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Nominated by ICOM CAMOC and ICOM Canada

POSITIONS

- ◆ Principal Consultant, Catherine C. Cole & Associates (1993-present)
- ◆ Director of Planning, Inuit Heritage Trust (IHT), Iqaluit (2020-2024)
- ◆ Head, Division of Culture, Environment and Tourism/Cultural Affairs Adviser Western Province, Solomon Islands (1991-1993)
- ◆ Curator of Western Canadian History, Provincial Museum of Alberta (1988-1991)
- ◆ Curator of Interpretive Collections, Provincial Museum of Alberta/ Historic Sites Service (1983-1986)

I would like to see ICOM become a more equitable organisation, with all members able to fully participate. I firmly believe in the value of an international museums' organisation, imperfect though ICOM is, and have been a member since I was a student in 1983. I've had the privilege of visiting nearly 50 countries and working on projects in many of them. I recognise that working internationally is very challenging because we all come to ICOM with different perspectives and values, but I think the importance of doing so is even greater than it was when I joined years ago.

Objectives:

- Focus on the decolonisation of ICOM as an organisation; ICOM should acknowledge that museums historically have been instruments of colonialism and should work towards reconciliation.
- Support current Indigenous members of ICOM and help to create a safe environment within ICOM so that more Indigenous people join.
- Support the sustainable development agenda of ICOM.
- Advocate on behalf of small island states particularly in the Pacific and the Caribbean, many of whom are not included in ICOM's membership, and on behalf of colleagues in Africa.
- Work to improve the efficiency of the organisation, particularly the Executive Board and Advisory Council, to ensure that our time is well spent.

FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ Jury member, ICOM Award for Sustainable Development Practice in Museums (2024-present)
- ◆ Member, Working Group on Decolonisation (2023-present)
- ◆ Board member, ICOM Canada (2021-present)
- ◆ Vice-chair (2016-2022) and Board member (2010-2013), CAMOC

- ◆ Member, SAREC (2017-2020)
- ◆ Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Association of Museums (CAM), an ICOM Affiliated Organisation, 2014-2020

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ MA History, University of Alberta