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## Architectural Conservancy Ontario Election of Directors

As per Article 2 of ACO's By-law, the affairs of Architectural Conservancy Ontario shall be managed by a Board composed of Directors elected as Officers, Directors-at-large, and Ex-officio Directors.

Elected Directors: Four (4) individuals elected by the Members to the roles of Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Corporate Secretary and up to seven (7) Directors-at-large.

Ex-officio Directors consisting of the Past Chair and Directors representing the Branches of the Corporation equivalent to the number of branches recognized by the Board each year.

Each Elected Director shall be elected by the Members to hold office for a two-year term and shall be eligible for re-election by the Annual Meeting of Members for a maximum of three consecutive terms. The Elected Directors plus the Past Chair form the Executive Committee of the Board.

The Governance and Nominating Committee proposes the following members be elected to the ACO Board of Directors for 2022-2023.

Chair:	Diane Chin		
Vice Chair:	vacant		
Past Chair:	Kae Elgie		
Treasurer:	Eben Rawluk		
Corporate Secretary:	vacant		
Directors-at-large:	Doug Evans	Bill (William) Greaves	Marlee Robinson
	Sarah Shepherd	Alex Sostar	

### Nominee Biographies

#### CHAIR OF BOARD

#### **Diane Chin, Hon. B.Sc, B.Ed., M.A., Library Specialist**

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 level and School Board level 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 was a science and math graduate who initiated environmental studies courses in the 1980s when environmental science was in its infancy. She also had a passion for history and architecture: her first home in the Beaches in Toronto was a heritage home. Since retiring from education, Diane has thrust her energy into marrying her environmental science background and love of heritage into the work of ACO using skills learned in the library and education arenas.

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 and is currently undergoing restoration. In 2018, after almost two years of negotiation with Ontario Heritage Trust, ACO Cobourg & East Northumberland were granted permission to open Barnum House, a property which spurred Eric Arthur to found ACO in 1933, for branch meetings and community events.

Diane currently lives in a century home in Cobourg. She is also Vice Chair, Volunteers for Cobourg's Victoria Hall. Her first term as ACO Chair will end in 2023.

## Vice Chair

vacant

## Past Chair

### **Kae Elgie M.L.I.S.**

Longtime ACO member Kae Elgie's active participation in ACO was sparked by Glen Murray's presentation to the 2009 Ontario Heritage Conference in Peterborough and fully ignited by ACO President Lloyd Alter's 2010 "Heritage is Green" speaking tour in 2010. Interested in heritage, but deeply concerned about climate change, Kae found in these speeches a way to combine her passions: ACO.

Kae became treasurer of ACO North Waterloo Region Branch in 2009. Once she retired from co-managing the Region of Waterloo's rural library system, Kae was free to become a vocal advocate for heritage conservation. She was president of ACO NWR from 2012 to 2017, during which time the branch launched its online Directory of Heritage Practitioners <https://aconwr.ca/dohp.php>, organized numerous presentations to local municipal councils, arranged several educational events and lecture series, and doubled branch size to just under 100 paid-up members.

Attending ACO's 2014 Annual General Meeting when no financial statements were available due to the surprise absence of the treasurer, Kae became alarmed at the state of ACO's organizational affairs. She got involved in the task force undertaking ACO's organizational and operational review, participated in hiring ACO's first Chief Operating Officer, and joined the Provincial Executive in 2016 as founding Chair of ACO's Human Resources Committee. As an active Executive Committee member, Kae has provided input into ACO's By-law revision, 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, Board Handbook, ACO Members Guide to Ontario Land Tribunal and court proceedings, several internal policies and heritage advocacy actions. As Past Chair she leads ACO's Governance and Nominating Committee. Kae's final term on the Board ends in 2023.

## Treasurer and Chair of Finance and Audit Committee

### **Eben Rawluk B. Com ( Hon), CPA**

Eben Rawluk is the Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, and became a member of ACO in 2020. Eben's interest in ACO stems from his time in Winnipeg, Manitoba working as a tour guide sharing the city's stories and culture through its heritage buildings and spaces. Through moves to Calgary and later Toronto, his appreciation for the importance of preserving our collective history and culture continued to grow as he had the opportunity to benefit from the hard work of organizations like ACO across the country. Upon discovery of ACO, Eben was eager to contribute to the organization's continued success.

