

Report of Nominations Committee

Chaired ex-officio by Past President Austin Cooke, with Pat Clahane of Halifax, Denis Gardner of Calgary, Kevin McKinney of Fredericton, and Dianne Homan of Whitehorse. An application form was developed and circulated as was valuable material on job descriptions, and the skills and talents required of board members.

With calls for applications on the website, FB page, and email shots, we received seven enquiries from Saskatchewan (1), Alberta (2), Newfoundland (1), Ontario (2), and Québec (1). Further work by chapter coordinators brought in another application from Ontario. The deadline of the end of September proved to be far too optimistic, and it was extended for another month. Future nominations work should perhaps take more account of the time required to elicit applications and respond to enquiries. Extended email contact with all enquirers and applicants provided them with clarifications, and answers to questions. In the end, three complete applications were submitted.

Committee members reviewed the applications and concurred that the following three names, Lea Pennock of Saskatoon, Lauren Rendle of Calgary, and David Duncan of the Toronto region, should be submitted for consideration.

I would like to thank the committee members who rose to the challenges working together with focus and good humour at a national level in a country of great distances and time difference, with thanks to GoToMeeting, frequent emails, and the occasional telephone call. As well, I would like to thank chapter coordinators who were able to identify and encourage talented volunteers to come forward.

Submitted by Austin Cooke

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Lea Pennock, Saskatoon

Camino Experience: Camino Frances in 2013; Via de la Plata in 2016; Via Sanabres and Camino Portugues in 2017; Via Podiensis (Le Puy route) in 2018, plus a portion of the Camino del Norte in 2018.

Founding member and co-coördinator of Saskatoon chapter, assisted with the preparation of constitutional documents for the CCoP.

Interests: walking, governance, travel, spiritual growth. Can bring considerable experience in governance issues.

Experience: Doctorate in English literature and retired university administrator; past chair of board of directors of United Way of Saskatoon; chair of presidential search committee for Saint Andrew's College; worked on governance for University of Alberta and non-profits.

Experienced in presentations on governance issues, and on the Camino.

Fluent in French with proficiency in Spanish.

Vision: that the CCoP can grow as an organization without losing the down-to-earth, practical, open-minded, and inquisitive spirit that is the ethos of the Camino.

Lauren Rendle, Calgary

Camino Experience: Camino Frances in 2003, 2010, 2012. Hospitalera in Santo Domingo de la Calzada (2010), Berciano de Real Camino (2012), Ponferrada (2014). Calgary Chapter Planning Committee and planner and presenter of Camino 101 workshops.

Interests: walking and reflection, pilgrimage, outdoors activities.

Experience: Retired RN and healthcare unit manager; ran a private promotion firm for 10 years. Experienced with budgeting, planning, and implementation. Will bring enthusiasm, supporting quality information for board work, and liaison for chapters and other national Camino organizations.

Vision: to explore and promote other ways to deliver the pilgrimage experience as the Frances becomes more crowded.

David Duncan, Toronto

Camino Experience: CF Sept 2015; hospitalero training in 2016; served as hospitalero in Arrès on the Aragonés in 2017; offered training sessions at Toronto chapter meetings 2017 and 2018.

Interests: strategy, governance and performance measurement.

Experience: Board Chair of Halton Waldorf School; Vice-Chair of Big Brothers and Sisters of Hamilton-Burlington; certificate in Non-Profit governance; broad management experience in public and private sectors.

Vision:

- The pilgrimage aspirations of different sorts of pilgrims are nurtured.
- A network of mature chapters supports the majority of pilgrims across Canada
- The CCoP and its affiliated chapters have a valued place in the international Camino community.