

## CANDIDATES - CDHM - 2017/2018 Election

*Laura MacDonald*

<b>DH Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dental Hygiene Program/Institution: University of Manitoba</li> <li>• Year of graduation: 1981</li> </ul>
<b>Other Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSc Dent(DH), University of Toronto, 1983</li> <li>• MEd, University of Manitoba, 1987</li> <li>• PhD Applied Health Sciences, Candidate, University of Manitoba</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Experience</b>	<p><b>Community Health/Health Promotion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1983-84: Oral Health Promotion, Community Outreach, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba</li> <li>• 1985-87 Host and Researcher, Health and Wellness, Videon Cable TV, Winnipeg</li> <li>• 1985 –present Active advocate in numerous community health and health promotion initiatives</li> </ul> <p><b>DH Clinical Practice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1981-2002 General Practice and Periodontal Practice settings DH Pre-licensure and Post Diploma Education</li> <li>• 2000—Associate Professor, School of Dental Hygiene, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba (Instructor, clinical and didactic with School since 1985); responsible to theory and practice curriculum; community health and health promotion; 20 years devoted to clinical teaching; current issues in DH; ethics; teacher mentor/instructor for University of Manitoba</li> </ul> <p><b>Collaboration for Health Professional Students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2015—Co-lead (with four others), Office of Interprofessional Collaborative, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba</li> </ul> <p><b>Research/Scholarship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1983—Health promotion; efficacy of OTC oral hygiene products; dental hygiene epistemology and ontology; eating disorders and DH Practice; interprofessional education/collaboration; DH practice and functional fitness; indigenous truth and reconciliation amongst university students and faculty; social justice</li> </ul>

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<b>Volunteer or Professional Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peer Reviewer, Global Dental Hygiene Research Conferences, 2014; 2017.</li><li>• MDHA representative, Provincial Council of Women, Manitoba. For Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association, 2017—</li><li>• Board Member, Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association, 2016—</li><li>• Research Advisory Council, Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, 2015—</li><li>• Assessor, Continuing Competency Record, Continuing Competency Program, College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba, 2011-2013</li><li>• Education Advisory Committee, Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, 2010-14</li><li>• Commissioner, Canadian Dental Accreditation Commission, 2008-13</li><li>• National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination Board, 2000-11</li><li>• Co-Lead (with M. Wener), Core Committee, Dental Hygiene Act Working Group, Legislative Committee, Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association, 2000-07</li><li>• President, Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association, 2002-03; 1986-87</li><li>• Education Standards for Entry to the practice of Dental Hygiene in Canada, Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, 1994</li><li>• Code of Ethics Task Force, Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, 1991-93; 2002-03; 2011-12</li><li>• Reviewer, Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene (formerly PROBE), 1993—</li><li>• Representative of Manitoba Dental Hygienists' Association, Oral Health Team Committee of the Manitoba Dental Association (regulating body of Manitoba dental hygienists), 1990- 1992.</li><li>• Chair, Committee on Health Promotion, Canadian Dental Hygienists' Association, 1987/1988</li></ul>
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### **Statement of Intent**

Since I began my dental hygiene career I have been dedicated to ensuring all Manitobans receive quality dental hygiene care. As a self-regulated professional, I know I must uphold the values, beliefs, standards, and regulations of my profession. This is an honor, one bestowed upon each and every licensed dental hygienist by the people of Manitoba. There is just no way to assume this responsibility other than with depth and breadth of thought, readiness to take action, and courage and conviction to advocate for health for all. This is what is required of a self-regulated health profession.

Throughout my entire career I have held at the forefront the pillars of being a professional. As noted in my volunteerism, much of my activities have been directed to this. Knowing a profession must have standards of practice, I became involved not only at a provincial level but as well nationally. Ethical practice is integral to quality of care so I studied ethics and became involved in the CDHA Task Force on the Code of Ethics; the CDHM recognizes this Code. A profession requires a known disciplinary body of knowledge and skill. For the past 30 years of my career, I have devoted myself to teaching the next generation of dental hygienists. I have done so for those seeking entry-to-practice and licensure and for those practicing dental hygienists seeking to further their education within the profession. I regularly provide continuing development sessions locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally—because I believe in contributing to the community of dental hygiene practice.

I have a high regard for the role and responsibility of the CDHM Council. Having been part of the political advocacy efforts ensuring Manitobans have access to high quality dental hygiene care, I know the work of the CDHM requires fair-mindedness and integrity. I would very much like to offer my experience to the Council. Dental hygienist serve people and in that servitude we require standards, commitment to disciplinary study, and governance which oversees the quality of care for all Manitobans.