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## 2023-24 Board of Director Nominee Biographies

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## **Vice President (2-year term)**

Available positions: 1

Received nominations: 1

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Name of Nominee: **Jessica Amadi**

Candidate For: **Vice President (2-year term)**

Residence: Regina

Jessica Amadi is an esteemed educator, known for her passion for teaching and her commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion in the classroom. Currently serving as a French Immersion teacher within the Regina Catholic School system in Regina, Saskatchewan, Jessica has dedicated herself to empowering students and transferring knowledge to the next generation.

Born and raised in Ontario, Jessica's journey led her to Saskatchewan in 2010, where she pursued her undergraduate education at the University of Regina. Her insatiable thirst for knowledge led her to obtain two degrees: a Bachelor of Arts in French and a Bachelor of Education (Bac en éducation secondaire). Prior to her time at the University of Regina, Jessica had the privilege of studying at Carleton University in Ottawa and Laval University in Québec, which provided her with a well-rounded academic foundation. As an educator, Jessica possesses exceptional research skills, enabling her to find and utilize valuable resources for educational purposes. Jessica's commitment to lifelong learning is evident as she is currently pursuing a Masters in Educational Technology at the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Throughout her teaching career, Jessica has had the opportunity to work with a diverse demographic of students. Recognizing the value of cultural diversity, she has actively created educational opportunities and resources that celebrate and honour the unique backgrounds of her students. Through engaging school projects and presentations, as well as serving as a member of the Catholic School Division DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) committee, Jessica ensures that her students' cultures are both showcased and recognized. Her annual creation of an educational mural at her school that highlights the significant contributions of black Canadians to Canadian society is one powerful example. In recognition of her dedication, Jessica was invited to serve on a panel hosted by Black in Sask, where she shed light on the experiences and perspectives of black educators who have taught within the Saskatchewan education system.

Beyond the classroom, Jessica actively contributes to her community, demonstrating her support for local businesses, artists, associations, and performers. Year after year, she eagerly attends and participates in events such as Mosaic and the Bajan Caribbean Association independence celebrations, where she wholeheartedly celebrates the richness of cultural expression. Furthermore, Jessica utilizes her voice and advocacy skills to champion the rights of marginalized communities. Notably, she proudly supported the Black Lives Matter (BLM) rally outside the legislative building in 2020, standing up against racial injustice and inequality.

Jessica is an active member of the Fransaskois community. She has been interviewed on Radio-Canada, sharing her insights and experiences related to the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) community in Saskatchewan. Her willingness to contribute to important conversations and amplify underrepresented voices demonstrates her dedication to promoting inclusivity and social justice.

She is a lifetime member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, which emphasizes philanthropic outreach and community service. In her role as an MCoS board member, Jessica has served for two years, initially as a director at large, and subsequently as acting vice-president. Through her effective leadership and recognition of the importance of team cohesiveness, she has made a lasting impact on the organization's initiatives and goals.

Jessica's dedication to education, her commitment to diversity and inclusion, and her vocal advocacy for marginalized communities have made her a true asset to the Regina Catholic School system, the Fransaskois community, the broader community, and the multicultural community.

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## Treasurer (2-year term)

Available positions: 1

Received nominations: 1

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Name of Nominee: **Margot Hurlbert**

Candidate For: **Treasurer (2-year term)**

Residence: Regina

Prof. Margot Hurlbert, is a Canada Research Chair, Tier 1 - Climate Change, Energy, and Sustainability Policy, of Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

After practicing law (1986-1998) in Regina, SK, Margot accepted a tenure track job at the University of Regina jointly appointed to Justice Studies and Sociology and Social Studies. In 2015 she accepted an appointment with Johnson-Shoyama and was awarded a Canada Research Chair in 2018.

Margot has a B. Admin. (Great Distinction) from the University of Regina (1985), an LL.B. (Osgoode) (1987), an LL.M. (Osgoode) (2005) in Constitutional Law with a focus on energy, natural resource, Indigenous and environmental issues, and a Ph.D. (University of Amsterdam) in Social and Behaviour Sciences with a thesis "Adaptive Governance of Disaster: Drought and Flood in Rural Areas" published by Springer.

