

**Proposed Nominations for Election to the CPAWS Ottawa Valley Advisory Board
Candidatures proposées au Conseil consultatif de la SNAP Vallée de l'Outaouais**

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The CPAWS Ottawa Valley Nominations Committee recommends the following slate of candidates be elected to the Board for a three-year term commencing in 2020.

Le Comité de mise en candidatures de la SNAP-VO recommande que les candidates et candidats suivants soient élus pour un mandat de trois ans commençant en 2020.

New Advisory Board Members / Nouveaux membres du Conseil consultatif :

Line Bernier

Bonjour, je suis Line Bernier, et souhaite posséder ma candidature pour un poste au sein de votre conseil d'administration. J'occupe les fonctions de Directrice des services à la clientèle à l'Office d'habitation de l'Outaouais, organisme de logement social, depuis 5 ans. Je supervise une équipe de 22 employés. Parmi mes tâches on compte la représentation de l'organisme auprès des municipalités et des partenaires. Je siège aussi au conseil d'administration de mon organisation à titre de personne ressource. Auparavant, j'ai été gestionnaire dans le réseau de la santé pendant une dizaine d'années. Je gérais alors 55 employés et un budget annuel de plus de 8 millions de dollars. Je suis psychologue de formation et j'ai travaillé en santé mentale et milieu correctionnel pendant environ 10 ans.

I have a B Sc. In Physical Activity and a Bachelor and Master degrees in Psychology all from the University of Ottawa.

My interest in joining CPAWS is as a concerned citizen. I have always enjoyed nature and the recent pandemic has made me even more aware of the importance of preservation issues. I wish to be more actively involved and CPAWS activities meet my interests. I have received the newsletters and emails for the past few years. I live by the Gatineau river in Cantley and do cross-country skiing on the river. The changes cause by erosion are noticeable and an important indication of the challenges we are faced with. In summertime I enjoy cycling and gardening. I volunteer with « Le salon du livre de l'Outaouais » as head of the greeting team for visitors and guests.

I have contact with several municipalities in the Outaouais to develop new housing projects and I think these contacts could be an asset for CPAWS. I am used to speak in public and I have offered several lectures on social housing.

Myriam Faucher *

Myriam Faucher grew up in a small community in northern Ontario. Her parents' home on the beautiful Trout Lake presented the perfect backyard to learn to appreciate nature's wonders. She enjoys many outdoor recreational activities year-round, such as hiking, canoeing, and cross-country skiing. As a proud Franco-Ontarian, Myriam is fluently bilingual in French and English.

Myriam graduated *cum laude* with an Honours B.Sc. in Psychology *cum laude* from the University of Ottawa in 2017. During this time, she discovered an interest in sustainable food systems and economic development during her undergraduate studies as a Loran Scholar. Myriam relocated

to the United Kingdom to further her studies and graduate in 2018 from the University of Edinburgh with an M.Sc. in Food Security. As a Ricard Scholar, Myriam's research focused on the economic, environmental and nutritional potential of African orphan crops, with the end goal was always to apply her knowledge of food security principles in Canada.

Since 2018, Myriam has worked as an Anti-Poverty Project Officer at the Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre in Ottawa, supporting the management and development of several social enterprises addressing community food insecurity. Myriam has strong organizational skills and is an apt project manager. Her expertise includes securing external funding through grant applications, building relationships with key community stakeholders, and strong communication with a wide variety of audiences. In January 2021, she will commence her studies for a Master of Business Administration with the Smith School of Business at Queen's University.

Myriam has always been an active community member and dedicated volunteer to causes that reflect her values. When serving as a Director on the board of CPAWS-OV, Myriam hopes to gain a better understanding of general not-for-profit governance structures and principles of strategic planning. She is interested in learning more about the conservation efforts necessary to preserve our local biodiversity and mitigate climate change. Myriam would like to become more involved in strategies to engage diverse voices in conversation concerning environmental protection and exploring long-term funding opportunities to secure this vital work.

Caitlin Wardrop*

Caitlin is a fourth year student studying International Development at the University of Ottawa, with a minor in law. Originally from Vancouver Island, BC, she has always had a passion for the outdoors – something that has motivated her to join the CPAWS Ottawa Valley board. Caitlin brings research, communications and analysis experience, including work with Canada's Mission the European Union, Global Affairs Canada, Equal Voice, and Democracy Watch. Throughout university, she has been heavily involved in the student community through student government and a number of clubs. She is passionate about social justice, international law and sustainable development. She looks forward to applying her knowledge of international development to local environmental issues while on the board. In her role, she hopes to learn about governance in the non-for-profit sector and sustainable development in the Ottawa community! To make the most of this experience, she is interested in getting involved with CPAWS-OV's committees in addition to her formal role on the board. She is particularly interested in CPAWS-OV's work in Gatineau Park; as an avid runner, mountain biker and hiker, the park has been the source of much joy and adventure for Caitlin since moving to Ottawa.

