

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

### **Marcellina (Marcie) Shwery-Stanley**

Marcie Shwery-Stanley was born and brought up in North Sydney & presently resides in Sydney. She received her BA in Political Science and Economics from the University College of Cape Breton (UCCB) and co-authored a paper entitled "Optimal Debt Financing for Economic Growth in a Regime of Managed International Trade", which was published in the Malaysian Economic Journal. In addition, she obtained her MBA in Community Economic Development, with Dean's List standing, from UCCB. She worked at Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation for 26 years, initially as Small Business Development Officer, Tourism Development Officer, & subsequently, as Communications Officer. She has been retired for the past four years.

Marcie has had rheumatoid arthritis since she was 14 years old, and her advocacy work in disability and women's issues spans more than 36 years. She has served on the boards of various local, provincial and national organizations, including: the N. S. Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Marine Atlantic's Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Persons with Disabilities Partnership Association for the C. B. Regional Municipality and Victoria County. She was past Co-Chair of the C.B Regional Municipality Human Rights Affirmative Action Committee. Presently she is Chair of the Society for the Improvement of Accessible Transportation. She is also a Commissioner on the Nova Scotia Disabled Persons Commission, a member of the Nova Scotia Health & Wellness Continuing Care Client Services Advisory Council & a Director of the Horizon Achievement Centre. In addition, she was recently appointed to the Nova Scotia Minister of Community Services' Panel on Accessibility Legislation.

She has been recognized for her work by being named 1993 Woman of the Year by the Business & Professional Women's Club of Sydney; by the University College of Cape Breton with the Anthony Traboulee Award for pioneering workplace innovation at Breton Business Center Ltd.; by Marine Atlantic for her contribution to its Accessibility Advisory Committee; by the Cape Breton Tourist Association with its Friendship Award, and most recently by the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia) with its Excellence Award acknowledging her accomplishments, commitment, fortitude, and perseverance.

# MARCELLINA (MARCIE) SHWERY- STANLEY



## VOLUNTEER/ COMMUNITY WORK (1978-Present):

- ~ Member, *N.S. Health & Wellness, Continuing Care Client Advisory Council*, (2014 – Present)
- ~ Panel Member, *Minister's (Community Services) Advisory Panel on Accessibility Legislation*, & member of Transportation Sub- committee (2014 – 2015)
- ~ Board Member, *Horizon Achievement Centre* (2012-Present)
- Commissioner, *N.S. Disabled Persons Commission* (2007- Present)
- Chair, *Society for the Improvement of Accessible Transportation* (2004- Present)
- Equity Reference Group Member, *Healthy Balance Research Project* (2002-2007)
- Member, *Marine Atlantic Accessibility Advisory Committee* (2000-Present)
- Board Member, *Persons with Disabilities Partnership Assoc. for Cape Breton Regional Municipality & Victoria County* (2000-Present)
- Member & Chair of MOU & Handi-Trans Sub-Committees, *Cape Breton Regional Municipality Human Rights Affirmative Action Committee* (2007-2011)
- Member, *Cape Breton Regional Hospital Accessibility Audit Working Group* (2007)
- Committee Member, *Technology Day Organizing Committee* (Feb. - Nov. 2000)
- Board Member, *University College of Cape Breton Alumni Association* (2000-2005)
- Board Member, *Cape Breton University Alumni Association* (2005-Present)
- Committee Member, *Centre of Excellence Focusing on Technology as an Information, Education & Employment Resource for Persons with Disabilities Committee* (1996-98)
- Co-Chairperson, *Persons with Disabilities Partnership Committee for Cape Breton* (1996-98)
- Chairperson, *Province Wide Partnership Committee on Entrepreneurship & Persons with Disabilities* (1995-2000)
- Co-Chairperson, *Women in Business Conference Organizing Committee* (1996-2001)
- Chair, *Task Force on the Economic Integration of Women With Disabilities in Nova Scotia* (1992-96)
- Member, *N. S. Advisory Council on the Status of Women*, Past Chair of Economic Equality & Annual Meeting Committees (1990-99)
- Administrative Vice President of the *Steel Centre Toastmasters Club* (1989-91)
- Vice Chair, *Assoc. for the Management of Unemployment Skills & Training for Youth* (1985-87)
- Member, *Canada Winter Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies Committee* (1986-87)
- Co-chairperson, *Canada Winter Games Ceremonies Sub-Committee* (1986-87)
- Member, *Vision, Community Initiatives for Regional Development* (1985-87)
- Secretary, *Sydney Human Rights Affirmative Action Committee* (1983-89)
- Director, *PLURA, Nova Scotia and Atlantic PLURA* (1981-84)
- o *Industrial C. B. Board of Trade, Co-Chair, Communications & Government Affairs Committee* (1981-84)
- Chairperson, *International Year of Disabled Persons Committee for Industrial Cape Breton* (1980-81)
- President and Vice President of the *Unison Society of Cape Breton* (1980-87)
- Director, *Recreation Council for the Disabled of Nova Scotia* (RCDNS) (1979-81)
- Director, *Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities* (1979-81)
- Director, *Coalition of Provincial Organizations of the Handicapped (COPOH)* (1979-81)
- President, Treasurer, Chairperson of Ways & Means & Public Relations Committees of *Community Involvement of the Disabled Society* (1978-84)
- Director, *Breton Research Institute* (1978-84)