

DISTRICT 69 SOCIETY OF ORGANIZED SERVICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – JUNE 30, 2021

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - INTRODUCTION OF NOMINEES

The following Members have indicated their willingness to serve on the SOS Board of Directors

Brandon Charlesworth, New Nominee

Brandon was raised most of his life in the Comox Valley. After graduating from Highland Secondary School, Brandon moved to Nanaimo where he completed his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) – Accounting Concentration. Following graduation, he moved to Vancouver to continue his career where he went on to complete his Certified General Accountant (CGA) designation. His wife Marni and himself moved back to Vancouver Island in 2016. He is a partner at Robbins & Company, CPA's and likes to remain connected to the community as much as possible. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time outdoors with Marni and their son Nolan. Likes to remain active with Golf, Hockey & Fishing. An active member of the Rotary Club of Nanaimo Oceanside he finds time to give back to the local community as much as possible. He is thrilled at the opportunity to work with the SOS and continue to serve our community.

Mike Cochrane, New Nominee

I was born in Powell River. We moved to Port Alberni in 1964, finished elementary school, middle school and high school in Port Alberni. Graduated 1972. The year, 1974, back to school, Comosan College and then off to University of Waterloo, Ontario. I decided not to continue my schooling, worked at Green Leaf Whole Foods, Kitchener, with the idea of learning the business. Drove back to BC with the idea of starting up a Bulk Natural Food Store in Port Alberni. The Valley was still booming and I couldn't find suitable store rentals there. My Mom & Dad had moved to French Creek and my Dad found a place in Parksville, we opened New Leaf Whole Foods on August 5/1980. We proceeded to have a family, girl 1980, boy 1983 and boy 1987. Love my kids!! We rented all over the area and finally built 1989 our current home. The first board I became involved with was Oceanside Youth Soccer, got on the board 1994 and was President by 1996 and lasted until 2014. The baseball board was the second one and was on both boards at the same time. I had an inside person working for the City of Parksville and he told me that Parksville was considering "field user fees". This would have affected both soccer and baseball. Myself plus one soccer and one baseball person started the District 69 Sports Council. Going to all the boards we sold the idea of \$5/youth player and \$10/Adult player to be paid to us and we would do field improvements with the dues. At Springwood we fenced the whole four-plex, backstops, dugouts for each corner. We did dugouts at Parksville Community Park, Qualicum Community Park, upper and lower. Around this time my aunt Edith Chamberlayne talked me into getting on the SOS Board and was on the board for 10 years. I am only on the Baseball board right now. We closed our store in 2014 and I have gotten into the Home Renovation and Maintenance Business and continue my enjoyment of life. My 1980 girl has two girls in Qualicum and they are so much fun. My 1983 boy is married and working in Vancouver. My 1987 boy has moved back home and works with me on jobs as well as helps around the home.

Joshua Dennis, on the Board of Directors since June 2017

My partner Sandra and I moved to the Oceanside area in May 2014 from North Eastern BC. Since that time, we have grown to love the area and people of this great community. I am an IT Consultant who looks forward to serving the community in which I work. In the past I have held many different positions around the world, from volunteering in Thailand after the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami to filming manta ray dives in Hawaii. Other volunteering has included assistant First Aid coordinator and IT consultant for a couple of international organizations that are bringing computer technology to rural areas across the world. A few months ago I travelled to Myanmar and set up a computer lab in a school which we had helped fund. Currently I am working on procuring funding to retrofit another 56 schools with an affiliated Charity organization. I believe that networking, openness, language, communication and clear intention are key to any organization's success. It is important to harness positive and effective energy to bring forth new ideas and sustain effective and healthy organizations. I appreciate the consideration of the Nominating Committee and look forward to helping the SOS in any way that I can.

Dawn House, New Nominee

Several decades have passed since I lived in Errington and managed a Children's Summer Day Camp at the Errington Hall. I returned to the Oceanside area in 2017 along with my husband and both our mothers. In the intervening period I practiced law, primarily in Victoria for the Ministry of the Attorney General after a couple of years in general practice in Smithers. I have served on several boards in the past including the Oak Bay Police Board and the South Vancouver Island Family Planning Society. Currently I volunteer as a public member on the Quality Assurance Committee of the College of Occupational Therapists as well more recently as an Ad-Hoc member of the Strategy, Vision and Values Committee of the SOS. I am also on the Executive of the Women's Club at Pheasant Glen Golf Resort and am the incoming President of the Mount Arrowsmith Rhododendron Society. I am very happy to be able to call this beautiful area home and I look forward to continuing to work with the SOS in serving our community.

