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Experience/education/practice in homeopathy: I am a graduate of the Vancouver Homeopathic Academy (Class 2000) and my education has continued ever since. I am continually inspired by the experiences and dedication of the Old Masters as revealed in the treasure of literature that they have passed on to us and through present-day seminars (highlights of which include Anand, Chhabra, Klein, Mundy, Norland, Sankaran, Shah, and Snowdon). Have been in private practice for over 6 years.

Past and present contributions to homeopathy:

Joined the WCHS Board in 2001, later became Treasurer and then President from 2003 to present. Also Vice-president of the Canadian Coalition for Homeopathic Medicine, 2001-2002. President CSH since its inception last January. Content and copy editor *NASH News*, 1998-2002, and managing editor *Homeopathy Now*, 2003-2005. Co-author of WCHS manual *Preparing & Presenting Homeopathic Introductory Talks*. Website designer and administrator of www.wchs.info. Active in public awareness and education, Homeopathy Awareness Week, and political action initiatives involving both the federal government (re Natural Health Products – NHPD) and the Ontario government (re legislated regulation of the profession).

Non-homeopathic skills and experience relating to Board work: Have good writing skills and a natural affinity for editing (can't help it!). Many years of committee work with public libraries and Unitarian Church helped prepare me for working on the WCHS Board and especially for starting an organization from scratch as we have done this past year with CSH.

Areas of interest in homeopathy: I love getting to know remedies really well and wish I had more time to do more of it. I think that all homeopaths would benefit from a greater sharing of study and practical experience with remedies and would like to see CSH promote advanced-level study groups for this purpose.

Other life interests: My greatest interest has long been History, which brings me a deep sense of optimism for the future and an appreciation for many human accomplishments of the past. Thus there is an historical connection to most activities involving travel, art, music, plays, literature, biographies. Also love animals, gardening, Nature.

Vision for CSH: I see CSH playing an integral part in the future of homeopathy in Canada, leading to its wide recognition as a distinct and effective system of medicine and to the development of a respected and autonomous profession, with a minimum amount of government interference. I also hope that CSH can help foster mutual respect among practitioners with differing interpretations and methodologies and encourage the responsible evolution of classical homeopathy.

How you would contribute to CSH as a Director: I think that my greatest value to the Society and the new Board would be in terms of continuity from the Founding Board to the first elected Board. I would continue my involvement with Political Action, Public Awareness and Education, and membership support and would like to be involved in developing a media response project.

Favourite aphorism: Each Aphorism in the *Organon* can be a source of clarity and inspiration and they all take on a deeper meaning with each reading. However the concept that most influenced me can be found in Aphorism 6: *The unprejudiced observer*. When I finally got it, it transformed my life.