

WOMEN'S ADVOCACY VOICE OF EDMONTON COMMITTEE
 APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
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Name of Appointee	Term of Appointment
Emily Dietrich	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2016
Jacqueline Foord	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2015
Rajvir Gill	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2016
Angelica Hernandez	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2015
Jennifer Jennax	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2016
Dawn Newton	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2015
Mia Norrie	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2016
Philomina Okeke-Ihejirika	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2015
Claudette Rain	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2016
Cristina Stasia	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2015
Meghana Valupadas	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2016
Sandra Woitas	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2015
Hendriatta Wong	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2016
Meheret Worku	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2015
Dilara Yegani	May 14, 2014 to April 30, 2016

Below is a brief public introduction as provided by new Appointees:

Emily Dietrich	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Emily Dietrich is a facilitative leader, educator and change maker with 10 years experience building the capacity for healthy and strong communities. Currently, Emily works in advancing sustainability at the University of Alberta with her areas of focus being leadership and capacity building. Emily is passionate about helping people achieve their full potential and believes that one of the key ways to do so is by removing barriers and providing access to opportunities and education. Emily studied arts and education in her undergraduate degree and is currently completing an MBA in sustainability.</p>	

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Jacqueline Foord	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Jacqueline (Jackie) Foord is the Chief Executive Officer of YWCA Edmonton. She received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Regina and her MBA from Athabasca University. Jackie has over 25 years of experience in senior leadership positions in the non-profit sector working as a catalyst for change. She has also held Senior Executive positions at the Alberta Legislature and in the health sector.</p> <p>A proven consensus builder, Jackie is a frequent advisor to boards on governance and strategy issues. In 2013, Jackie was a Canadian YWCA delegate to the United Nations during the Commission on the Status of Women. That same year she was also named one of Edmonton's Top 100 Women in Business. Jackie has been an active volunteer for over 20 years in Edmonton, supporting a number of worthy charitable organizations. Jackie is a long distance walker, loves to travel and is a golfer with a really high handicap.</p>	
Rajvir Gill	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Rajvir Gill is the Project Director for the Indo Canadian Women's Association (ICWA) which is amongst the few organizations in Edmonton advocating for the protection of the rights of immigrant women, men and youth. Currently, her work involves directing a project that aims to build partnerships and collaboration between community agencies and stakeholders so they can better identify and respond to the specific needs of women and girls at risk of honour related violence. Rajvir has her Masters of Arts in Political Science with a specialization in International Studies from Uppsala University in Sweden as well as a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta. Through her work with the ICWA, Rajvir has facilitated workshops on honour based violence to young women between the ages of 15-21 and to community organizations. In addition, Rajvir's past work with the Action Coalition on human Trafficking Alberta involved educating the community on human trafficking and what it looks like in Canada. Rajvir has also served on the Sexual Exploitation Working Group of Edmonton, which aims to create awareness of the harmful impact of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking in the community.</p>	
Angelica Hernandez	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Born in Mexico, after finishing a Bachelor Degree and a Post-graduate degree in Marketing, Angelica immigrated to Canada 17 years ago. Since then, Angelica has been a business woman and a mother of three children Victor, Karina and Nelli. As a marketing professional, she has worked in different places, her own business, a trading house and most recently in a textile company as a Procurement Coordinator.</p> <p>As a volunteer, she has joined and care for many different causes such as The Mennonite Center, The Edmonton Immigrant Services Association, and The Latin Chamber of Commerce. Also, she has particularly enjoyed helping the Edmonton Public School Foundation to raise funds for its wonderful cause and is the current VP of Public Relations for Advancement for Cultural Intelligence Toastmasters Club.</p> <p>In 2013, Angelica came across a great networking opportunity that the City of Edmonton sponsored, The Women's Spring Symposium. She attended the informative session for the women's advisory committee/entity and fell in love with the initiative. Collaborating with WAVE's working group has been a life changing experience.</p>	

