CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY (1)

Zenon Kurjewicz

I have been with the Office of Institutional Analysis, at the University of Manitoba, since January 2000. In my more than 20 years in the office, I have worked on a broad range of projects looking at many aspects of institutional research. I was part of a team that transitioned the university from an IBM legacy system to an Oracle-based student system. I also helped convert many of our COBOL programs to SAS-based extracts from our database. In 2011, I became a Senior Research Analyst within the office, with a focus on student data. I also contribute to the university's annual submission of data to the U15 data exchange, and have attended a couple of U15 annual general meetings.

I have attended a number of CIRPA conferences, and have also co-presented. Most recently I was at the CIRPA conference in Toronto in 2017. That conference had numerous highlights for me. As a hockey fan, and Winnipeg Jets fan, the evening at the Hockey Hall of Fame was a great treat.

I am a Bachelor of Commerce grad who enjoys working with data, watching Formula 1, and cheering on the Winnipeg Jets. I hope to use my experience in IR and interest in data to serve the CIRPA board well in the role of Secretary.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE (2)

Andrew Drinkwater

I'm Andrew Drinkwater, and I'm passionate about helping CIRPA and its members innovate, learn, and network.

I co-founded Plaid Consulting (https://plaid.is), helping institutions work with data. Previously, I was an analyst at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University (SFU), and taught Tableau at the BC Institute of Technology. I also serve on the advisory board for the Business Analytics and Decision Making program at the Beedie School of Business at SFU and founded the Canadian Higher Education Tableau User Group.

Academically, I hold an MBA and a Graduate Certificate in Visual Analytics, and have spent 2020 improving my skills in Python, Amazon Web Services, and teaching Tableau and data literacy.

I'm grateful to be part of the CIRPA family, learning together with you at conferences and in presentations. I'm running for the Member at Large role because I want to help CIRPA achieve the potential of its strategic plan. My priorities are:

1. Expanding professional development opportunities for CIRPA members

2. Facilitate member engagement throughout the year, beyond the conference

3. Review CIRPA's governance structure, and if appropriate, recommend improvements

Yuqin Gong

I am a proud graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where I earned both my Ph.D. in Educational Policy Analysis and Master of Science in Applied Statistics. I also hold a Master's degree in Sociology and a Bachelor's degree in Education. Before joining the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) as the Institutional Research Officer in 2006, I was a Senior Researcher at the Illinois Education Research Council. I am currently the Manager of Institutional Research at UPEI.

Educational research, especially quantitative research has been my keen interest. I was heavily involved with several major research projects examining higher education access and student success in the USA. I also served on the AAU-MPHEC (Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission) Advisory Committee on Information and Analysis from 2007 to 2015.

CIRPA has been my professional home since 2007 and I have witnessed the great changes in CIRPA over the years thanks to many colleague's contributions and dedications. I have benefited from CIRPA in multiple ways and always wish to give back. In addition to presenting at CIRPA conferences, I served as a Co-Chair or as a member of the organizing committees for multiple CIRPA conferences (CIRPA 2011 Fredericton, 2014 Hamilton, and 2015 Halifax). I was also involved in the evaluation process for the Best Presentation award for a couple of conferences.

I am honored to have been serving as a Member-at-Large on the CIRPA Board in the past two years where I have been primarily working on the Communications and the Membership related matters. I hope for the opportunity to continue to serve CIRPA members and to help advance the organization and the profession. If elected, I will keep focusing on the strategic priorities of CIRPA, especially in the areas of improving communications with/for members and enhancing the membership model to better serve CIRPA members.

As an IR practitioner from a one-person office, I will bring to the Board a perspective different from larger IR offices. My past training and experience in educational research enable me to maintain a broad view of the post-secondary education which shapes my vision and approach in serving as a member on the CIRPA Board.