*Caitlin Wardrop and Myriam Faucher are being nominated thanks to a partnership with G(irls)20 which seeks to engage young women in governance boards. The agreement entails a commitment of 18 months and, as such, their proposed term would end in March of 2022.

Advisory Board Members – renewing for another term (3 years)

Membres du Conseil consultative – renouvellement du mandat (3 ans)

Varvara Lobanova

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Jane Maxwell

I am an outdoors person, a keen paddler, camper, hiker and cross-country skier. I have visited many of Canada's national and provincial parks over my lifetime and really treasure those experiences. I am familiar with CPAWS's good work and campaigns to protect and preserve Canada's boreal forests, natural spaces and wildlands. A few years ago I took the step of becoming a monthly donor to CPAWS. I would welcome the opportunity to learn more about the organization, especially its work in the Ottawa-Gatineau area. Gatineau Park is my 'second home' and I would dearly love to help CPAWS-OV achieve its goal of legislated protection for Gatineau Park.

I am familiar with board governance having served on a number of Not For Profit boards through my professional work and in a volunteer capacity. I bring a strong interest in the environment and a desire to learn more about conservation policies and park protection. I have worked in the field of international development and project management for 30 years; the last ten in the area of fundraising and communications. I would be pleased to serve on CPAWS OV Outreach and Engagement Committee and lend a hand with special event planning and public engagement.

I would like to help CPAWS-OV expand its outreach to the public and acquire new supporters and donors in the Ottawa-Gatineau area. My priority would be the CPAWS-OV campaign to achieve permanent legal protection for Gatineau Park. I would be pleased to work on CPAWS special education events and promoting possible partnerships with other like-minded conservation and environmental groups.

I hope to learn a good deal from fellow board members and CPAWS-OV staff members about the issues and programs the organization supports. I look forward to making new friends with people whose values and interests I also share. Together I hope we can make good progress on the ambitious goals CPAWS-OV has set for itself.

Brian Roadhouse

I enjoy outdoor activities such as canoeing, hiking, fly-fishing and cross-country skiing. Over the past 40 years I have canoed many of Ontario's wilderness parks, from Quetico and Wakimiki in the west to Killarney and Algonquin closer to home, as well as La Vérendrye in Quebec. These parks have been of great importance in my life, and I want to contribute to ensuring their continued protection and growth. Lastly, although I think parks and preserves are a key element in preserving wildlands, it is also important that our governments, at all levels, have better land use planning and management measures for the protection and sustainable use of public land.

I am retired from the federal public service where I worked as a program director and as a senior policy analyst in health and social services. I have skills in strategic and program planning, collaboration with other organizations, leadership and teamwork. I am on the Board of the Friends of the Carp Hills, and have been president of two small non-profit organizations, the Ottawa Fly fishers and the Mahon Lake Protective Association, which have given me practical experience in NGO governance, and in working with volunteer members.

I think there is great value in preserving natural areas in near to urban areas. These areas are often the first opportunity for young people to experience the natural world and can serve as an introduction to long-term appreciation and involvement in nature. They also provide greater accessibility for an urban public who might otherwise have few opportunities to experience a natural environment. I also think it is important to continue to advocate for Ontario and west Quebec's parks and wildlands. There is unrelenting pressure for development and extractive use of these areas, and protecting and expanding them requires constant vigilance, advocacy and pushback by citizens and non-government organizations.

The goals of CPAWS Ottawa Valley fit well with my interests. Participating as a CPAWS OV Board member has provided me with an opportunity to bring my skills and experience to bear on important issues related to the parks and wild areas in our region, and to combine my efforts with those of like-minded people

Paul Lemoine

I strongly believe that it is essential to preserve wilderness and improve and protect the environment. To ignore these goals endangers our future.

The Board provides an opportunity to have a direct say in decisions that will set the course for future actions. I would like to be able to contribute to this process.

I worked for Parliament for over 30 years. During this time I learned about the internal working of our political system. I also helped to unionize Parliament in the mid 1980's. In the 1990's I was involved in founding a local public interest group which successfully stopped the building of a large cogeneration power plant on the banks of the Ottawa River in downtown Hull. I am able to communicate in English and French. I believe that the skills I have in organizing and lobbying will be a benefit to the Board.

I would like to increase CPAWS's public profile by the greater use of social media. I think that we should first get people attention and then provide them with as in-depth a look at the issues as possible. To this end, I would like to include short or medium length films on our web site that can serve to educate interested viewers about issues and programs offered by CPAWS. CPAWS has available an impressive amount of scientific resources. We can do more to make these resources widely available. By doing this , we can increase the public's awareness of the issues, such as the corridors plan for Gatineau Park, which can result in a larger membership and more financial resources that will go a long way in furthering our goals.

The Board will provide me with the opportunity and privilege of working with people whose knowledge and experience will provide me with a deeper understanding about environmental issues.