My public service was inspired by advocacy for public education and is grounded by my work as a researcher at Wilfrid Laurier University. Access to education drives economic empowerment. When women reach their potential, our respective countries thrive, and health outcomes improve. My goal as Chair would be to ensure that our work is productive, intentional, and centered around our shared and inclusive values. In this volatile geopolitical setting environment, it is important for organizations like the CWP to identify important goals (such as addressing human trafficking, climate change or equitable access to education), and develop actions plans to lead the way. It is important for the CWP to demonstrate how nations can work together to improve the lives of citizens across the Commonwealth. At this point in history, our work has never been more important. I will dedicate the time and energy for our collective success.