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Jenny GULAMANI-ABDULLA, Candidate for Executive Secretary, BPW International

Last name and first name	Gulamani-Abdulla Jenny
Member of	BPW Calgary
Nominated by	BPW Canada
Consent of own Affiliate	
BPW Offices held	<p>Club Immediate Past President, President, Vice President From 2009 to 2016</p> <p>Federation Immediate Past President, President, First Vice President, Liaison From 2013 to 2020</p> <p>Region Executive Committee for North America & the Caribbean From 2016 to 2018</p> <p>BPW International Taskforce Chair (2018-20); Taskforce Member (2016-2018) From 2016 to 2020</p> <p>Present Club BPW Calgary, Canada</p>
Positions in Other Voluntary Organisations (including years)	<p>Co-Founder of The Canadian Federation For Citizenship (2017-2020)</p> <p>Subject Matter Expert for Citizenship and Immigration at His Highness The Agakhan Council For Canada (2014-2020)</p> <p>Guest lecturer at The University of Calgary for Social Work and The Law Class (2017-2020)</p> <p>Presenter at The Immigration Education Alliance on Humanitarian and Compassionate Cases (2018-2019)</p> <p>Participant in stakeholder dialogues with UN Women, International Labour Organization and European Commission as well as Private Sector Engagement Meetings in Canada and USA (2018)</p> <p>Keynote speaker at the European Union Residence in Ottawa on Trade and Empowerment (2017)</p> <p>Keynote speaker at Head Start Ottawa, an initiative of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities</p> <p>Panelist at the Scholars’ Academy at the University of Calgary (2016).</p> <p>Advisory Council Member for 1000 Women Rising Campaign at Bow Valley College (2013-2019)</p>





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	<p>Speaker for “The Refugee Experience Series” at the Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (2012-2013) Immigration Law Analyst at His Highness The Agakhan Council for Australia and New Zealand (2011- 2015) Curriculum reviewer of the UEnd Poverty’s School Program Curriculum on Global Citizenship (2011-2012) Presenter on the Pluralist Society in Canada at Chestermere Lake Middle School (2010) Presenter for Family Class Sponsorship at Immigrant Services Calgary (2010) Policy Development Member for the Encounters Education Program for Students in Grades 7-9 (2009-2010) Deputy Communications Coordinator for Events Management at His Highness The Agakhan Council for the Prairies (2009-2010) Co- Chair of the Professional Services Division at The United Way of Calgary and Area (2008-2009) English as a Second Language Instructor for newly arrived immigrants at the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society (1984-1986)</p>
<p>Related Experience / Qualifications (e.g. CV, resume)</p>	<p>Education: Northwestern California University, USA – Juris Doctor in Law – 1994 University of Calgary, Canada – Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy –1991</p> <p>Professional Experience: Over 25 years’ experience specializing in the area of Immigration Law and Procedures President and Founder of Gulamani-Abdulla & Co, Immigration Consulting Co-Founder of The Canadian Federation For Citizenship</p> <p>Professional Affiliations: Member of The International Bar Association (IBA) Member of the Human Rights Law Committee of the Legal Practice Division of IBA Member of the Women Lawyers’ Interest Group of the Public & Professional Interest Division of IBA Member of The Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (RCIC); Recognized by the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments of Canada</p> <p>Awards: Titled One of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women’s Executive Network</p> <p>Distinguished Alumna Award for Demonstration of Wisdom, Resilience and Compassion, University of Calgary (Canada) Recipient of “Iconic Woman” Award by the Women Economic Forum, New Delhi (India) for “Creating a Better World For All”</p>





