

Nominations for Election to the Board of WAPCEPC 2014

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Nationality:

Country of Residence:

Proposer 1:

Proposer 2:

I would be willing to undertake the following tasks:

- Contribution to the newsletter and/or social media
- Link to Europe
- PCE approaches/applications: Person-centred Art Therapy applications

Candidate's personal statement: *(maximum 400 words): please write on separate sheet*

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Ever since my student days as a trainee counsellor at the Institution for Counselling and Psychological Studies, I have been interested in the ongoing development of the Person-Centred Approach. My parallel studies in Art Therapies and Social Psychology have also led me to an interest in the way these disciplines can enhance the person-centred theory and practice.

Especially in the current worldwide economic struggle, the scenery in both the academic world and the labour market is increasingly competitive. Moreover, the social data and phenomena that are arising from this new world order challenge the whole psychotherapy industry to find ways to adjust. This sets high demands for continued scientific study and

international collaboration on the person-centred community, and the zealous efforts to adapt to these demands is evident in recent publications and scientific meetings.

My wish in case I get elected in the WAPCEPC Board is to contribute in any way I can to this developing process.



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Proposer 1: Susan Stephen

Proposer 2: Martin Lange

I would be willing to undertake the following tasks:

Link with Latin America
Newsletter editor
On-line Spanish version of PCEP
Donor Fund

Candidate's personal statement:

I would like to introduce myself first, and then make my statement as regards why I am interested in standing for re-election.

I have been a PCA psychotherapist for more than 20 years now. I mainly work at Casabierta, a prestigious institution in Argentina, where we do psychotherapy, training and research from PCA.

I also teach PCA at a post grade course at the School of Psychology, at the University of Buenos Aires.

I have been involved in the organization of PCA Argentine and Latin-American Encounters. In 2005, I also helped organizing the rogerian part of the 4th World Congress for Psychotherapy. And I am in charge of the organization of Casabierta's encounter groups.

I have also attended PCA Forums and presented papers and workshops, some of them related to my work in the field of motherhood.

In 2008, I participated in the 8th Conference of the WA in Norwich, which I found very stimulating.

At the moment I am finishing the correction of my first book, which I hope I will be able to present in the next PCE Conference, here in Buenos Aires, next July.

Being an English teacher as well as a PCA therapist has been of great help for me as a Board member so far.

These four years have been of great learning for me. I have become more and more acquainted with the functioning of the WA. And I feel I have found my place joining both the newsletter editorial team and the donor fund team.

I love being co-editor of the newsletter team. I feel I have made my contribution in having a more inclusive newsletter, where members can speak their voice and share what they are doing in their countries. Especially Latin American colleagues, who have had the chance to make themselves known through their contributions to the newsletter. This is part of what a "truly worldwide association" means to me. And it is also my commitment as link with Latin America.

Being part of the donor fund team has been an interesting experience as well, as to taking decisions in an as careful and responsible way as possible.

These last two years, I have also been helping and supporting the PCE conference organizers, who are doing a remarkable work.

If I am re-elected for the next board, there is still a project I am very enthusiastic about: to create a membership category for Spanish-speaking people through which they receive an online Spanish version of PCEP instead of the printed English version.

If this project is accomplished, many PCE Spanish speakers' colleagues will benefit to have access to the PCEP, and will increase the WAPCEPC membership, as well.

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I would be willing to undertake the following tasks:

Chair
Negotiating with New York Conference Committee

Personal Statement

Dr. Tricia McCann- Australia

I have been a member of the World Association of Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling since before the Norwich conference.

I am an academic in the Faculty of Education, La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia and teach Person-centred Approach using educational and experiential techniques to engage teachers and educators with an understanding of the Rogerian Approach. I am philosophically committed to the person centred approach and to disseminating it worldwide.

I was elected to the board at the Antwerp conference in 2012 and accepted the role of Secretary. Since the beginning of 2014 I have accepted the role of Chair of the Board of World Association of Person-Centered and Experiential Psychotherapy and Counseling.

It is a great honour to meet and work with colleagues from around the world who share a similar vision of person centred and experiential approaches to human interaction. In the future, I would like to support our local chapter of the World Association and to ensure that communication and knowledge about the work of the World Association be spread across the world.



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I would be willing to undertake the following tasks:

Editing, reviewing, newsletter, admin support, communication; chairing meetings or supporting policy development, implementation and communication. In fact, anything required!