Eben is a Manager of Finance at Hennick & Company, a privately held company investing in businesses across a range of industries and real estate. Here he is responsible for the origination and due diligence of new investments, as well as, monitoring and financial reporting for existing investments. Previously, Eben worked at Ernst & Young, working with clients in the public and private sectors in the areas of finance transformation, process improvement, and performance measurement.

Eben holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) from the University of Manitoba and is a Chartered Professional Accountant. Eben's second term on the Board will end in 2024.

## Corporate Secretary

vacant

## Board Members-at-large

### **Doug Evans BES, BArch, AAGradDipl**

Doug is a conservation architect, now retired, with over 40 years experience in the construction industry including 37 years specialist professional experience in the conservation, repair and adaptive reuse of ancient monuments and historic buildings. He has a Bachelor of Environmental Studies and Bachelor of Architecture from University of

Waterloo, and a post-graduate degree in Building Conservation from the Architectural Association, London England.

Between 1982 and 2018, Doug worked for architectural practices in the UK on a wide range of historic buildings and ancient monument. Several received prestigious awards including: Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) 2017 Yorkshire Award and Yorkshire Conservation Award for the Re-ordering of Wakefield Cathedral, RIBA National Award 2015 for the Sheffield Cathedral Gateway Project, Wakefield Civic Trust Design Award 2014 for the Wakefield Cathedral Nave Re-ordering, Sussex Heritage Trust Award 2013 for The Great Barn, Great Dixter, Sussex Heritage Trust Award 2012 for Dixter Farm, Great Dixter House and Gardens.

Now retired and based in Bruce County (Walkerton), Doug is an expert member of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and Chair of ICOMOS Canada and ICOMOS-UK Wood Committees. He was a trustee of ICOMOS-UK and Treasurer and Vice-President of the ICOMOS International Wood Committee 2017-2021.

Doug is a member of ACO's Policy Committee. His second term on the ACO Board will end in 2024.

### **Bill Greaves BA, M. Arch**

Bill Greaves is the founder and past director of The Vann Molyvann Project, an organization dedicated to raising awareness about the New Khmer architectural movement which developed in Cambodia in the 1950s and 1960s, following the country's emergence as an independent state. As project director, he worked extensively in Phnom Penh with Cambodian and international architects, students, and researchers to document the work of Cambodia's most important and prolific architect of this period.

Results of the research conducted by The Vann Molyvann Project were presented in the Yale Journal of Architecture. Bill has also contributed articles and essays to Wall Street Journal, Phnom Penh Post, Cambodia Daily, Conde Nast Traveller and Form Magazine.

In addition to his work with the Vann Molyvann Project, Bill continues to research and speak on issues related to architectural heritage in Cambodia and to advocate for the preservation of urban landscapes in Southeast Asia as the region develops.

Bill is the recipient of a number of awards, including the 2009 and 2015 Asian Cultural Grant, the 2010 Cultural Council Phnom Penh Grant and the 2009 DS-1909 Federal Assistance Award. He received his Master of Architecture and Bachelor of Arts from Yale University and is a licensed architect in New York State.

Now based in Toronto and Prince Edward County, Bill continues to advocate for the protection of built heritage, with a particular focus on work of the 20th century. Since 2019 he has been the very active Chair of ACO's Ontario Place Committee. He led ACO's successful nomination of Ontario Place to the World Monuments Fund 2020 Watch List, co-led the Future of Ontario Place Project undertaken by University of Toronto Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design, World Monuments Fund and ACO, has undertaken numerous interventions with municipal and provincial staff and politicians, and has developed many public events and campaigns to protect the cultural heritage of Ontario Place.

Bill's second term on the ACO Board will end in 2023.

