

Gabriela Carew – AFS-OC Vice President Candidate



Gabriela grew up in Scarborough, Ontario where she explored her fascination of the natural world by going to the Rouge Park, the biodiversity gallery at the Royal Ontario Museum, or the Toronto Zoo whenever she could. She had always been interested in the water and all the fish she saw while exploring and knew she wanted to be a biologist when she grew up.

Gabriela is a graduate of the Fish and Wildlife Technology program at Fleming College, where she focused on her passion for freshwater ecology. Throughout her career, she has had the opportunity to gain experience in many different places – She has contributed to shark research at the University of Miami, assisted

with science communication programs at the Toronto Zoo, at the ROM's Biodiversity Gallery and at the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, worked in a fish lab where she processed thousands of biological samples for the Lake Erie branch of the Ontario Commercial Fisheries Association, and worked in the public and private sector conducting species at risk monitoring and other general biodiversity monitoring. While working at the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, she contributed to the aquatic species at risk monitoring programs for fish and freshwater mussels of the Lower Thames watershed. During her career in consulting, and now in her role as a Monitoring Technician at Conservation Halton, she brings her passion and knowledge of the environment to contribute to pre- and post-construction monitoring programs.

Gabriela has been a member of the AFS-OC since 2018 and has continuously enjoyed learning from others and being able to network with professionals and students within her field. As someone who did not follow a traditional path when navigating her career, she hopes to be able to share her knowledge with future biologists who may also be following a non-traditional career path.

Outside of her professional career, Gabriela enjoys hiking, camping, canoeing, reading, birding and spending time with her cat.