

Indigenous Liaison
BCASW Board of Directors
March 2025

The BC Association of Social Workers is seeking expressions of interest from Indigenous members for the position of Indigenous Liaison on the BCASW Board.

In 2022, the BC Association of Social Workers created the Indigenous Liaison position on the Board as an indication of the Association's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

The appointment of Susan Soloman as the first Indigenous Liaison signified the Association's will to take constructive action toward greater equity and inclusion. We are grateful to Ms. Soloman for her service to the Association, the representation she provided, and her commitment to engaged decision-making. Her term expires at the May 29th, 2025, AGM.

The position was created through an amendment to the BCASW Bylaws and was drafted to not prescribe limitations on the role, believing that the role would be developed and guided by BCASW's Indigenous members.

The Indigenous Liaison to the BCASW Board of Directors position requires a time commitment of approximately five hours a month. The position description, from the BCASW Bylaws is as follows.

- Serves as a full member of the Board as well as a member of the Executive Committee (President, Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, CASW representative, and Indigenous Liaison Representative)
- Indigenous Liaison Representative shall: support the BCASW Board to achieve the goals of Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples of British Columbia, and provide culturally appropriate advice, perspectives and ideas on Indigenous historical, geographical, cultural or linguistic matters to aid the Board in developing enhanced decisions.

The Selection Process

- The request for expressions of interest will be sent to all BCASW members
- The Indigenous liaison will be selected by Indigenous members of the Indigenous Community of Practice and appointed by the BCASW Board
- Expressions of interest will include a statement about the applicant's Indigenous identity, status, or origins, their current and historical connections to Indigenous culture, a statement about their interest in the position including what they might accomplish in the role, and a professional resume or curriculum vitae

- Expressions of interest to be sent to bcasw@bcasw.org no later than March 28th, 2025
- The Indigenous Community of Practice may request that applicants meet with them via videoconference and part of the vetting process
- Indigenous Community of Practice welcome your comments and questions via email to bcasw@bcasw.org to vet applications and provide an opportunity for the applicant(s) to meet with the community.