Margot has authored and co-authored many journal articles, papers and presentations on rights to water, sanitation, and hygiene in a global context, diverse community energy futures, energy justice, gender and climate change, the gendered adaptation of Eritrean dryland farmers,

resilience in Bangladesh, and Indigenous energy justice. Her research interests focus on energy, climate change, agriculture, water, and marginalized people. Margot focuses on sustainability and governance.

She is particularly interested in governance and social change - how individuals/actors negotiate formal and informal institutions, making decisions reinforcing enduring structures of society (path dependent technological, economic, social structures etc.), or creating new ones through an agency, social processes, and policy instruments.

This interest has resulted in her work in energy transitions (changes in energy production as well as public perceptions surrounding energy technology informed by risk perceptions and framing of discourse), adaptation to climate change (agricultural producers and their communities changing their practices, or adapting to extreme weather events). Her goal is to determine the participatory governance mechanisms and imaginaries that help us achieve our Paris goals - net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Board member, Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan 2020-
- Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Water Council Member 2017-
- Treasurer, and Past-President of SCEP, a non-profit organization providing social, communication and education services to children under 6 who have developmental delays such as autism, ADHD, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, etc. (1997- )
- Treasurer and Board Member of the Saskatchewan Legal Education Society, (1998 - 2003)
- President (1996-1997), Treasurer (1995-1996) and Board Member, 1997 Trade Show Chair, of the Regina Women's Network.

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## **Secretary (2-year term)**

Available positions: 1

Received nominations: 1

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Name of Nominee: **Saqib Khan**

Candidate For: **Secretary (2-year term)**

Residence: Regina

Saqib Khan is an Associate Dean, and Associate Professor of Finance in the Faculty of Business Administration, University of Regina. He obtained a PhD degree in Finance from the prestigious Ivey Business School at Western University in London, Ontario. He also holds an MBA and an MSc in Engineering.

In the past, Saqib has served as the secretary of the board of Pakistan Canada Cultural Association, and secretary of the board of Islamic Association of Saskatchewan, Regina. In these

roles, Saqib got an opportunity to serve the Pakistani and the Muslim community of Regina, understand the issues facing them, and build connections with the broader Regina community. He has been serving on the board of MCoS for the past year as Director at large.

As an immigrant belonging to a visible minority group, Saqib dearly values multiculturalism and is passionate about Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). He has attended several seminars/lectures related to EDI, and strives to adopt EDI best practices in his professional role.

Saqib is enthusiastic about utilizing his knowledge and experience of nonprofit board governance, and his passion for multiculturalism and EDI to contribute towards the MCoS mission of promoting multiculturalism and achieving equality of all Saskatchewan residents. Given his association with the higher education sector, one objective of MCoS that Saqib can directly contribute is helping newcomers in the integration process through education. In his professional career, Saqib has developed strong linkages with the business community in Regina. He could leverage those relationships to further the mission of MCoS.

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## Director-at-Large (2-year term)

Available positions: 3

Received nominations: 5

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Name of Nominee: **Edward Agbai**

Candidate For: **Member at large (2-year term)**

Residence: Saskatoon

Dr. Edward Perekebina Agbai is an author and a management professional with backgrounds in Leadership, Research, and Engineering with over 20 years of combined experience in the public and private sectors. He authored the books -Travails: Memoir of an Oil and Gas Field Worker and Taking the Long Route: Lifelong Learning. He has written numerous peer-reviewed articles in local and international journals, and has co-authored and is a contributing author to books including:

- *Workplace Experience Across International Borders*
- *A Great Nation in Bewilderment*
- *Key to A Great Africa - Leadership Guide for Peaceful Coexistence*
- *Leadership and Management for Health Workers*
- *Leadership and Governance for Developing Economies*

In Canada, he is a Board Member Saskatoon Open Door Society (SODS), Directors of Governance, Black Engineers of Canada (BEC) and President Saskatoon Niger Delta Forum (SNDF).

