

SCEA Board Member Nominee Profile

<p>Name: Natalie Leitão</p>
<p>Children and/or School Affiliation: Two children who both began Kindy at BCS and graduated from Yr 12 at SCC</p>
<p>Length and nature of association with SCEA:</p> <p>Staff member at BCS 1994 – 2011 (Part-time positions which variously included K – 7 teacher; LOTE teacher; Assistant Principal; relief teacher)</p> <p>Served on SCEA Staff Council in 2011</p> <p>Served on BCS Parent Council 1999-2000 & 2003 - 2005</p> <p>Served on SCC Parent Committee 2010-2013</p> <p>One term serving on the SCEA Board 2013-2016</p>
<p>Faith journey and current church affiliation:</p> <p>I am a baptised, Bible-believing Christian having responded to God's call as a teenager. I have actively served across various denominations since my teen years (including Church of Christ, Baptist Church, Uniting Church, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church). I am currently a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church which I have been attending with my family for the last 28 years.</p> <p>I believe walking with God is a daily decision involving reading the Bible, praying, and being obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading as I try and follow the example of Jesus. I am saved by grace, not by works, and show my love for God by loving and serving others and by trying to be a wise steward of His many gifts. My faith journey is ongoing as it is a continual "work in progress".</p> <p>Aside from my local church I am a leader at Girls' Brigade (Noranda company) and I am also a committee member and Vice-president of the Western Australian chapter of the Australian Association for Religious Education (AARE).</p>
<p>Employment / Professional Background / Qualifications:</p> <p><i>Employment:</i></p> <p>I currently serve as Academic Principal at Sheridan Institute of Higher Education (SIHE). Apart from working at SCEA my other places of employment over the last 10 years include Edith Cowan University, Morling College, Tabor College, Christian Schools Australia, One World Centre (NB: I held multiple part-time positions simultaneously).</p> <p><i>Professional Background:</i></p> <p>My professional background includes being a classroom teacher (initially at John Septimus Roe and Northside Christian School), then moving into adult education, training, and research.</p> <p><i>Qualifications:</i></p>

Ph. D - Education, Edith Cowan University (2008) B.Ed. Hons - Early Childhood Education, Edith Cowan University (1996) Dip. Teach K-7 - Western Australian College of Advanced Education (1988)
Contribution I could bring to the SCEA Board: Expertise with regard to education, training, and research.
Motivation for Board nomination: I responded to a request to have a conversation about the possibility of serving on the SCEA Board.
Signature: <i>N.C. Leitão</i> Date: 16 / 5 /23

Note: This form will be supplied, as completed by the Nominee, to the Board and to Association Members prior to election or appointment to the Board. The above sections are 'free text' to allow a nominee complete flexibility in the length and detail of their responses.