



Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Manitoba Chapter Board Candidates for consideration on November 29, 2016.

Vice President

Wes Peters has been a volunteer with CPAWS since 2005 focussing mainly on Fund Development strategies for the Manitoba Chapter. He has fulfilled the role of Vice President since 2014. He has also volunteered with the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg and has held the position of Chair of the Fundraising committee. He has been with Investors Group since 1986 and holds the position of Senior Financial Consultant. Married to Pamela Wright, Wes has 4 wonderful daughters and 6 amazing grandchildren. He has a passion for the great outdoors and particularly enjoys wilderness canoeing and cross country skiing.

Member at large (four positions)

Mark Cohoe (Member at large) is an avid outdoor enthusiast, taking time to enjoy Manitoba's wilderness along a hiking trail or from the seat of a canoe every chance he gets. Mark has a degree in Computer Science and is the president of a local software company. Mark also has experience serving on the boards of the West End Cultural Centre and Bike Winnipeg. He has been volunteering with CPAWS Manitoba since 2004.

Rosemary Dohan (Member at large) Rosemary has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies (Hons., Co-op) from the University of Manitoba and she is a Certified Environmental Practitioner (EP) specializing in Natural Resources Management. Recently, she began to pursue a Masters of Natural Resources Management (MNRM) out of the Natural Resources Institute (University of Manitoba) under the supervision of Dr. Nicola Koper. Her thesis focus is energy legislation and habitat protection in Manitoba. As a former employee of CPAWS Manitoba Chapter she is excited to be able to invest time into a cause and organization that she truly believes in. Rosemary previously served on the board of The Wildlife Society, Manitoba Chapter.

Ray Hesslein (Member at large) spent most of his career as a research scientist with the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) under Fisheries and Oceans Canada. His areas of expertise are the physical, chemical and biological dynamics of freshwaters. Since his retirement in 2009 he has maintained the status of Scientist Emeritus with DFO, helped in the transfer of ELA to the International Institute of Sustainable Development and now is a member of the ELA Research Advisory Board. He has also served as a member of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation Science Advisory Committee since 2009 and was a member of the Whiteshell Cottagers Association Board of Directors until 2015. Ray enjoys recreational sports: running, basketball, skiing, hiking and camping. Summers in Winnipeg are busy with the Jazz, Folk, and Fringe Festivals and trips to lakes and parks.

Astitwa Thapa (Member at large) has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Science (Hons.) from the University of Manitoba. Astitwa completed his undergraduate thesis to understand the personal motivations behind corporate sustainability. He spearheaded the fossil fuel divestment campaign at the University of Manitoba and is involved with numerous environmental sustainability and social justice campaigns in Winnipeg.