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Martha McGuire  
Past President  
Canadian Evaluation Society

**Dear Ms. McGuire,**

Re: Candidacy for CES Vice President



I would like to present my nomination for Vice President of the Canadian Evaluation Society. I am passionate about the field of evaluation and am committed to contributing to the Canadian Evaluation Society and to the Canadian evaluation community. I have held leadership roles over the past seven years with CES-Nova Scotia Chapter (CES-NS) and currently hold the position of Chair, Governance and Process with CES National Council. I ask for your support so that I can contribute as CES Vice President.

### **Relevant Skills and Experience**

I have been employed as a senior evaluator with the Government of Nova Scotia for the past nine years, conducting and managing evaluations and striving to build a strong culture of evaluation. I was instrumental in establishing a grass roots network for government evaluators, which has now grown to approximately 80 members. I also developed an evaluation handbook that is used throughout government.

I have been a member of CES since 2005 and have participated in a number of leadership roles since 2007. My level of participation in CES and scope of influence has evolved over the past seven years. My involvement began with CES-Nova Scotia (CES-NS) as Vice President, President, Past President, and National Council Liaison. The success of the 2012 National CES conference hosted by CES-NS in Halifax is one of my highlights as President of CES-NS. I was privileged to work with a knowledgeable and dedicated team of volunteers who were instrumental for its success. I recognize the vital contribution that chapter volunteers make to CES and to the field of evaluation.

I have also served CES at the national level in a number of roles. I currently serve as the CES-NS Liaison as well as a member of executive on National Council. I held the position of Chair of Membership Services (June 2012-2013) and currently am Chair of Governance and Process. I have contributed to CES during a time of transition with organizational renewal and restructuring, IT infrastructure re-

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development, and a refocus on services to members to ensure the sustainability and relevance of CES. My familiarity with the National Council business will provide continuity during this time of change and turnover of several key National Council roles.

### **Why do I seek the role of Vice President?**

CES is transitioning to a new organizational structure and the role of the Vice President has evolved to include responsibility for the sustainability and promotion of the Professional Development Program, as well as providing support and leadership to the Credentialing Board, and to CES generally. The term is one year from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

I am a CE, committed to the recognition of evaluation as a profession and the value of being a CE. I am knowledgeable about the credentialing process and promote the Competencies for Canadian Evaluation practice. I look forward to attracting new CE's, addressing the needs of CE applicants, Credentialing Board members and CES members as we move forward. I also commit to clarifying and strengthening the relationship between CES and Chapters. The chapters are the backbone of CES and are the primary source of contact for many of our members.

During the one year term, my primary goals are to support the sustainability and growth of the Professional Designation Program (PDP) by contributing to and being informed by evaluative activities to improve the PDP, by collaborating with partners and stakeholders to improve access to professional development opportunities that better meet the needs of Credentialled Evaluators and by ensuring a renewed IT infrastructure better supports the application and renewal processes. The collective expertise and commitment of Credentialing Board members is critical to the success of the PDP, and refinement of processes that support PDP operations as well as succession planning for Credentialing Board members is needed. Developing and executing a plan that attracts employers and potential CE's will also be critical in supporting growth of PDP.

CES has reviewed its strengths and organizational challenges and has made improvements to better support current needs. With your support I would be honored to serve CES as Vice President to ensure CES is positioned to act as the voice of evaluation in Canada into the future.

Sincerely,

Janet Ivory B.Sc., M.C.A., CE

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## Support from CES National Council for nomination

In accordance with the Notice for Nominations for the position of National Vice-President of the Canadian Evaluation Society, we are pleased to support the nomination of Janet Ivory CE.

Karen Rodrique-Gervais  
Chair, Professional Development, CES National Council (Quebec)

I am pleased to nominate Janet Ivory for the role of CES Vice-President. Janet has over several years exhibited a strong commitment and dedication to CES, serving in key leadership roles at both the chapter and national levels (i.e., as Vice-President, President and Past President of the Nova Scotia Chapter, and as Chair of the Membership Services Committee and Chair of the Governance and Processes Committee at the national level). In my three years of experience working with Janet on the CES National Council and Executive Board, I have found that she brings a highly informed, collaborative and nuanced perspective to discussions, and that her tactfulness and diplomacy have been instrumental in helping move decision-making and action forward. Moreover, I believe that she is guided by a strong desire to ensure the continued growth and welfare of the CES organization and value to its members. Given her in-depth knowledge of National Council affairs, including policies, guidelines and National Council decisions pertaining to the Professional Designations Program, I am convinced that Janet would be an exemplary lead advocate to promote the CES credentialed evaluator designation and that she is well positioned to continue to provide support to the CES President and full council – key expected functions of the CES Vice President.

Tracy Fiander Trask  
Treasurer

It is my pleasure to nominate Janet Ivory for the position of CES National VP. I have had the pleasure of working with Janet on the executive of CES NS, the executive of CES National Council and within the NS provincial government.

Janet has served in numerous roles on the CES NS board including Vice President, President, Past President and National Council representative. While the President and Past President, Janet developed relationships with both academia and the private sector. Janet also oversaw the 2012 Conference planning, providing leadership, advice and guidance to the co-chairs of the conference. Finally, while President of CES NS, Janet created the first chapter strategic plan focusing on member benefits and the strengthening organizational capacity.

Janet is a strong collaborator and is well respected by her peers on National Council. Janet is currently chair of CES National Governance and By-laws committee. In this role, Janet is helping to create a strong vision for CES while providing invaluable advice and insight into CES's accountability to members. As VP of CES National, I am confident Janet will strengthen the PDP program while creating strong relationships and an opportunity for members to engage in the future of CES.