

Who's in the Rheum? CRA Staff Edition (Part 1)

Welcome to the first part of our Who's in the Rheum? CRA Staff Edition series! We hope to share some of the personalities behind the CRA who work so hard to support our members. Interviews with other members of our staff will be published in the Winter issue.

	 Mona Bosinceanu	 Sharon Brinkos	 Sue Ranta
Please describe your role at the CRA in one sentence.	As an Office Manager reporting to the CEO, I am responsible for supporting the smooth and efficient running of the CRA, with a strong focus on administrative and operational excellence.	I am the Membership and Sponsor Coordinator; I also respond to all general inquiries.	I coordinate and support the activities of various operational committees and working groups.
How long have you been with the CRA?	Since November 2018.	Since June 2013.	Since October 2018.
What is your favourite CRA memory to date?	The successful Canada Night event in Atlanta, in 2019.	I can't say there is only one, as every year at the ASM something seems to happen that puts a smile on my face or sends our team into hysterics.	Claire LeBlanc's live performance at the 2020 gala dinner – she was incredible!
How has COVID-19 impacted your day-to-day operations?	Internet usage "black-outs" which occur quite frequently.	Yes – scheduling important meetings around my daughter's school schedule due to the strain on our internet.	Not really, aside from the welcome distraction of having my 2 girls under one roof again.
What were your summer plans this year pre-COVID?	Travel/Safari in Africa.	We were moving, so lots of unpacking to do and no actual travel plans.	Camping and cottaging . . . not much has changed!
Where is your next destination once it's safe to travel?	Hopefully the African Safari which was postponed.	I'm not a world traveller but hope to drive to eastern Canada (Newfoundland) to see family. A plane ride is not in my near future!	Australia to visit my sister.
If you were shipwrecked on a deserted island, what two items would you want to have with you (excluding basic necessities)?	My dog and a bottle of wine.	Magnifying glass and Swiss Army knife.	A notebook and a pen.
Can you share any of your hidden talents or hobbies?	Ping-pong/badminton/tennis.	I absolutely love to cook and have won a couple of baking awards. Butter tarts are my specialty!	Upcycling and refinishing furniture.
What are you watching or reading these days?	Modern Family	I read cookbooks. <i>Taste of Home</i> books are my favourite.	<i>Imperfect Birds</i> by Anne Lamott.
What's your favorite '80s or '90s jam?	Vanessa Paradis	I'm a country girl at heart so Garth Brooks, Reba McEntyre, Brooks & Dunn, and Alan Jackson were always playing on my radio.	Anything and everything by The Tragically Hip – it was the soundtrack to my life back then!