

Committee: **London Council for Adult Education**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Dr. Sharon Rich**

Occupation: **Retired professor/ university administrator**

Work experience: **I have worked at three universities (Western, New Brunswick and Nipissing) as a professor of education and ultimately as Associate Vice President Academic. In addition, I taught and was a consultant for what was then the London Board of Education.**

Education: **Ed.D. in Curriculum (U of Toronto) M.Ed. in reading and language (U. of Alberta) B. A. in English (Western) Ontario Teaching Certificate (JK-10)**

Skills: **I have developed programs in adult education at two universities. I have worked in adult education as a part of my masters from U of Alberta. I have expertise in the field of literacy and literacy development. As a university administrator, I had responsibility for budgets, hiring and staff supervision.**

Interest reason: **I have had a long interest in adult education since my work as a volunteer while a student at Western. I worked during that time as a literacy tutor with adults in the community and know first hand the ways in which farthing education-specifically of young women can make a contribution to the community.**

Contributions: **My experience with administration and my knowledge of the education field would be an asset on the committee. I also have experience on governing boards and am aware of the inherent responsibilities and of the limitations of the roles of board members.**

Past contributions: **I am currently vice chair of the Community Services Co-ordination Network's Board of Directors and I have served on the Craigwood Board of Directors. In addition, I have been a member of the Family Services Fredericton Board of Directors and the Board of Governors for the University of New Brunswick.**

Interpersonal: **As a university professor and later administrator, I have learned how to express my views respectfully and in a similar manner really listen to the perspectives of others. I have learned ways in which to work as a team member to ensure that the goals of the organization are met. My experience in contract negotiations at University of New Brunswick and at Nipissing taught me the value of accepting opposing perspectives and working towards positive compromises.**

Interview interest: **Yes**