

Dr. Marta Witer

District 5 – Provincial Electoral District

Bio

EDUCATION:

University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science graduate, 1979.

CLINICAL:

Clinical supervisor UWSOVS, 1980-83.

Vision Institute of Canada, 1982-84

Private practice in Toronto, founded in 1982.

Toronto Foundation for Student Success, vision care clinics, 2012/13

Mission trip to Ukraine to examine and provide correction for orphans ages 8-18, summer 2017, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL:

College of Optometrists of Ontario

College Council – 2015- 2018, 2019 to present.

Committees: Patient Relations, ICRC, Governance, Audit Finance and Risk, Discipline.

Strategic Planning Committee Chair.

Ontario Association of Optometrists

Board of Directors: four terms

Committees: Health-care Stakeholder Outreach Chair, Political Action Chair, Education Lead.

Vision Institute of Canada

Board of Directors: 10 years – three years as President

Secured co-management agreement between VIC and TLC; funding for Yonge and York Mills clinic

University of Waterloo

Board of Governors - 2012 to 2018



Committees: Audit, Executive, Pension and Benefits, Building and Properties.

Fundraising: raised and contributed funds for UWSOVS expansion, 2006

Steering Committee Co-Chair for “Seeing beyond 2020” campaign

Advisory Board:

Help us Help Charity – appointed in 2020

AWARDS:

VIC Certificate of Appreciation, 1999; UWOWS Distinguished Alumni Award, 2007; Royal Conservatory of Music Fellowship, 2007; OAO Distinguished Service Award, 2012; University of Waterloo 60th Anniversary Alumni Award, 2017

If elected to College Council, here is how I propose to ensure public protection.

Recently, I led the strategic planning process at the College, including an environmental scan of stakeholders, rigorous discussions, and planning sessions. Our Vision: “A leading regulator focused on safe eye care and progressive practice” embodies what a modern, inclusive, progressive College should aspire to. The values that will govern the College: Integrity, Accountability, Transparency, Approachability, and Collaboration – reflect expectations of the public and our profession to ensure a high level of trust in our mandated work. Good communication and understanding among stakeholders are also key. Public protection will be assured by adhering to our mission, vision and values.