Dr. Agbai holds a Ph.D. in Management with specialization in Leadership and Organizational Change, an MSc in Project Management, HND in Electrical Engineering, and Diploma in Business Administration.

He started his career in 2000 with Eni, a major player in the oil and gas sector in Nigeria before joining Smart Alliance Consulting Services Ltd as Resource Partner. He is presently working with Circle Drive Alliance Church in Saskatoon.

He hopes to bring his various experiences to bear in developing governance policies at the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan. He believes in a fair and justiciable society which aligns with the overarching vision of MCoS and mission of promoting, fostering, improving, and developing multiculturalism in the economic, cultural, and political life of Saskatchewan while working to achieve equality of all residents.

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Name of Nominee: **Nicholas Bage**

Candidate For: **Member at large (2-year term)**

Residence: Regina

Nicholas Bage (they/them) was born in Brandon, Manitoba, and has called Saskatchewan home for over 20 years. They are a Michif person whose family comes from historical Métis communities Cayer, St. Lazare, and the Red River. Nicholas identifies as a queer two-spirit person who is currently learning their Michif language.

Nicholas has been an active volunteer with the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS) for 6 years, dating back to their grade 10 year at Thom Collegiate, Regina. While at The high school, Nicholas participated in workshops hosted by MCoS before taking on facilitator roles in following years. It was also through high school that Nicholas aided in Diversity Week programming which highlighted the many diverse cultures found in our schools, as well as outreach initiatives for community members dealing with inequities such as food and clothing donations.

Nicholas always had a goal of working in the education field. After high school, Nicholas attended the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teaching Education Program (SUNTEP) through the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) in Regina. During their time in SUNTEP, Nicholas continued their volunteer efforts in the community. Their participation in projects as a student led to the creation of cultural resources such as “gee meeyo pimawtshinawn”, a collection of Michif stories growing on Road Allowances through Saskatchewan and Manitoba, as well as a replica of a Road Allowance house that is currently housed in the GDI Library at the University of Regina.

In Nicholas' third year, they were inducted into the Order of Gabriel Dumont, hosted by GDI for their academic achievement and preservation of the Métis identity and culture. At convocation in 2021, Nicholas was presented with a Star Blanket in recognition of their leadership and volunteerism in the community.

As a queer Michif person, Nicholas is no stranger to the hardships and disadvantages minority communities face in Saskatchewan. They will be able to offer insight and opinions based on their education and life experiences of how gaps can be closed between Indigenous and queer communities with the larger community of Saskatchewan, starting at an elementary and secondary level. It is through their current work with Regina Catholic Schools as the sole Learning Online Elementary teacher, they have been given the experience of creating content through digital means that reaches students throughout Saskatchewan in an engaging and thought-provoking way, and can be proud of their cultural roots and share their knowledge with students all over the province and as far as Texas!

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Name of Nominee: **Tenisha Inengi**

Candidate For: **Member at large (2-year term)**

Residence: Regina

Tenisha, as a lifelong resident of Regina, has witnessed the growth of the cultural tapestry over the past 30 years. To create an inclusive and diverse community, she wants to emphasize its importance. She understands the challenges individuals face from different backgrounds because she has experienced them herself. Now, as a parent, she is determined to make a positive impact and ensure her children don't face the same obstacles she faced growing up.

As an Operations Analyst at Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI), she has had the privilege of helping individuals from diverse backgrounds access vital resources and services. She is committed to continuous professional development, holding a Bachelor's degree in Economics, a diploma in Business Administration, and several professional certificates. During her free time, she actively engages with the vibrant cultural offerings in her community, such as the Mosaic Festival and the Indian Food Mela.

Tenisha's degree equips her to contribute to Saskatchewan's multicultural vision, central to our cultural, social, economic, and political life. With 11 years of government experience, she possesses valuable knowledge to collaborate effectively with governmental and non-governmental organizations.

