

**COTBC Election 2015
Candidate Biographies**
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Tanya Boudier, Prince Rupert

I graduated from UBC and have been practicing occupational therapy in BC for the past 11 years. I initially worked in geriatric rehabilitation in the Lower Mainland but have spent the last several years in Prince Rupert where I work with all age ranges across the continuum of care.

Advocating for clients, whether on an individual basis or at a systems level, is a central part of my practice. Through my advocacy, I have developed my skills in program planning, development and evaluation. My participation in several provincial and local initiatives as well as serving on the board has developed my ability to work collaboratively and consider issues from a wider perspective.

I am currently on the Board's Governance Panel and Disciplinary Committee and have served on the Board for two consecutive terms as an elected Board member. I look forward to continuing my work on the board in the upcoming term.

Thank-you for your consideration of my nomination.

David McInerney, Kelowna

I completed my university education as an Occupational Therapist in 2006 at Charles Sturt University in Australia. Following experience working in rural Australia in both acute hospital and rehabilitation settings I relocated to Canada. In Kelowna, I have worked in the Specialized Geriatric Services program with Interior Health Authority, and in private practice for the last 6 years. My current role includes both management and clinical roles with Creative Therapy Consultants, of which I am a co-owner. My main clinical focus is case management and return to work planning. In the community I volunteer time as the chair of the board of directors for Seniors Outreach Society and also volunteer with the Inn from the Cold Home Advocate Program. I believe my background in both public and private practice settings, as well as experience in governance and strategic planning through my business and volunteer endeavors, makes me a qualified COTBC board candidate.

Carin Plischke, Victoria

After graduating from the University of Alberta in 2003, I started practice in primary care, home care, acute care and LTC. I transitioned into management in 2007, becoming manager of the Continuing Care and Integrated Rehabilitation Department at Alberta Health Services' Westview Health Centre then, in June 2010, director of Occupational Health and Housing Programs at one of British Columbia's largest not-for-profit agencies (Beacon Community Services), followed by appointment as a Vice President in 2012. Currently, I am Beacon's VP of Home Support and Residential Care. I have led several projects and quality improvement initiatives, including Accreditation -- earning Exemplary standing.

I am committed to education, earning a Master of Health Studies, a Certificate in Business Administration and an Advanced Executive Certificate from Queen's University.

I am passionate about Occupational Therapy. I bring a consistent approach with diverse knowledge and experience. I am committed to leadership and excellence in health care, as demonstrated through my volunteer service on the BC College of Occupational Therapists' inquiry committee, the Victoria Prostate Centre board and SafeCare BC's Board of Directors.

Debbie Ruggiero, Kelowna

I am truly honoured and excited to be considered for a position on the College Board. Since graduating from UBC in 1989 I have watched with immense pride the development of Occupational Therapy in British Columbia and beyond.

In 2001, I established ADL Occupational Therapy and since then have grown this private practice to include community rehabilitation and medical legal services with five employees. Over many years of OT practice I have worked on a variety of projects and held a variety of positions related to our profession. Within my community, I have also worked in a number of volunteer and leadership capacities with organizations ranging from sports governing bodies to school, church and non-profit societies. I continue to provide Occupational Therapy career consultation and job shadowing placements for high school and university students in my community.

Whatever "hat" I am wearing the principles and values of Occupational Therapy are always at the forefront. I believe that I will be able to contribute to our Board with the knowledge and experience I have gained from a wide-base of opportunities both within and outside of our amazing profession.