Candidate's personal statement:

I am a person centred counsellor, supervisor and trainer 10 years post-diploma, with a wide experience in the health sector previously, working at both operational and strategic level. I am now at the point in my career where I have more flexibility in my week and would welcome the opportunity to link with a wider network. I would be keen to use my skills in a new setting and contribute to the development of the WAPCEPC. I hold a Masters Degree in Social Science and a Masters Degree in Public Health; a Post Graduate Diploma in Person Centred Counselling and a Diploma in Person Centred Supervision. My experience in health ranged from Nursing to Public Health to Management at local and National level. Laterally, I worked at Scottish Government level, implementing the Equality agenda across the health sector and chaired many meetings, including the national Spiritual Care committee. I travelled Nationally and Internationally, working in Scotland, Finland and The United States of America.

My passion comes from seeing people develop to their full potential and I am equally interested in applying the Person Centred Approach in wider contexts as well as in the therapy room. I have extensive experience in group facilitation generally and facilitated encounter groups and person centred conferences in recent years. I delivered a workshop to an international person-centred conference in Rome in 2010 and am co-presenting with a colleague in Prague later this month.

My skills could be utilised to contribute to the furthering of cooperation between associations, organisations and institutions. I am experienced and comfortable communicating at all levels of organisations and keen to participate in process which would contribute to promoting the person-centred approach and experiential perspectives.

My key skills include:

- Person /centred counsellor, trainer and supervisor
- Extensive experience in the Health Service, both clinical and health promotion and educated to Masters level
- Strong organisational, communication and leadership skills
- Ability to network across organisations coordinating and develop effective partnership approaches
- Extensive experience in report writing and presentation skills at strategic level
- A wide range of experience in developing and delivering multi-agency training in a range of topics
- Budget Management and skills in bringing projects in to budget

Mairi McMenamin



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Proposer2: Susan Stephen

I would be willing to undertake the following tasks:

- management of the WAPCEPC website and other online activity
- liaison with German-speaking members
- helping with conference organisation and publications as needed

Candidate's personal statement:

I first encountered the person-centred approach when I was studying psychology at university. Since then it has not only been the basis for my work with clients but also shaped my basic understanding of what it means to be human. To work with people means to connect with them, to create meaningful relationships while staying true to ourselves – in psychological contexts and beyond.

Even though I eventually trained to be a systemic counsellor, how to work on and with these relationships has remained the single most important thing psychology has taught me. I feel lucky that I now have the opportunity to pass it on to bachelor students of psychology – albeit to a more limited degree that I would like. The person-centred approach has, sadly, often had a difficult position at universities and training institutions – at least in Germany. Therefore, it is vitally important for those of us who value this approach to connect, to learn from each other as far as its integration into our respective cultures is concerned and to unite in furthering its theory and application as best we can. These aims are very close to my heart and I would feel honoured to pursue them as a member of the board of the WAPCEPC.

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Developing the WAPCEPC online presence.

Candidate's personal statement:

I completed my training as a person-centred counsellor in 2005 and currently work in private practice, seeing clients both online and face to face in Bathgate, Scotland. I have had a role as a counselling trainer since 2009. I have a deep interest in the meaning and value of the person-centred approach for groups and organisations which has led me into being part of the Temenos Management group since 2010, where alongside my role as part of the training team, I have helped to steer the organisation through a period of significant transition to where we have a much stronger footing.

I am also co-founder at onlinevents; we regularly facilitate online learning environments for groups spread around the world, the largest of which recently consisted of 280 participants. Large groups are a passion of mine and I have been thrilled and challenged to be part of the organising and facilitation teams of several large person-centred groups recently.

And I am a cleaner, I have paid my bills with a small contract cleaning business since I left school and continue to do this work which enables me to follow my passions.

It's an interesting schedule, I can be managing Temenos on a Friday, facilitating a Diploma group over the weekend, back in Edinburgh on a Monday morning clearing out people's bins and then later that day conducting an online learning experience with a large international group.

These very different experiences capture my passions and reflect my skill set. My "sleeves rolled up" approach and an infectious enthusiasm can gather collaborative teams around diverse and impactful projects. It's important for me to "get things done" and contribute to transformation while attending to being in relationship. I am not a naturally "detailed orientated" person; I am able to deliver cleaning contracts, therapy and events on time, but the attention to detail in my personal and professional life needs a lot of my energy!

Why do I say this? If the board needs someone to assist with detailed admin tasks, I won't be a good fit for this role. However, what I bring is an eye for the integration of relationship and

technology allied to an enthusiasm for transformation through human contact. Developing the organisation's online presence via an integrated strategy of events, social networking and website development may be the best use of my varied experience and skill set.



Candidate details prepared by the Independent Election Committee: Jeffrey Cornelius-White (Coordinator), Allan Turner, and Vera Alves.