



**Society of  
Organized  
Services**

**District 69 Society of Organized Services**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

**5:30 pm**

at

***SOS Community Services Centre***

***245 Hirst Avenue West, Parksville, BC***

***Business Meeting***

***Election of Directors***

***Introduction of Candidates (attached)***

***Valid Membership Required for Voting***

***Refreshments***

**Please RSVP by June 21, 2024, to  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - INTRODUCTION OF NOMINEES**

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

***Brenda Charles, New Nominee***

Immigrated from Scotland as a baby with my parents to beautiful British Columbia. I enjoyed growing up on a dairy farm in the Fraser Valley. In my twenties I went to the Yukon “for the summer” as a lark and stayed for 37 years. During that time, I raised my family, and earned my Bachelor of Social Work degree. I worked in the Health Care field for the Yukon government for 27 years, the last 10 years for the Home Care Program. After my retirement, I moved to Vancouver Island to be closer to family. Still have close ties with the Yukon as my youngest son and his family are there, including my two very dear granddaughters. Throughout my life I have volunteered in various capacities including Scouts, Arctic Winter Games and the Restorative Justice and Diversion Program for Youth. Since moving to the Island in 2016, I have enjoyed volunteering at the Qualicum Beach Seniors Centre. I have great admiration and respect for the work that is being done within the Oceanside community and I am excited to have the opportunity to volunteer on the SOS board.

***Lorne Clarkson, New Nominee***

CTECH (Non-Practicing)

Lorne was born in Burnaby BC and raised in Surrey and Abbotsford. In 1977 Lorne was interested in the “Go North Young Man” media advertisements and ventured to Fort Nelson to work in the Oil and Gas industry. A short time later Lorne made his way to Fort St John to continue his oil and gas employment. As Lorne had previous experience as a Volunteer Firefighter in Abbotsford, he soon migrated to fulltime fire service employment in Ft St John and Prince George. In 1994, Lorne joined the Office of the Fire Commissioner and was employed with them as a Codes and Standards Coordinator/ Fire Safety Officer, until 2005. Lorne travelled back to Ft St John in 2005 and started a trailer sales and rental business in 2006. He continued to commute from his family home in Parksville, where he and his wife Annie lived, until his retirement in July 2023. He has been a volunteer with the SOS Youth - Open Space (grades 9-12) program since 2023 and appreciates the coordination and structure that this after school program offers to the youth of School District 69. Lorne enjoys spending time with his family and has a passion for travelling, fishing, exercising, cooking and Philanthropy. He is thrilled at the opportunity to work with the SOS and continue to serve our community.

***Mike Cochrane, on the Board of Directors since June 2021***

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, Camosun 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.

***Karen Corkery, on the Board of Directors since June 2022***

Karen retired from the federal government after a 32-year career in the departments of Finance and Industry. She rose to the ranks of Director General responsible for science and innovation policy. She was subsequently the Executive Director responsible for a multi-billion dollar portfolio of loans to aerospace and defence firms to support research and development in Canada. In the final three years of her career, Karen was the Executive Director of a new unit she created to modernize the way Canada procures military equipment in order to generate greater economic benefits for Canada. Notably, this included establishing the policy and legal framework for the construction of war ships in Canada. Karen relocated to Qualicum Beach upon retirement where she resides with her husband and mother. She has volunteered in varying capacities for the SOS over the past several years and is now looking forward to the opportunity to give back to the community through Board work. Having served on the Board of Directors for Genome Canada and the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Karen has demonstrated her ability to work collaboratively to make organizations more effective and efficient. Karen has two children and enjoys hiking with her young Labrador Retriever and dragon boating with an inspiring group of senior ladies.

***Sally Hamel, on the Board of Directors since June 2022***

Sally moved to Nanoose Bay a year ago from Bowen Island BC. She was educated in England and McGill University in Quebec. For the past 9 years Sally has worked as a therapist for the Fraser Health Authority and CMHA in Burnaby in the field of mental health and addictions. Prior to this Sally managed a number of programs at Capilano University and managed several social service organizations while also volunteering as a trainer in non profit management. Sally also enjoyed delivering a series of workshops known as WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan). COVID has made it difficult to integrate into the community and Sally is looking forward to joining the SOS Board and getting to know her community.

***Andrea Manson, on the Board of Directors since June 2021***

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.

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***The following members were elected at the 2023 AGM  
and will continue to serve on the Board of Directors:***

*Brandon Charlesworth, on the Board of Directors since June 2021*

*Andrew Lane, on the Board of Directors since June 2023*

*Moira Rosser, on the Board of Directors since June 2023*

*Paul Ruffell, on the Board of Directors since June 2017*

*Bonnie Wallis, on the Board of Directors October 2017-June 2021, and since October 2022*

*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.*