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Jennifer Jennax	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Jennifer is a Fellow Certified Management Consultant and is a Senior Consultant with Conroy Ross Partners. During the course of her career she developed a deep understanding of government not only through her role as General Manager of Corporate Strategic Services with the City of St. Albert but also via her experience as a management consultant where she provides key strategic advice to government and private sector executive officers. Jennifer holds an MBA and a Bachelor of Science with Specialization in Mathematics from the University of Alberta. She is an active mentor with the MBA program at the School of Business and the Past President of the Institute of Certified Management Consultants of Alberta. Her keen interest in women's issues has led her to be an active member of Terra Centre's Board of Directors where she is the Chair of their Government Stakeholder Relations Committee. Jennifer is a passionate advocate for her community and believes that by effectively supporting those in need, they can and will become strong contributing members of our community. Jennifer understands the barriers that women face and is committed to making positive change in Edmonton.</p>	
Dawn Newton	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Dawn oversees TELUS community involvement in the Edmonton capital region including managing the TELUS Edmonton Community Board. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of both the Zebra Child Protection Centre and iHuman Youth Society. Dawn also volunteers her time alongside other business leaders as a mentor with the NorQuest College Youth in Transition Program. Her passion for community is shared with her family as she and her husband raise a young family in Edmonton.</p>	
Mia Norrie	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Mia Norrie is a Human Resources and Labour Relations Consultant based in Edmonton, Alberta. Her practice is currently focused in the area of conflict resolution, workplace harassment and labour relations as a mediator, investigator and trainer. Ms. Norrie has had the unique opportunity to work for both management and unions during her career. Her most recent experience was gained by working in executive roles as the Senior Director of Corporate Services at ATCO Gas and as the Executive Director, Human Resources Division at the Edmonton Police Service.</p> <p>Overall, her focus is to work in a neutral role assisting employees, unions and employers in moving towards a future that avoids expensive and adversarial litigation. Ms. Norrie is currently on the Alberta Government roster of mediators. Since graduating from the University of Alberta Law School (1991) and being admitted to the Alberta Bar (1992), Ms. Norrie has worked exclusively in the human resources and labour community in Western Canada.</p>	
Philomina Okeke-Ihejirika	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Phil Okeke-Ihejirika is a full professor in the Women's and Gender Studies Department of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. Her research and teaching focus on General and Development in Africa as well as Migration and Settlement in North America. A renowned scholar of African populations, Professor Okeke-Ihejirika is engaged in various projects</p>	

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outside academia aimed at community building within Edmonton and beyond. She is also actively involved in building linkages with scholars and academic institutions in Africa as well as with local organizations - with the aim of empowering African women. Professor Okeke-Ihejirika is presently an adjunct professor in two Nigerian universities. She is an active member of the African community in Edmonton and serves as a resource person for various organizations, including the African Centre.

Claudette Rain	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
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Throughout her career, Claudette has worked in a variety of public service positions with a commitment to influence the wellbeing of communities. She has extensive experience working with First Nations communities and students. Claudette believes in building capacity through leadership and throughout the years has mentored countless students and staff into learning and leadership opportunities. She obtained her graduate degree in social work with a specialization in Community Organization, Management and Policy from the University of Calgary and would like to pursue a Ph.D. in education in the near future. In 2007 Claudette was honored with an Esquao award in the category of education, by the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women. She is of Cree and Nakota descent, was raised in the Paul First Nation but currently resides in Edmonton. Claudette is currently a senior manager with the Government of Alberta. She loves to read, has a good sense of humor and adheres strongly to the cultural values and traditions passed on to her by her parents.

Cristina Stasia	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
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Cristina Stasia is an award-winning lecturer in the Women's and Gender Studies department at the University of Alberta. She received her Ph.D. in English from Syracuse University, where she specialized in film and feminist theory. She has published on female action films, television remakes, star studies, third wave feminism and post-feminism. She is frequently invited by professional organizations, community groups, schools and conventions to lecture on topics including pop culture, constructions of femininity and masculinity, girls' empowerment and women's empowerment. In addition to academia, Cristina serves on numerous boards, including Sexual Assault Voices of Edmonton and the Edmonton Transit Service Advisory Board.

Meghana Valupadas	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
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Meghana Valupadas is a high school student currently attending Old Scona Academic. She is also a member of the City of Edmonton Youth Council, serving, in the last 4 years as both a member of the general assembly and the executive. She is a co-founder of the FEMpower initiative to empower young women and girls, and has also been a part of the working committee for the WAVE Committee, helping to draft the mission and mandate for the bylaw. She strongly believes that everybody contributes to the issues faced by women and girls in the 21st Century, and together, we can overcome these issues and turn challenges into successes. In the future, Meghana hopes to have a positive impact on the world. In her spare time she enjoys running and baking. She is currently registered in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Alberta for the fall of 2014.