### **Marlee Robinson BA, Diplôme d'études, Sorbonne**

In 2007 Marlee Robinson moved to her family's heritage farmhouse after 35 years living abroad. She immediately became involved in trying to prevent demolition of Ridgeway's Erie Street United Church – a church worked on by noted architect William Malcolmson. Although that battle was lost, it succeeded in introducing Marlee to Catherine Nasmith and the ACO. Together with other local heritage enthusiasts, Marlee was instrumental in

opening a Chatham-Kent branch of the ACO. She served as Vice-President and then President of the branch – a branch which sadly closed in 2019 due to falling membership.

Marlee was Co-Chair of the 2010 Ontario Heritage Conference with a rural theme looking in depth at barns and other rural outbuildings, places of worship and the architecture of Kent County. The committee incorporated a youth programme, green options and an innovative partners' programme. With support from the National Trust, the threatened Highgate United Church – a rare round building – was the focus of an intensive evaluation at the conference. (It has just celebrated its 10th anniversary as the Mary Webb Cultural and Community Centre).

In addition, Marlee led initiatives to save several important buildings – often using the ACO Preservation Works! program – and has been a contributor to ACORN a number of times. In April 2014 Marlee organized A Heritage Primer for Realtors and Insurance Professionals – a day-long programme in a rescued Morpeth church which featured speakers architect Chris Borgal, Jim Leonard from the Ontario Heritage Trust, Marcus Letourneau from OAHP, Heritage Coordinator Dave Benson and Chatham-Kent Planner Brian Nagata. The event drew delegates from Windsor, Stratford, Kingsville, Tecumseh, London, Guelph and Sarnia.

Marlee has been an advocacy resource for the Chatham-Kent Heritage Committee, Chair of the 1874 Ridge House Museum and organizer of Ridgetown's Festival of Porches & Verandahs celebrating the town's Victorian architecture. In addition to being an Executive Committee member and founding chair of ACO's Government and Community Relations Committee, Marlee is an active member of the ACO Windsor branch. She welcomes the chance to continue to be connected with ACO, particularly as a voice for rural communities and for southwestern Ontario.

Marlee's second term on the ACO Board will end in 2023.

### **Sarah Shepherd Hons. BA**

Sarah Shepherd joined Architectural Conservancy Ontario in 2019 as a member of the Finance Committee.

Currently, Sarah works at Manulife as Assistant Vice-President, Human Resources Transformation and Employee Enablement. Previously, she worked as a Senior Manager at Accenture, a global management consultancy, engaging with clients across a variety of industries, including not-for-profit organizations, in Canada, the US and the UK. Sarah's experience is supporting teams and clients in areas of change management, employee experience, human-centered design, organizational transformation and design. With a degree in history and political science, Sarah is passionate about preserving our social history, believing our past is critical to understanding our future.

During her free time, Sarah enjoys camping, reading, writing and exploring the nooks and crannies of not only Toronto, but places around the world. Sarah earned an Honours BA in history and political science from McMaster University.

Sarah's second term on the ACO Board will end in 2024.

### **Alex Sostar BDes, Environmental Design**

Alex is the current Chair of ACO NextGen. A long time participant in NextGen events, Alex joined the group's executive board in September 2020 as the Director of Programming & Events. Currently, she works as the HR & Events Manager at ZSA Legal Recruitment where she coordinates with stakeholders, board members, and the Canadian In-House legal community to execute ZSA's programming across the country, including their national event, the Canadian General Counsel Awards. ACO has provided the opportunity to combine her educational background and interests, with her current skills in programming and events.

Alex has had a long standing passion for architecture and design, and developed an early appreciation for heritage architecture growing up in Cambridge, Ontario. She continued to find herself drawn to heritage, particularly adaptive reuse projects, and the inevitable intersection between heritage conservation and sustainability. She would discover a love of archival rabbit holes during her final years at OCADU, while working in Toronto's Distillery District, and dedicating her thesis project to the nearby Rack House D and adjacent sites. Now based in Toronto, she counts the historic Allan Gardens as her backyard and hopes to advocate for heritage conservation in our constantly evolving city.

Alex holds a Bachelor of Design in Environmental Design from OCAD University. She has since completed two certificates through the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education in Advanced Architecture, and Architectural Preservation & Conservation. Alex hopes to find her place somewhere between architectural design, adaptive reuse and advocacy work.

Alex's first term on the board will end in 2024.