

2019 KLCOA Board of Directors Election

At the Annual General Meeting of KLCOA on August 31, 2019, elections will be held for the new Board of Directors. Currently 13 of 16 incumbents are seeking re-election and we have 3 new nominations recorded to date.

The Board is a working board. Each Director is expected to take on at least one portfolio and/or major project. There are a **minimum** of six board meetings per year, in a combination of face-to-face meetings and conference calls. You must be a KLCOA member in good standing in order to be elected to the Board.

The 2019/2020 slate as of August 15, 2019 – in alphabetical order.

Gino Ariano - Incumbent
Arlene Burch - Incumbent
Grant DeMarsh - Incumbent
Frances Duiker - New Nominee
Scott Durie - Incumbent
Brian Evans - Incumbent
Tina Fagg - Incumbent
Jacquie Geall Seabrook - New Nominee
Sheelagh Lawrance - Incumbent
Joan Middleton - Incumbent
John Middleton - Incumbent
Terry O'Connor - Incumbent
Janis Parker - Incumbent
Jim Prince - Incumbent
Natalie Wood – New Nominee
Deb Wratschko - Incumbent

Gino Ariano - Incumbent

I have been leading the TROW (traditional rights of way project) for the past couple of years. The goal of this initiative is to preserve and protect Portage routes that link Kennisis Lake to other lakes and rivers in the area.

I am also a member of the buoy team and manage one of the markers at the south end of the lake. My kids have grown up at the lake and my daughter Sarah is a volunteer on the water quality team. I love the lake and am committed to helping preserve water quality and the overall quality of the lake experience for everyone.

Arlene Burch - Incumbent

Hi. My name is Arlene Burch and I am seeking reelection to the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association.

My husband and I have lived on the lake for 11 years and have enjoyed volunteering where ever we can and have met some wonderful cottagers as well as permanent residence here.

The past two years I have helped with the KLCOA swim program and quite enjoy this as well as helping with the Ladies of the Lake.

We are fortunate to have a fantastic team on the board and I would love to help them and also share ideas to make our wonderful lake even better.

I hope I can count on your support.

Grant DeMarsh - Incumbent

My family and I have been cottagers on Little Kennisis Lake for the past 30 years. I have just completed my first 2 year term as a member of the Board and Executive Committee.

I am an Accountant by training (CPA) and have used these skills in the role of Treasurer of the KLCOA.

Frances Duiker – New Nominee

I am a third generation Kennisis cottager, looking to contribute in sustaining our beautiful lake for my children as well as many generations to come. As a human resources professional, I am confident my experiences, leadership and communication skills, in addition to my passion and commitment to building relationships, will be a significant asset to the committee. It would be my goal to support the committee in communicating and engaging more cottagers, and keeping individuals informed through more new-age means. With my life experiences, eagerness and aim to engage, I ask for your vote in electing me for a role with the KLCOA.

Scott Durie - Incumbent

My family have been Kennisis Lake cottage owners for 62 years and my wife Mary Jane and I have been owners for 24 years. I am passionate about protecting and maintaining the beauty and quality of the natural environment – lands, water and wildlife – for future generations. I am presently a member of the Stewardship Committee, co-Chair of the Norah's Island Management Committee and I deploy 4 of our Kennisis Lake marker buoys around Cabin Island. I'm asking for your support to continue in this important role as a Director of the KLCOA.

Brian Evans - Incumbent

I have been a Kennisis cottager for fifteen years and have been a member of the KLCOA board for the last three. As an avid fisherman I am interested in protecting and enhancing fishing opportunities in Kennisis particularly with respect to our Lake Trout population. I am currently serving on a CHA Fishery Committee providing Haliburton specific input to proposed amendments to the Zone 15 Fishing Regulations scheduled for 2020. I have previously worked on the Love Your Lake initiative and Eyes on Nora's Island. I look forward to continuing to serve our Kennisis Lake community.

Valentina Fagg - Incumbent

I have been a seasonal cottager on Kennisis Lake since 1981. During that time, my family and I have enjoyed the relaxing aspect of cottage life in order to rejuvenate from the hectic world of **work**. I was aware of the KLCOA and their efforts to make our community a better place, but when I retired as a school principal in York Region in 2007, I wanted to learn more about this organization.

Having learned about the numerous KLCOA initiatives, I offered to join KLCOA in 2010 and volunteered to publish 3 newsletters each year, which was named Kennisis Breeze. During this time, I implemented the opportunity for our local businesses to advertise in our newsletters. This component has resulted in a major fund raising aspect for KLCOA each year, averaging about \$6000 /year.

I have enjoyed publishing Kennisis Breeze in terms of communicating, sharing information, educating, celebrating our successes and promoting our local businesses. In addition, as costs to operate the association increase, there is a need to continue this revenue generating initiative. I would be happy to continue the initiatives to publish Kennisis Breeze and raise funds for KLCOA if I am elected as director of the Board.