Sandra Woitas	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>As part of the City of Edmonton's 100th birthday celebrations, Sandra was honored as one of the 100 Edmontonians of the Century. As a long time educator and tireless advocate for the needs of Edmonton's most disadvantaged children and families, Sandra continues to spread the word that poverty cannot be an excuse and by only working together, we, as an entire community, can raise the bar for all children and youth. She believes we can no longer make excuses for not meeting the needs of our marginalized children and youth and can only be part of the solution.</p> <p>As a longtime volunteer, Sandra speaks upon request for the United Way on the effects of poverty and successful interventions. In addition, she currently sit on the Capital Zone Health Advisory Council, and is a long-term member of the Great Kids Selection Committee with Human Services, Government of Alberta. In the past, she has been a member of the University of Alberta Senate and the Edmonton Journal Community Advisory Board. In addition to her current position with Edmonton Public Schools and her volunteer commitments, she also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education, specializing in the area of Educational Policy Studies.</p> <p>Sandra lives in the river valley with her husband, Tom, an artist, and a rescue dog named Tinsel. My greatest personal accomplishment is a long-term marriage and a circle of pals from my youth to most recent friendships.</p>	
Hendriatta Wong	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Hendriatta's professional background consists of a strong combination of management and academic experience. She currently holds the position of Executive Director at Autism Society of Edmonton Area and prior to that, Hendriatta served as the Chief Operating Officer of Bissell Centre. Hendriatta has held regional and executive management positions in the human services, healthcare, and industrial sectors where she provided strategic leadership in operations, program and enterprise development as well as human resources management to organizations with up to 1000 employees.</p> <p>A seasoned educator and trainer, Hendriatta has also facilitated corporate learning programs since 1993 and management education programs since 2001. She has served as Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Professional and Continuing Education at Concordia University College, Associate Professor of Management at King's University College and a long time sessional lecturer at the University of Lethbridge's Faculty of Management.</p> <p>As an immigrant woman, wife, mother, service provider, mentor, and life-long learner, Hendriatta feels privileged to be a citizen of this great country where women do have access to many rights and opportunities and where efforts are continually rendered each day to preserve and expand on these rights and opportunities. Hendriatta sees service on WAVE as a meaningful opportunity to give back by joining forces with others to continue researching, mentoring, advocating for, and creating more rights and opportunities for all women.</p>	

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Meheret Worku	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Meheret Worku is a teacher with Edmonton Public School Board. She immigrated to Canada in 1986. Meheret Worku is currently a board member (secretary) of the Council for the Advancement of African Canadians of Edmonton (Africa Centre) and the board of The Ethiopian Community Association of Edmonton (secretary). She is also a co-founder of a non-profit organization, Sustainable East African Education and Development Society, that supports the education of children and the capacity building of communities.</p>	
Dilara Yegani	Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton Committee
<p>Dilara Yegani was born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey. She immigrated to Canada in 1979. She has a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a MBA equivalent diploma in Business Management from the University of Istanbul. Dilara's 33 year career spans work largely in Telecommunication giants TELUS, Stentor /MCI in various capacities, building and leading multilevel national teams. She was one of the founders of Diversity Council in TELUS introducing Diversity in workplace in 2009 and a member of TELUS Women's Connections Board of Directors for many years. She has extensive training experience and knowledge on Designing Systemic Change in Organizations and Coaching Leaders for Breakthroughs. She is a trainer, lecturer and a facilitator on workplace diversity. After completing a 33 year career at TELUS she served as an Executive Director for Changing Together and is presently active in many Boards. Her passion is creating awareness to embrace diversity in the workplace and communities by bridging gaps across cultures and generations and through collaboration among government, business and education sectors.</p> <p>On October 2011 she was named one of the "top 100" international women who contributed to economic and social empowerment of women representing Canada and was awarded by The International Alliance of Women (TIAW) at the Canadian Embassy in Washington DC.</p>	