

BCNPHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

Board Candidate Statements



William Azaroff

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I'm William and I'm excited to be a candidate for the BCNPHA Board. My desire is to bring my knowledge, energy, experience and commitment to the association while my perspective in the sector is fresh. I became CEO of Brightside Community Homes Foundation in June after 14 years at Vancity, more than half that time in senior leadership and executive roles. My governance experience includes serving as current Board Chair of Vancity Community Foundation and former chair of Modo Co-operative.

Shawn Bayes

CEO The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver

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Shawn Bayes has worked in the non-profit sector for 40 years, with over 25 years developing and operating social housing in both small and large organizations in rural and Lower Mainland communities. Shawn brings an understanding of the impacts and considerations for gender, poverty, criminalization linked to form and function within housing models and architectural design, as well as considerations for mixed residential-commercial developments. She welcomes supporting the development of housing for vulnerable women and children particularly.



Jennifer Walsh

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I am a CPA and the Director of Finance for New Chelsea Society. I feel passionate about affordable housing as I believe that everyone deserves to have a safe and affordable home where they can be comfortable to live, grow, and be part of a thriving community. Through my work at New Chelsea Society I have gained skills, knowledge and experience to be able to give back to the sector as a BCNPHA board member.

George Jacobs

CEO Communitas Supportive Care Society

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As an immigrant to Canada in 2006 I have spent 13 years trying to define what the word "home" means to me. I believe that the right to a roof over our heads has to be held synonymous with other basic human rights. As the COO for a non-profit social services organization that includes housing for individuals with various abilities, I can bring value to the table that addresses housing needs across the province.





Ahmed Omran

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I've been involved in the Affordable Housing sector since 2011, first with BC Housing, then AHMA and now as the Director of Housing at S.U.C.C.E.S.S. With the current housing crisis in BC, all levels of government are introducing policies and programs to tackle housing affordability. I believe BCNPHA and its members have a critical role in guiding policies and programs to be able to achieve the intended results. Having experience in government and non-profit gives me a valuable perspective that can be helpful in advancing BCNPHA's mandate.

Trever Broadhead

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Trever broke into the social housing sector with Vancouver Native Housing Society in June 2018. Trever and his wife Amanda spent the previous 17 years raising their four children in Lethbridge, Alberta. During that time Trever also gained the transferable skills necessary to take on challenging operational and administrative duties at one of the largest social housing providers in the Lower Mainland. Trever is proud to be working for VNHS and grateful for the opportunity to provide subsidized housing to the Indigenous community.



Monique Nelson

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Monique Nelson is the Director of Community Engagement for *posAbilities*, a multi-regional non-profit community living service provider. Her experience spans communications, public engagement, policy development and the recognition of Indigenous rights. She volunteers with the Greater Vancouver and Burnaby Boards of Trade, is an award-winning mentor, and member of the Women's Business Success Network. Monique is particularly inspired by her achievement developing four units of supportive housing in northwestern BC. She also volunteers extensively within her housing co-operative community.

Lynda Edmonds

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Lynda has served for seven years as CEO for Fraserside Community Services, a prominent BC social services organization. She has four decades of experience as a social worker. She leads with vision and a deep-seated commitment to creating communities of belonging, including for those living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, substance use, and homelessness. Her deep knowledge of BC's nonprofit housing sector would enable her to make a meaningful contribution to the strategic direction of BCNPHA as a Board Director.





Deborah Maynard

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Deborah Maynard joined Coast Mental Health as the Director, Human Resources and Volunteer Services in 2017. Prior to this she held various leadership roles in a number of different industries across the Lower Mainland. She brings a broad business background in HR, governance, learning and development, health and safety, and strategy development. She holds an MBA from Athabasca University, a Management Certificate from Dalhousie University, and is a Chartered Professional in Human Resources (CPHR).

Carey Fraser

Executive Director CMHA Kootenays Branch

INTERIOR

Carey Fraser has always believed that affordable housing is the cornerstone to good overall health – physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. This belief stems from a childhood spent in affordable housing to a career in non-profit with a focus on fund development for affordable housing, schools and medical attention for Canadians and those in 40 other countries around the world. Carey brings not only a passion for this cause, but a lifetime of skill and experience.



Mike Gawliuk

INTERIOR

Mike Gawliuk is Director of Service Delivery and Program Innovation with CMHA Kelowna and has worked in non-profits for 25 years. His current role includes the development and oversight of Supportive Housing and Housing First programming, which has reinforced his belief in housing as a fundamental human right. He is passionate about preventing and ending homelessness; he is a member on the advisory board of A Way Home Canada and the National Learning Community on Youth Homelessness.

Angela Hudson

AT-LARGE

Angela Hudson was elected to the BC Non-Profit Housing Association board in 2016 and currently serves as the Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Angela has also served on the Governance/Resolution committee and was instrumental in the previous changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Angela is an active participant in the Regional Engagement sessions, which ensures the BCNPHA Board represents the direction of member organizations. Angela is the Executive Director of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul of Vancouver Island and a founding member of the Canadian Chartered Institute of Housing.





Makenna Rielly

AT-LARGE

Makenna Rielly is the Executive Director of the Victoria Women's Transition House. With a strong commitment to providing second-stage and emergency transitional housing to survivors of violence and their families, Makenna is well known in the sector and works collaboratively with key stakeholders supporting diverse populations. Makenna worked in the non-profit sector for over 30 years with 20 years' executive experience; she is a CARF accreditation surveyor and business consultant with an emphasis on policy and research, and finance.

Yvonne Blair

AT-LARGE

With a background in property management and finance, I have spent the last seven years with Greater Victoria Housing Society managing the tenant relations and housing departments. I am a strong advocate for the members of the non-profit housing sector working together and learning from each other while also providing a strong voice to be heard at all levels of government. When time permits, you can find me walking or hiking with my dog by the ocean or through the forest.



Andrea Blakeman

AT-LARGE

Having been involved in various aspects of housing for more than 10 years, a Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society board member for two-and-a-half years and the organization's Chief Operating Officer since September 2019, I am deeply committed to the sector. My experience includes mediation, coaching, mentorship and education, along with years of strategic planning in both the non-profit and educational sectors. Both education and experience in cross-cultural contexts (in Canada and overseas) has provided me with significant diversity of perspective.

Todd Patola

AT-LARGE

Todd Patola is the President of the Canadian Mental Health Association in Port Alberni. In his 22-year legal career as a Prosecutor he has seen firsthand how the basic desire for shelter can drag peoples' lives into disarray. He personally produces over 18,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year and understands the application of green technologies in the provision of housing. He is a provider of safe, low-cost housing to families in Port Alberni.