She has actively contributed to cultural events as an ambassador for the Caribbean Pavilion and participation in UR Fun Sports during her university years. Additionally, her role as a board member for the Saskatchewan Government Insurance's President Youth Advisory Council empowered her to develop policies and initiatives promoting cultural awareness and addressing employee disparities.

With excellent communication skills and the ability to collaborate effectively with individuals from diverse backgrounds, she is confident that she can contribute to MCoS' vision and mission. She is enthusiastic about fostering more inclusive communities and promoting cultural awareness.

Please recognize the value she brings to the table. Let us embrace diversity, build inclusive communities, and advance cultural understanding. We can create a new Regina where everyone feels valued and included. Thank you for considering her perspective.

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Name of Nominee: **Harmonie King**

Candidate For: **Member at large (2-year term)**

Residence: North Battleford

Tansi, Harmonie King is a Métis woman who has grown up in North West Saskatchewan. She has spent many years living and working in the rural and urban communities. Her personal life experiences and years working in the field of Social Work, would be valuable in promoting multiculturalism by advocating for the rights of marginalized groups, providing cultural sensitivity services, and facilitating cross-cultural communication. She has had to utilize these skills to build relationships to help break down barriers, bring people together and support the health development of our community members. She has experience working within indigenous communities/ organizations and the Ministry of Social Services.

Harmonie is involved in her Métis community and most recently help facilitate and support an educational awareness conference on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls. She has spent time engaging in her Métis community around important issues pertaining to UNDRIP, and economic opportunities, and the TRC recommendations. She is interested in working towards and advocating for the rights of all people, because we are stronger together.

Harmonie believes that by promoting diversity and inclusion, it leads to a better understanding of different cultures and perspectives. It also helps to reduce discrimination and prejudice, which is important for a healthy functioning society.

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Name of Nominee: **Nish Prasad**

Candidate For: **Member at large (2-year term)**

Residence: Regina

Nish Prasad demonstrates his strong passion for multiculturalism and inclusiveness through an exceptional record of community service.

Nish Prasad is deeply invested in community building through the promotion of cultural events, languages and fundraising initiatives. He has organized and chaired various events providing people opportunities to learn about and gain understanding and appreciation of other cultures.

Nish served as Vice President and President of the Regina Multicultural Council and, has been member of the organizing committee for Mosaic - A festival of Cultures, Regina's largest multicultural event. He has taken on the role of Chair for Mosaic 2023.

He has also been an instrumental part of the India Supper Night organizing committee, for which he has served as Chair. This welcoming community celebration showcases India's



traditions and culture and has raised close to a million dollars over the last 36 years for numerous local and international charities.

Nish has served on various other boards in different capacities. He has served as the President of the India Canada Association of Saskatchewan for three terms, Director at Saskatchewan Organization for Heritage Languages. Through his involvement with the India Canada Association of Saskatchewan he has helped numerous people through challenging times, serving as a liaison between them and the Indian Consulate office in Vancouver. Even in his personal time, Nish can be counted on to assist new immigrants to overcome their initial challenges as they settle in the province.

In his professional career, Nish is Manager, Customer Growth with SaskWater where he leads a team of account managers to create new revenue streams for the company and attract new businesses to the province of Saskatchewan. Nish is also a proud owner of a local business contributing to employment creation in the city.

Nish has made substantial and sustained contributions through his community activities over the last 15 years. His contributions to Regina's cultural landscape build bridges across differences by helping people identify commonalities and embrace diversity.

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## Member at large (1-year term) position

Available positions: 1

Received nominations: 2

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Name of Nominee: **Dina Lobo**

Candidate For: **Member at large (1-year term)**

Residence: Regina

Dina Lobo is an exceptional candidate poised to become the Director of the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS). Her unwavering commitment to promoting multiculturalism and fostering inclusive communities, combined with her expertise as a Certified Trauma Specialist and Global Transformational Coach, sets her apart.

Dina's recent contributions have been nothing short of extraordinary. Her compelling CBC article sheds light on the profound impact of embracing diversity in Saskatchewan's economic, cultural,

and political life. As an advocate for the celebration of multiculturalism, Dina has captivated readers and sparked meaningful conversations throughout the province.