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	<p>BPW Achievements:</p> <p>Presenter on the Gender Wage Gap and advocate for “Equal Pay For Equal Work” with involvement in street rally, schools, boardrooms, petitions to parliament resulting in Motion 70 to declare a National Equal Pay Day as documented by numerous media interviews (2012-Present).</p> <p>Keynote Speaker at the European Union Residence on Trade and the Economic and Social Empowerment of Women with the Women Heads of Mission in Ottawa hosted by Her Excellency Marie-Anne Coninx</p> <p>Submitted a Recommendation to the Special Committee on Pay Equity chaired by Member of Parliament Anita Vandenberg who submitted Motion 70 to declare Equal Pay Day Nationally (2016)</p> <p>Hosted the 45th Biennial Convention in Calgary during the Centennial Year of Women’s Suffrage and recognized 100 Women’s Organizations across Canada with leaders from government, business and civil society (2016)</p> <p>Keynote speaker at Head Start Ottawa, an initiative of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to deliver on the Gender Wage Gap and raise awareness on salary negotiations (2016)</p> <p>Donated Children’s book “In the Hoofsteps of Eemooly Murphy” with BPW Calgary members in schools to raise awareness on Equal Pay for Equal Work (2015-2016)</p> <p>Prepared a Resolution to the Prime Minister’s Office through BPW Canada to urge the Government to sign on, adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Indigenous People (2015)</p> <p>Presented a petition on Equal Pay for Equal Work at the House of Commons through Green Party Leader’s Office in 2014.</p> <p>Submitted a Resolution to the Prime Minister’s Office through BPW Canada to identify Businesses and Individuals with linkages to the Sex Trade in order to protect temporary foreign workers in Canada (2013)</p> <p>Led the First Equal Pay Day Rally under the “Women are Persons” monument in Downtown Calgary (2013) and took it from the streets to the boardrooms by education, awareness through media (2014)</p> <p>Directed the Awareness Campaign for the World’s First International Day of the Girl at the Business and Professional Women’s Club of Calgary, an initiative applauded by Minister Rona Ambrose (2012)</p>
<p>Statement by Candidate (Maximum 500 words)</p>	<p>It is with humility that I submit my statement to be considered for the position of Executive Secretary. As a member of the International Bar Association and with over 25 years of experience practising Immigration law, I provide advice to clients on the rules and procedures as well as their rights and obligations. In addition, I conduct research and analyze legal problems, interpret laws and regulations, prepare and file legal documents, as well as present facts in writing and verbally. The role of executive secretary involves advising on constitutional and procedural matters, supporting affiliation procedures, ensuring compliance and filing of documentation, as well as receiving and reviewing amendments. These responsibilities align well with my professional expertise.</p>





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As Taskforce Chairperson for Women Migrants and Global Citizenship, and, as a Registered Expert at BPW International I have an appreciation of the work of various standing committees and taskforces. I have served as member of the Legislation committee and as member of the International Peace and Intercultural Understanding taskforce. In my role as executive secretary, I will be serving with that same understanding as an ex-officio member of the Constitution Advisory Committee and Resolutions Committee as well as liaising with the History and Archives Taskforce.

As President of BPW Canada, I occupied the role of Chief Executive Officer. I was also appointed representative of BPW Canada to the board of directors of BPW International. The general supervision and direction of all business, including the management of the Federation was considered my duty. I signed all official documents and presided over all the meetings of the executive, the board of directors and the federation. As executive secretary at the International level, I will be prepared for any such duties as may be designated to me.

At BPW Canada, it was extremely important to promote ourselves to businesses and corporations so that we could collaborate in an effort to accelerate our growth. In addition to recruitment of members, it is equally important to engage existing members. By actively listening and embracing diversity within our membership, we can better understand the varied experiences of our members worldwide. Collectively, we can come up with creative ideas and strategic solutions to better serve our global membership with greater enthusiasm. Most of us know that a strong communication strategy is also vital to growth. I have held positions such as Chair of Communications as First Vice President of BPW Canada at a time when our paid administrative staff as well as website and social media manager were absent. I have also occupied roles in other non-profit organizations as a Deputy Communications Coordinator where I developed communication strategies to stay connected to members and other stakeholders to elevate participation and commitment. I am confident that with this background and experience, I will be in a position to advance the monitoring of members services and quality assurance, a responsibility I consider as essential to the role of executive secretary.

Thank You For Your Trust and Confidence!

A written Supporting statement (Maximum 200 words) by nominating affiliate

Jenny is a strategic and thoughtful leader. As President of BPW Canada, she was focused on diversifying our membership. Jenny launched a club in Montreal, the second most populous municipality in Canada with French as its official language. She also established a club in Edmonton, the capital city of Alberta, Jenny’s home province, and most of our members there practise in male dominated fields. With clubs closed in British Columbia, the board approved the opening of BPW Canada online club. The last time BPW Canada had launched three clubs in one term was a decade ago. Membership grew by 20% under Jenny’s leadership.





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Jenny has the ability to unify and think outside of the box. As President, she formed partnerships across various stakeholders. She was instrumental in recognizing 100 like-minded organizations across Canada during the Centennial Year of Women’s Suffrage, attended conferences hosted by Ministers, met with the business community to form a new club, engaged with the media, met with women ambassadors from a dozen countries, connected with educational institutions, met with UN Women, ILO and the EU Commission, and joined discussions with the Global Compact Network Canada. Jenny is driven by a passion for BPW and its vision.

Linda Davis
President BPW Canada

