and judgment, and my ability to see the big picture as your representative to the CPO. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have issues you would like to be discussed at the CPO. I can be reached at elevin@laurentian.ca or at elevin@nosm.ca.
