

Governance & Nominating Committee Report

Update and Appointment of Executive Council 2026-27

Annual General Meeting

27 June 2026

The Governance and Nominating Committee proposes that the following members constitute the Executive Committee of the ACO Board of Directors for 2026 - 2027

*These individuals are to be confirmed in their position

Chair	Debra Crawford
Treasurer	Sudha Datta*
Secretary	Felicity Pope*
Past Chair (ex-officio)	Diane Chin
Director at large	Taimoor Ali Kureshi*
Director at large	Christy Kirwan
Director at large	Jane Clark
Director at large	Don MacIntosh*
Director at large	Nicolas Lamoureux*

Note: brief biographies follow the motion

Motion:

That the above noted members be confirmed as directors and officers of the corporation for the 2026-27 period.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Executive Committee Member Biographies

CHAIR– Deb Crawford

With the support of the members, Deb is prepared to stand for a second term to follow through on the hard work of the past two years and to provide continuity throughout the implementation stage.

It wasn't until celebrating her retirement after 42 years of public service that Deb had a chance to step back and begin to explore and genuinely appreciate the history of Ontario evident in the buildings and landscapes across the province.

The first 35 years of public service was with the Federal government in a variety of locations starting in Northwestern Ontario and gravitating to Southern Ontario in the late 80's. Management of social and income program delivery as well as programs supporting community and economic development were constants throughout her career.

In 2007 Deb joined the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities as a provincial public service manager. She is the proud recipient of the Lifetime Achievement 2013 Realm Award. The award is given in recognition of “exemplifying collaboration, innovation, customer service, fostering a positive and diverse workplace, and inspiring others through an exceptional and impactful career with the Learning Ministries, demonstrating a consistently high level of achievement and outstanding contribution to the Ontario Public Service.”

Looking for something new and different post-retirement, Deb became involved in several volunteer committees, but it was the invitation to be a member of the Innisfil Heritage Advisory Committee that began a new quest for knowledge. As chair or vice chair of the Innisfil Heritage Advisory Committee, Deb organized the activities of the committee to focus on researching and documenting properties to add to the heritage registry and advocated for the preservation of key properties and the reuse of 2 properties currently under development. She continues to be a strong voice and the defender of the jewel of Innisfil, the Cookstown Heritage Conservation District. Deb is an invited member of public planning consultations, development information meetings and working groups to represent the interests of Innisfil's heritage community.

The search for knowledge, connections, advice, and stakeholder expertise led her to ACO in 2018. Deb has been a member of the Government and Community Relations Committee (GCRC) since its inception in 2020. Deb joined ACO's board in 2023 as Vice Chair and has held the position Chair since June 2024.

PAST CHAIR – Diane Chin - Hon. B. Sc, B.Ed., M.A., Library Specialist

Diane Chin has agreed to continue as Past Chair. Diane has been instrumental in carrying forward much of the work with the various committees, including working with Christy on the upcoming Ontario Heritage Conference, as well as Policy and GCRC, Acorn, Fundraising, Awards, Finance and Audit and Transition Committees.

Diane Chin has a long history in public administration as a school principal and leader in the school library community. In the latter capacity, advocating for the continuance of school libraries at the Ontario government and school board levels was one of her most critical duties, as school library funding was often considered for reduction. In order to increase the efficiency of libraries, she led the automation of those libraries, bringing them into the technological age.

Diane joined ACO Cobourg & East Northumberland in 2014 and was soon recruited for the branch executive. Chairing ACO Cobourg & East Northumberland from 2016 to 2020 was both an honour and a passion. Under her leadership the Certo building, fronted by a heavy Greek style colonnade on an early twentieth century industrial site, owned most recently by Kraft Foods and subsequently sold, was saved from demolition. As a result of ACO and Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) presentations and advocacy, the building was designated. In 2018, after almost two years of negotiation with Ontario Heritage Trust, ACO Cobourg & East Northumberland was granted permission to open Barnum House for branch meetings and community events. This property had spurred Eric Arthur to found ACO in 1933.

TREASURER – Sudha Datta CPA

Sudha is a fellow member of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment and a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has over 30 years of experience in a senior management position. He has received the “Industry Legend Award” in 2016 from the Global Custodian for his expertise in risk management and asset safety.

He has been serving as a board and committee member with various community organizations including a community college. He is a strategic planner and a risk management expert. He has the time, talent, and expertise to make a positive impact and contribute to ACO as a Board Member, Treasurer and Chair of the FAC Committee.

CORPORATE SECRETARY – Felicity Pope

After a career working in Canadian museums, specializing in medical history, Felicity retired to Cobourg. She has been involved with ACO Cobourg (merged with East Northumberland in 2014), in many roles, since c. 2008 becoming Branch Chair in 2013. Earlier, she was founding chair of King Township LACAC and served on Cobourg Heritage Committee for six years. She is a member of the National Trust for Canada.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – Don Macintosh – Landscape Architect

Over the years my interest in Canadian architecture has been far reaching both at a professional as well as at a personal level. Now retired, my heritage architectural interests

continue. Having moved to Cobourg, Ontario approximately seven years ago, I became a member of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario. Subsequently, I was elected as Chair of the local ACO branch (Cobourg and East Northumberland). Currently, I am the Chair of the Barnum House Committee as the liaison with the owners of the National Historic Site. Don has worked for Parks Canada as a landscape architect and also worked in business for Xerox Canada.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – Christy Kirwin - BA, Diploma in Heritage Conservation

Christy is a Heritage Planner with MHBC who joined the firm in 2023. She holds a Diploma in Heritage Conservation from the Willowbank School of Restoration Arts and a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of California: Santa Cruz where she graduated cum laude with Department Honours and College Honours. Christy has experience in research and report writing for both public and private sector clients. She has completed historical research, inventory work, and evaluation on a variety of projects, including cultural heritage landscapes, cultural heritage evaluation reports, and heritage impact assessments. Prior to joining MHBC, Christy gained experience as a Heritage Intern for the Town of Grimsby. She has also received hands-on training from the Messors Field School in art and monument restoration and previously worked in the skilled trades restoring heritage buildings and fine furniture. Prior to refocusing on heritage as part of a career change, Christy worked in marketing and advertising within the publishing industry in San Francisco.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – Nicolas Lamoureux

Nicolas is a licensed architect in the province of Ontario and the states of Michigan, Ohio and Florida. Nicolas works full-time for a small but longstanding architecture firm in downtown Detroit called SDG Associates, LLC. while working on passion projects through his newly formed architecture firm Atelier Lamoureux. Having grown up in Kingsville, Ontario and now living in Windsor, Ontario for the past four years, Nicolas is keenly interested in the history of this region and helping where he can to make the built environment better for all. Nicolas is passionate about the intersection of architecture, history, environmentalism, and preservation, and looks forward to advocating for this at the provincial level through the ACO. Windsor has been very involved in the Windsor - Essex Branch of ACO for some time.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – Taimoor Ali Kureshi

Taimoor Ali Kureshi, CPA, CGA, FCCA-CCA, BSc. Applied Accounting

Taimoor is the Treasurer of No Time for That, a NFP charity and holds a CPA, CGA designation from the Chartered Professional Accountants Association of Canada. He has over 7 years' experience in management accounting, financial planning analysis, profitability analysis and general accounting. He enjoys being part of a team environment

as well as taking on challenges on his own. He has been shown to be a hard worker and meets deadlines efficiently.

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