Andrea (Andy) Manson, New Nominee

Andy relocated to beautiful Parksville having recently retired from her 30-year career operating a successful private nursing business in the lower mainland. She believes in the importance of volunteerism and giving back to her community, which she defines in the larger sense. Here community includes her professional community, the community where she lives and the community of the charitable sector. As a current SOS Project Rebuild Campaign Team member, and newcomer to the region, she brings her varied experience and "superpowers" to the community - that of "fresh" eyes, a sense of curiosity, a willingness to learn, to work hard, and a sense of humour.

Jennifer Mullett, on the Board of Directors since June 2016

Dr. Jennifer Mullett is a Community Psychologist, Director of the Centre for Healthy Communities Research and Adjunct Professor at both UVic and VIU. Her former positions include: Research Scholar in Community Based Research at UVic, supported by the British Columbia Health Research Foundation and Director of Research and Evaluation for the Ministry of Health. She works collaboratively with inter-disciplinary teams on interventions aimed at creating healthy communities and building capacity for social change. This work has taken her to Brazil, Trinidad and Australia. Her service to the community of Victoria, her former place of residence, included serving on the Board of the Warehouse Alternative School and for ten years, the Board of the Victoria Hospice Society. She currently sits on the

Health and Medical Education Committee of the Vancouver Foundation. She and her husband of 50 years moved to Oceanside in 2008 and have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Paul Ruffell, on the Board of Directors since June 2017

I was born and raised in the UK and received my engineering degree from the University of Portsmouth in 1977. I moved to Canada in 1981 to work in the Arctic and worked there for more than a decade. Since then, I began to progressively manage larger portions of our company, starting with the Alberta operations and ending as President and CEO from 2001 to 2014, through its largest period of growth and eventual acquisition in 2010. From 2014 to 2016, I led a Canadian Infrastructure group of 3,500 staff across Canada. I have served on several Boards, both private and public. I like to think that my time as a Consulting Engineer has taught me to be a critical thinker who is focused on solutions. From my time serving on Boards I learned how a Board can be successful and how to work with people. During my first four years on the SOS Board, I have seen us make several changes to help the Board be more effective in its governance role, to radically improve our fundraising ability and of course to pivot to meet the challenges of the Pandemic - I look forward to the challenges that the next two years will bring. I am married and living in Qualicum Beach. We moved to Vancouver Island nearly four years ago to enjoy the outdoors, put down roots in our community and to make it home. We both volunteer with SOS.

Penny Shantz, New Nominee

Originally from Edmonton, Alberta for 30 years; I moved to BC in 1989. My career with Scotiabank started in Edmonton, moving to Kelowna, Victoria and finally retirement in Parksville in 2015. As Manager of many community branches, I had the opportunity to see and support all financial needs of the community. I have been involved with Rotary Kelowna, Parksville and Qualicum, along with Haven House, Kidsport and Beachfest. A favorite passion is curling and I have had the honor of representing Canada at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary where our team won a Gold Medal. I am still involved giving back to the sport. For the past 3 years I have been President of the Parksville Curling Club. I am also a Consultant Coach for CurlBC and a 4 time BC Senior Ladies Champion. My travels with curling have taken me throughout Canada, USA and some European countries. Each of my banking career, board and charity involvement and my commitment to high achievement in sports and team play have taught me the importance of supporting a healthy environment and that working together-we can achieve more. I look forward to the opportunity of working with SOS. My partner Stan and I reside in Nanoose Bay and I have 2 children and 3 beautiful grandchildren.

***The following members were elected at the 2020 AGM
and will continue to serve on the Board of Directors:***

***Jo Dunn, on the Board of Directors since June 2019
Martin Fereday, on the Board of Directors since June 2016
Anne Thompson, on the Board of Directors since June 2019***

*Only Members in Good Standing can be nominated and are eligible to vote.
All nominations must be in writing and submitted to the Board Secretary
in advance of an election.*

*There are no nominations from the floor.
Staff is not eligible for Board nomination, or voting.*