

Sunshine Coast Hospice Society AGM June 8, 2017

Biographies of Members Standing for Election to the Board of Directors

(Please Note): **All nominees are standing for election for a two (2) year period.**

Linda Anton

Work Experience

- commercial lead and procurement management for large industrial projects and operating plants in Canada and internationally, in the transportation, utilities, energy and construction sectors
- planning and management of directors and shareholders meetings, shareholder relations, securities compliance, corporate governance for widely-traded public corporations
- prime contractor management, local and First Nations initiatives and contracting, aerodrome development

Skills

- economics, insurance and risk management, project management, contract law, finance, budgeting, marketing, and claims and dispute resolution

Volunteerism

- supporting people with disabilities (Calgary SCOPE Society)
- providing a forum for collaboration among industry, academia, and government (Canada Council for the Americas-Alberta)
- advocacy for women particularly in education (CFUW- Sunshine Coast)
- served last year as Secretary to the Hospice Board of Directors, and on the Build Steering, Executive and Governance Committees, and Hospice volunteer

Klaus Blume

Work Experience

- Industrial electrician
- retired teacher (high school mathematics, German, music, woodwork, and parts of the International Baccalaureate program) in Prince George
- owner-operator of Capers Restaurant, mentioned in the Michelin Guide north of Vancouver

Skills

- collaboration, conflict and dispute resolution (including between people of different age groups), management, finances, negotiation, meeting administration, composure under pressure

Volunteerism

- long time staff representative in the B.C. Teacher's Federation
- member of the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Station 14, Gibsons (formerly the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary) active on call and Treasurer of the RCMSR from 2009.
- Former Commodore and long-time member of the Gibsons Yacht Club
- taught a class at Elder College as a Jazz expert of the 1900-1960's period.

Dr. Eddie Berinstein

Work Experience

- full service Family Doctor on the Coast for 35 years, committed to improving healthcare for all
- instrumental in initiating the Palliative Care program on the Coast, serving as one of two Palliative care physicians, and on-call to provide Palliative Care 24/7

Skills

- compassionate, collaborative, able to identify gaps and follow-through,

Volunteerism

- participant in and on, numerous groups and committees to address Coast healthcare needs,
- Practitioner since 1977, and long-time instructor in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), a program that helps to calm the mind and body to help one cope with illness, pain and stress.

Kerry Eldred

Work Experience

- retired Certified General Accountant
- worked in public practice while taking the course through seven years of correspondence
- worked in the industry before starting own public practice firm in 1999.
- owner in the Roberts Creek General Store from 1988 - 1997, including the building of the new store in 1993

Skills

- strong financial background
- born and raised on the Sunshine Coast, with extensive knowledge of the area
- team oriented, task-focused

Volunteerism

- currently President of Sunshine Coast Snooker League
- Umpire-in-chief for Gibsons Minor Baseball
- active member in development of Roberts Creek Community Plan
- instrumental in getting playing fields in Cliff Gilker Park
- member of the volunteer fire department

Denis Fafard

Work experience

- 30 years in public education in a variety of roles: secondary and elementary classroom teacher, professional development leader for teachers, university instructor in professional development
- active in the B.C. Teacher's Federation as staff rep, local executive and President of the Sunshine Coast Teachers Association

Skills

- education and training (public and small groups), collaboration, conflict management, non-profit governance, outreach, patience

Volunteerism

- involved in provincial and local politics and in social justice issues such as child poverty, gender discrimination, and the environment
- Hospice volunteer for 6 years, member of the Board of Directors for last 5, with a focus on volunteer training, the development of the Gentle Touch Program, governance, donor retention, public education, and financial sustainability.
- served last year as President of the Hospice Board, on the Fundraising, Strategic Planning and Build Steering Committees, and ex-officio member of all standing committees

Kim Hadley

Work Experience

- worked as a forest technician, then moved over to the communications department of FERIC (Forest Research Institute of Canada) for 19 years (now merged and called FP Innovations)
- seventeen years ago, formed own company, *Imaginations Everything*, focused on Web design and Graphic Design
- artist, basket maker (fibre art) and member of the Sunshine Coast Artists Co-operative

Skills

- graphic design, web design focused on small businesses
- knowledge of computer programs, and online marketing
- small business knowledge, networking with other business owners
- capable of managing multiple projects at the same time
- fibre artist, creative

