

**COTBC Election 2016
Candidate Biographies**
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Jennifer Glasgow, Vancouver

Thank you for considering my COTBC board nomination. As a previous board member from 2004-2010, I know first-hand the skill set required and expectations for this position. I feel that my professional and personal growth in the past 6 years, including my ongoing membership with the Quality Assurance Committee, make me well suited to this challenge. I graduated with a BScOT from UBC in 2001 and completed a Royal Roads Master of Arts in Leadership and Training (Health Specialization) in 2007. I've worked for Vancouver Coastal Health Community Mental Health and Addictions since 2003, specifically for the past 9 years as the Clinical Supervisor at the South Mental Health and Substance Use Services. I recently moved into a management position in the team and am looking forward to continuing to help shape client-centred, recovery-driven care and supporting staff through the constant change in health care. I enjoy how the public protection focus of the College has influenced my clinical and leadership positions and hope to bring a strong registrant voice to the Board.

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.

Elizabeth McLean, Kamloops

Since graduating from McMaster University in 1999, I have worked for 17 years in direct clinical practice. I have had the opportunity to work in three provinces and in a variety of practice settings including acute care, rehabilitation, community care, private practice, medical legal and outpatient care. I have experience in adult medicine, neuromuscular rehabilitation, adults with developmental delay, older adults and paediatrics. I currently have my own practice and am the Occupational Therapist for the Chris Rose Therapy Centre for Autism in Kamloops.

I regularly participate in continuing education both independently and through my employer. I believe this is a cornerstone of maintaining professionalism and competency within all of our practices.

Outside of OT, my husband and I are fortunate to live in Sun Peaks Resort with our two children. I enjoy to ski, many outdoor activities and volunteering in my community.

If elected to the board, I will bring my extensive clinical base, passion for direct client care and ongoing professional development, as well as, knowledge of practicing OT in a manner that is safe and effective for the many populations we serve.

Joy Parsons, Surrey

I am an occupational therapist and health care leader with 25 years' experience in management, education and training, program development, planning and facility design. I have worked in publically funded hospitals and residential care facilities, privately funded care settings, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics and home based rehabilitation services. Other career opportunities have included roles of public speaker, educator, expert witness, consultant, researcher and author.

I also enjoy an active family life with my husband and two sons. We value our dynamic lifestyle in greater Vancouver that includes skiing, golfing, lacrosse, soccer and baseball as well as camping and travel. I am active in my community as sports managers for soccer and baseball and I volunteer annually for the Canadian Cancer Society.

I joined the COTBC Board two years ago and have enjoyed all of the opportunities it has provided me. I now have a more thorough understanding of the health care legislation in our province and am proud of the work our college has lead through the development of ACOTRO. I would cherish the opportunity to continue to participate on the COTBC Board activities.

Sonja Vance, Surrey

I graduated from UBC's School of Occupational Therapy in 2006. I have had the opportunity to work in different settings from acute care, residential care and rehabilitation. I particularly enjoyed the practice of dysphagia and was a strong advocate for my patients. I have participated in program development and implementation which deepened my understanding about the value of team development to support systems and organizational change.

My current position is the Clinical Practice Leader at Surrey Memorial Hospital. I am passionate about clinical practice and supporting OT's in the development of their practice. I see providing opportunities for growth, clinical mentorship and self-reflection as critical to the development of our own practice. I work with an amazing team of Occupational Therapists and Rehabilitation Assistants that share this vision and bring it to life.

On a personal note, I am the outdoor adventure type, I love hiking, boating, travelling BC and other places. Always looking forward to the next adventure. I would be honored to serve on the board and would do my best to represent Occupational Therapists in BC. Thank you for considering me.