

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - ANISHINAABE ABINOOJII FAMILY SERVICES - CORPORATE PROFILE

Term of Office; 4 years

DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD: August 13, 2012 via Band Council Resolution

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Officer or Committee Member and dates:

- AAFS Chair for five terms, 2014 to present
- AAFS Vice Chair 2013/14 term
- AAFS Secretary/Treasurer 2012/13

Full Name: Maria Swain, Asubpeeschoseewagaong Netum Anishinabek
#2, 202 Main Street South, KENORA, ON P9N 3C8

Date of Birth: December 12, 1960

Qualifications as a Director or the Board:

- Grassy Narrows First Nation band member
- Traditional name Lightening Thunder Woman , Lynx dodem
- Through her life experiences as a survivor of residential school and domestic violence she has worked hard towards providing community wellness
- She uses her experience in former employment in social services and counselling to create healthy and flourishing communities
- As an engaged community member, provides action-oriented advocacy for Anishinaabe kweg and their families
- Creating, sustaining and supporting community capacity has been key components of her approval to building healthy indigenous communities
- Recognizing the histories of collective grief, she supports families in crisis through proactive healing and counseling methods to create healthy, self-directed initiatives and strives to protect Anishinaabe children and women traumatized by domestic violence and develop initiatives to counter they cycle of violence in their lives
- She has survived mercury poisoning (Minimata disease) in her community
- She provides leadership and guidance through personal and professional experiences
- Training Certification includes Restorative Justice, First Nations Counselling, Child Protection standards and Customary Care, Grief Counselling and Domestic Violence Prevention