Jacque Geall Seabrook – New Nominee

Hello Kennisis Lakers! I am hoping to join the KLCOA board to be part of a great community and to serve and support the events and projects that make life here on the lake safe, fun and inclusive. I am interested in working on Art on the Dock as well as any other task that arises as the year unfolds. I have served on a couple of other boards in my hometown Guelph and can bring some of that experience to the KLCOA. It would be an honor to serve such a wonderful community.

Sheelagh Lawrance – Incumbent

I have been on the KLCOA Board of Directors as Secretary for the past four years, and co-organizer of the Ladies of the Lake Luncheon. My background is primarily in community relations and corporate social responsibility, as well as 10 years as the Corporate Secretary to the Board of a major public utility. In addition, I have over 35 years of experience as a Board member on not-for-profit boards in the environmental,

social service and arts sectors. My extended family and I have been Little Kennisis Lake cottagers for 29 years.

Joan Middleton - Incumbent

Current full time resident on Watts Road for 10+ years, 47 years on the Lake and have been on the board for 4 years. Presently the Director responsible for membership (600+ renewals yearly) and the Regatta. Employed by worldwide consulting company I bring a strong technology background along with strong organization skill set. I am seeking re-election to the board as I have a strong compassion for the Lake Community and want to continue to focus on growing the membership base (as I have done over the years) and additional focus on environmental concerns.

John Middleton - Incumbent

Full time resident on Watts Road for 10+ years, 47 years on the Lake, and have been on the board for 4 years. Presently the Director responsible for Roads interface with Dysart, the Neighbourhood watch and the OPP interface. I consistently attend Council meetings with a strong Lake Community focus and I am seeking re-election to continue being your voice on road matters, a watchful eye on a fulltime basis around the lake and a continued relationship with the municipality and the OPP.

Terry O'Connor - Incumbent

I have been a KLCOA board member for six years. As a retired lawyer and judge, I have endeavoured to assist and advise the Board on matters involving legal issues, e.g. the possible legal consequences of some of the many programs we undertake to improve our lake experience, the effect of municipal by-laws etc.

The Buoys program and our efforts to educate the public on, and the preservation of, the unique fragile ecological environment of Soap Pond are two of my primary lake interests.

Janis Parker - Incumbent

I have been a Kennisis Lake cottager for the last 42 years, primary residence for the last 7 years, and a member of the KLCOA for the last 4 terms.

I care deeply about protecting the lake, our lake community and the wellbeing of the greater Haliburton community.

I am active on the following Community Boards: Volunteer Dental Outreach, Abbey Gardens, Norah's Island Management Committee, the Haliburton Creative Incubator, and have served on other Boards such as the Haliburton Land Trust, The Haliburton Arts Council & U-Links. I feel the network I have established in our lake and greater community is an asset to the KLCOA Board.

Jim Prince - Incumbent

KLCOA Members and Neighbours – I will be running in the KLCOA 2019 Board of Directors election at the AGM and I would be honoured to serve another term on the KLCOA Board. We have a special place here on the Kennisis Lakes and I have been dedicated to keeping them special by focusing on both stewardship and social programs for our community.

I have been a Board member since 2007 and the KLCOA Stewardship Coordinator since 2011. Supported by countless Kennisis volunteers, we have been implementing programs on Shoreline Health, Septic Health and Water Quality for the lake community. In addition, I have been continuing the tradition of maintain a sailing program as the KLCOA Sailing coordinator.

I would be delighted to continue to serve the membership and respectfully ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

Natalie Wood – New Nominee

Although I am relatively new to the lake, 8 years this August, I have always been an avid outdoor person and have spent most of my life camping or cottaging. I work part time as a Canadian history educator at a small GTA museum. The environment and water quality are what is important to me. I believe we all need to be proactive in keeping our lakeside environment clean and as natural as we can so our great great grandchildren can one day enjoy the lake. I am involved in the road side cleanup for the lake, the water testing committee and the shoreline protection committee. If nominated to the KLOCA Board, I would like to work on ideas around the amount of garbage we cottagers produce and how to minimize that and keep our dump site cleaner, exploring composting options and encourage "reuse and recycle" vs "throwing it out" as well as continue my interests around lake water quality and shoreline protection.

Deb Wratschko – Incumbent

My family and I have been cottagers on Kennisis Lake for 22 years. I have served on the board of the KLCOA since 2010 as membership director and most recently as president. I believe that good stewardship is critical to ensure the long term health of our Lake. I also believe that there needs to be a variety of social activities to build and maintain community amongst our members. These two things together will ensure we have an active and responsible lake community for generations to come. I hope to be re-elected to the board to continue the work that we have accomplished to date.