Volunteerism

- currently on the “Bridge” (similar to a board) of the Sunshine Coast chapter of Canadian Power and Sail Squadron
- currently on the Board of the Sunshine Coast Artists Co-op
- past Member of Sunshine Coast Pride Committee (currently volunteer for various events)
- volunteer with Pride Guide, an annual magazine showcasing LGBtQ2 people, arts and culture on the Coast.
- co-ordinates a weekly paddle on the big canoes in Sechelt Inlet
- do virtual volunteer work with Innerlight Ministries (in California)

Joan Marshall

Work Experience

- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Printmaking and Masters of Science in Textile Conservation
- taught English, design, textile science and textile conservation
- Curator at the Sunshine Coast Arts Centre for two years in the late 80's
- Textile Conservator in private practice, having worked in several museums in Canada and at the Canadian Conservation Institute in Ottawa

Skills

- teaching and administrative experience, ability to delegate tasks, organize projects and co-ordinate volunteers, collaboration, team oriented
- having survived breast cancer and the sudden death of my husband in 2011, has contributed to my growing involvement with others going through similar experiences

Volunteerism

- served on various committees of the Canadian Association for the Conservation of Cultural Property (CAC) and The Canadian Association of Professional Conservators (CAPC), including examination boards, studying accreditation, and the state of private conservation in Canada
- Programme chair (CAC) bilingual national conference in Montreal in 2008
- Cultural Human Resources Council selection committee for conservation grants in Canada in 1997
- Deep political involvement in graduate student politics at the University of Alberta from 1988-1991. Coordinated Department of Clothing and Textiles. Summer Youth University. Volunteer work in the conservation laboratory. Representative to Graduate Student Association. Graduate student representative on Faculty Dean Selection Committee
- Three terms on Sunshine Coast Arts Council board, first in the 1970s.

Donna Shugar

Work experience

- managed a small business
- worked as a social worker and a day care supervisor including for the Sechelt First Nation, starting and operating a day care centre and training First Nations women in ECE
- managed the Sunshine Coast Arts Centre for several years (after being on the board for 10 years, including time as President)
- 3 terms on SCRD board as Director for Area D, Roberts Creek
- chaired the Sunshine Coast Regional Hospital District Board, and was involved with the new hospital build in Sechelt

Skills

- knowledge of the socio-political context of the Sunshine Coast
- project management and co-ordination, public relations, organizational governance, ethics, fund-raising

Volunteerism

- chaired the Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee for 6 years
- 10 years on Board of Sunshine Coast Arts Council, including time as president
- became a hospice volunteer in Sept 2015, participated in vigils, has been a regular visitor to one person at Shorncliffe, and has been part of a group that visits at Christenson Village weekly
- served last year as Vice-President of the Hospice Board, and on the Fundraising, Strategic Planning, and Build Steering Committees, and Co-ordinator of 30th Anniversary events

Jackie Smola

Work Experience

- retired Naval Officer, with 23 years distinguished service and retiring as a Senior Officer. Served Operational tours as a navigation and diving officer during the Bosnian war, the Haitian crisis and Hurricane Andrew. Upon completion of Operational tours, served as; lead instructor for four years at Canada's Naval Academy, 3 years as the Second In Command of a ship and finally as a staff officer, looking after recruiting and retention for an organization of 5,000 Naval Reserves

Skills

- expertise in leadership, communication, training, (including curriculum development) , human resources, personnel management, policy and policy development, liaison with external agencies, financial management, as well as the ability to work in a team environment.

Volunteerism

- Hospice member for 4 years, continuously active as a volunteer, focusing on companioning, vigils, and involvement in Tea and Company program
- Served last year as a Board member, served on the Lights for Life, Governance, Strategic Planning, Fundraising and 30th Anniversary Committees, as well as Board Liason for Pender Harbour

Lori Wotherspoon

Work Experience

- over 20 years experience as a Registered Nurse in both clinical and community settings, including BC Childrens Hospital, Vancouver Coast Health (including sitting on steering committees), Nurse Next Door, Healthy Heart Society, and Home Healthcare Network
- developed programs and policies for delivery of care in home and facility settings
- facilitated discharge planning and coordination of resources in the community
- client counseling in the community about heart disease and diabetes prevention
- owned and operated own business for over 8 years in Vancouver (KJM Country Gardens)
- currently Care Manager and Consultant with the Home Healthcare Network on the Sunshine Coast

Skills

- expertise in leadership and management, strong interpersonal and communication skills, experience in creative problem solving, ability to work collaboratively with others

Volunteer Experience

- Board of Directors Southlands Riding Club – served as member and chair of various committees. Served as President for 2 years
- Board of Directors Southlands Ratepayers Committee - served for 7 years
- Canadian Memorial United Church – served on the Personnel Committee
- Southlands Country Fair Co-ordinator for 2 years