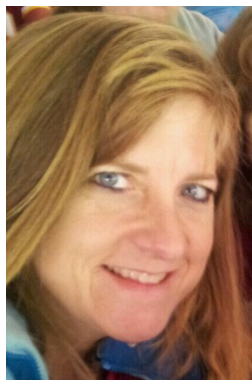


Constituency Director Cristina Gouin Shares Her Experience as a Society Leader

Greetings Sigma Xi members,



I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the privilege of serving you as the current Director of the Area Groups, State and Federal Labs Constituency Group. I have also served as the Director of the Mid-Atlantic region. With the support of my fellow Board members, the Executive Director, and the professional staff at Sigma Xi HQ, I have been able to accomplish many of my goals and I believe the Society's presence within and beyond the science community has been strengthened.

With thoughtful collaboration and prudent debate, those who serve alongside me on Sigma Xi's Board of Directors have provided meaningful contributions, guidance and support which has been valuable to me and to the advancement of the Society's vision. Our Associate Directors have also worked hard to ensure that our chapters continue to grow stronger and have the support they need to enhance the experience for our younger scientists and researchers. **Working together, we can accomplish so much more.**

While serving on various Sigma Xi committees I continue to gain knowledge and understanding of the important work of the Society and I am grateful for those opportunities to be a part of enhancing our members' experiences. Another benefit of serving Sigma Xi is the ability to get to know and interact regularly with so many scientists from all the other constituencies and regions. On many occasions throughout my professional career I have tapped my colleagues in Sigma Xi for answers or ideas in an area of science outside of my expertise. We are true "Zealous companions" in science.

We need to continue the momentum. Your knowledge, your experience and your willingness to serve as a leader of the Society is needed. You can help to promote a culture that creates a broader pathway towards the recognition of excellence in science and one that supports our Society as an organization that encompasses all members of the research community. Sigma Xi needs you to help promote the public's understanding of science, to become an even louder voice, helping to lead the society, with new and fresh ideas from your own experience.

I invite you to help fill leadership positions by nominating yourself, or someone else whom you believe aligns with the Society's values, and who can help lead us toward the fulfillment of our mission.

The future of Sigma Xi is in your hands, won't you nominate someone today for vacancies for the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024 term:

Directors representing:

- Baccalaureate Colleges Constituency Group
- Canadian/International Constituency Group
- Northwest Region
- Southeast Region

Associate Directors representing:

- North Central Region
- Southwest Region
- Membership at Large Constituency Group
- Research & Doctoral Universities Constituency Group

Committee on Nominations representing:

- Mid-Atlantic Region
- Northeast Region
- Area Groups, Industries, State & Federal Labs Constituency Group
- Comprehensive Colleges & Universities Constituency Group

Active, full members of Sigma Xi are eligible for office. *An inactive member may become active at any time through payment of current dues.*

Please visit www.sigmaxi.org/2020-elections to learn more about the duties and responsibilities for each position.

You can view our [Strategic Plan and Annual Report](#) to learn more about what your Society is doing and how you might help.

Your region and constituency are designated by your current chapter affiliation as listed on the online [member profile](#). If you are unsure about which region and constituency your chapter is affiliated with, please contact elections@sigmaxi.org.

The **deadline** to submit nominations is **June 30, 2020**. Nominations should be sent to elections@sigmaxi.org.

The election will be held immediately following the [121st Annual Meeting and Student Research Conference](#)