

**Candidates to be elected to the
Our Place Society Board of Directors
at the Annual General Meeting,
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7pm via ZOOM**

FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR FOR A FIRST TWO-YEAR TERM

Scott McGregor

Scott has been serving on the Board of Directors since January of this year. Scott brings over 28 years of policing experience working with the most vulnerable in our communities. As a former Senior Manager of the VicPD Community Services Division, Scott gained tremendous insight into the complexities of homelessness, mental health and addiction and developed strong and collaborative working relationships with housing, shelter and other service providers (including those with lived experience) to find practical solutions. Scott believes that everyone has a place in our community and deserves a fighting chance to make positive change in their lives.

Sarah Pocklington

Sarah brings extensive experience working in the BC and Alberta Arts, Cultural and Tourism Ministries and a First Nations led non-profit Crown agency designing and managing a diverse range of programs. She has over 15 years of post-secondary teaching, research and curriculum course development in the areas of music, Indigenous studies and policy development. She has a comprehensive background in music and the performing arts – and is an award-winning professional musician/ composer. Sarah has strong connections and working relationships with Indigenous artists, organizations and communities throughout BC, substantial experience in cultural diversity training, and a comprehensive working knowledge of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee’s 94 Calls to Action. Sarah is passionate about the work Our Place Society does, and believes strongly that everyone has a story and needs to be respected.

FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR FOR A SECOND TWO-YEAR TERM

Lauree Austin

Lauree Austin has served on the Our Place Society Board since June 2018 during which time she has served as Board Secretary. Lauree has a B. Eng. in Computer Engineering and has worked for a number of tech companies – bringing extensive computing technology and software skills to the Board. Having been affected by the addictions of those she loves, Lauree has been a member of Al-Anon for thirteen years – as Group Treasurer, Group Representative, and District Treasurer Through the community of Al-Anon, she witnessed and experienced the difference that support and fellowship and hope can make. She is inspired by those who have worked hard to create a space that welcomes those in need and offers such support and hope.

Margo Goodhand

Margo Goodhand has served on the Our Place Society Board since September 2018. Prior to moving to Victoria in 2016, Margo was on the senior leadership teams of both the Winnipeg Free Press and the Edmonton Journal in a communications and community-engagement career that spanned 30 years. She is currently on the Michener Board of Governors, the Victoria-Esquimalt Harbour Society, and the local Giller Light fundraiser for literacy. Margo's past board experience includes the Winnipeg Art Gallery; John Dafoe Foundation; National Newspaper Board of Governors and the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council. She was a founding member of Winnipeg's Homelessness Task Force. Margo wants very much to help make Our Place Society the best it can be. Margo believes that love, community and hope can transform lives, and that Our Place Society provides all that and more.

Patricia Walker

Patricia Walker has served on the Our Place Society Board since September 2018 during which time she has used her considerable financial background serving on the Finance and Audit Committee. Retired since 2016, Patricia's career has been spent in the area of finance and accounting, including 26 years as the District of Oak Bay's Municipal Treasurer (now called Director of Financial Services). Patricia says seeing the Society's values of hope, belonging and unconditional love in action, confirmed her desire to become part of Our Place Society. She is encouraged to see how we, as individuals, can make a difference to members of our community who are often ignored and forgotten.

FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR FOR A THIRD TWO-YEAR TERM**Andrea Jakeman-Brown**

Andrea Jakeman-Brown has served on the Our Place Society Board since September 2016 during which time she has served as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee. Andrea believes lives can be changed with hope, a sense of belonging, and ongoing caring and support. She is committed to listening, learning, and then educating and sharing her knowledge with those around her on the complex issues of homelessness. Because of her strong belief in the mission and values of Our Place Society, Andrea was the first Chair of our Advisory Cabinet, a team of business and community leaders who assisted Our Place Society's development team, since its inception in 2013. In addition to her extensive experience in financial services, including Director of Wealth Management Services, Branch manager, and coupled with expertise in human resources, team development, and project management, Andrea has served as Financial Services Chair with United Way, Treasurer for the Rotary Club and volunteered with the West Coast Motorcycle Ride to Live.