Her representation of women in the workforce aligns perfectly with MCoS' mission. Dina's article highlights the challenges faced by women during the pandemic, emphasizing their resilience and determination to thrive. She embodies the values of equality and inclusivity that the council stands for.

With international experiences in countries such as India, Singapore, Dubai, and Canada, Dina brings a deep understanding of the value of cultural diversity. As the founder of Transformational Spark Coaching, she prioritizes mental and emotional wellness, seamlessly aligning with MCoS' mission. Dina's expertise in transformational coaching and trauma specialization equips her to address issues of racism and discrimination, striving for equitable outcomes for all individuals in the province.

What sets Dina apart is her remarkable ability to foster intercultural connections and cultivate understanding among communities. Her inclusive approach resonates with MCoS' emphasis on integration and the creative contributions that arise from diverse perspectives converging.

Dina Lobo's profound knowledge in multiculturalism and workplace wellness, coupled with her compassionate leadership, make her an exemplary nominee for the Director role. Her dedication and extensive experience will undoubtedly propel MCoS' mission of promoting, fostering, and improving multiculturalism in Saskatchewan's economic, cultural, and political life. With Dina at the helm, the council will create a vibrant tapestry where the strength of many peoples truly shines.

In conclusion, Dina Lobo's qualifications and unwavering commitment to multiculturalism make her the ideal candidate to lead the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan. Her vision for equality and inclusivity, combined with her expertise and accomplishments, position her to drive positive change in the province. With Dina as Director, MCoS will continue to thrive and make a lasting impact in promoting a diverse and inclusive Saskatchewan.

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Name of Nominee: **Anthony Olusola**

Candidate For: **Member at large (1-year term)**

Residence: Saskatoon

Anthony Olusola is a dedicated champion of community service, multicultural advocacy, and cultural ambassadorship in Saskatoon. He has positively impacted countless individuals through his lifelong dedication to serving the community, promoting diversity, and celebrating the city's cultural heritage.

Anthony's volunteer work and initiatives, such as the annual Canadian Multiculturalism Day and Culture Continuity hosted by him and his team at Truly Alive Youth and Family Foundation Inc (TAYFFI), foster appreciation, respect, and understanding among individuals from diverse backgrounds. These events raise public awareness about the importance of multiculturalism and contribute to societal well-being.

His commitment to combating racism is evident in his involvement on TAYFFI's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination town hall panel discussion and his CBC interview, where he discussed the importance of raising awareness about racial discrimination, its impact

on individuals and communities and emphasized the need for grassroots efforts to address racial prejudice.

As a member of the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS), Anthony utilizes workshops and programs to promote multiculturalism, diversity, and the elimination of racism. He also holds leadership roles in organizations such as Nutrien Wonderhub, PNT settlement and integration sector, and National Settlement, and Integration Service Providing Agencies. Additionally, he actively contributes to cultural development through his participation in local, regional, and national conferences and workshops such as Pathway to Prosperity National Conference, Metropolis Conference, Pathway to Prosperity Conference and many more.

Anthony's efforts in organizing cultural festivals, events, and workshops celebrate diverse heritage and traditions while building bridges between cultural communities. He empowers marginalized communities through projects and programs that address their needs and advocates for equity and inclusivity to create a more just society.

His collaborative approach, evident in partnerships with government agencies, community organizations, and local businesses, has led to the implementation of initiatives like cultural exchanges and community outreach programs, maximizing the impact of cultural development efforts.

Anthony's extensive experience in multicultural engagement, leadership roles, and understanding of different cultures align with MCoS' vision of fostering an inclusive society that celebrates cultural diversity. His collaboration and dedication make him a valuable contributor to MCoS' mission.

In summary, Anthony Olusola's dedication to community service, multicultural advocacy, and cultural ambassadorship positions him as a catalyst for promoting multiculturalism, fostering cross-cultural understanding, and combating racism. His contributions to creating an inclusive society where cultural diversity is celebrated and racism is combated are invaluable.