

2020 PROPOSED DIRECTORS AND BIOGRAPHIES

Louise Adderley

Louise was born and raised in the Okanagan Valley. She has an undergraduate degree in Social Work and a graduate degree in counselling. She worked for 22 years as a medical social worker for Interior Health Authority, primarily in the community on a multi-disciplinary team of nurses, occupational & physio therapists and respiratory therapists. Louise served for 7 years on the Ethics Committee at Kelowna General Hospital. She was also a member of the Palliative Care Operations Committee for Central Okanagan for many years. For over 20 years she facilitated a weekly caregivers support group. Recently, Louise worked as a bereavement counsellor for Central Okanagan Hospice.

She had several patients over the years with ALS but in 2010 she was convinced by Gloria Taylor, a Westbank resident living with ALS, to re-start the ALS support group in Kelowna. Louise has assisted with the Caregivers Day in Kelowna and the Walks. Louise was presented with the Roy Slater Volunteer of the Year in 2014. Louise has served on the ALS Board for 5 years. She lives in Peachland with her husband. They have 2 sons and 5 grandchildren.

Dr. Elizabeth Bannerman

Dr. Bannerman is a Registered Psychologist in the province of British Columbia. The scope of her practice is in health and rehabilitation psychology, and the treatment of depression, trauma, and anxiety disorders. She has been involved in various capacities in the rehabilitation of individuals with musculoskeletal injuries, chronic and terminal illness, and emotional disorders since 1993. Dr. Bannerman was an undergraduate at McGill University, and moved to British Columbia to pursue graduate studies. She earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Simon Fraser University in September 1996. She also completed one year of family therapy training at the Pacific Coast Family Therapy Association, Vancouver, British Columbia. Dr. Bannerman undertook a pre-doctoral practicum at the Montreal General Hospital, worked at Riverview Hospital conducting neuropsychological assessments, and enjoyed an extended full-time internship at the Medical School, University of Washington in Seattle. She taught as a sessional instructor at Simon Fraser University for several years, and continues to provide psychotherapy supervision to clinical psychology PhD students at the university. Dr. Bannerman spent several years as a provider of psychological services to chronic pain and occupational rehabilitation programs, and eventually became the manager for an interdisciplinary rehabilitation clinic. For 5 years, she also worked as a surveyor for the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, accrediting Chronic Pain Management Programs at hospitals and independent facilities throughout the USA. In 2003 she joined Behavioural Health Care, a company that specializes in health and rehabilitation psychology, as a partner, and has been providing psychological assessment and treatment services on a full time basis since that time.

When a dear friend was diagnosed with ALS, Dr. Bannerman sought to put her psychological treatment skills to good use and, in collaboration with ALS BC, developed the Psychological Support Program in 2010. In this capacity, she recruits psychologists and registered clinical counsellors to provide pro bono psychological treatment to ALS patients and their families. She is also one of the clinicians providing these services. For this work, Dr. Bannerman was awarded the ALS Society of Canada's 2010 William Fraser Leadership Development Award and the ALS Society of BC Leadership Development Award in 2013. She has assisted ALS NS/NB to set up a similar program in the Maritimes, and hopes to do the same in other provinces throughout Canada. Dr. Bannerman was a co-investigator on a current study investigating the impact of respite care on the wellbeing of ALS caregivers and patients.

Erin Barrett

With a background in fundraising and communications, Erin is excited to offer her support to the board of such a well-established and innovative charity. Erin graduated in 2002 from UBC with a Bachelor of Commerce, specialising in Marketing and with a minor in English Literature. With this foundation, she moved to England where she worked with countless charities, including Save the Children, which took her around the world helping to develop fundraising and communications materials for supporters. In 2009 Erin became a partner at Junxion Strategy, an international consultancy firm that specialises in communications, branding and fundraising for socially minded causes and businesses. She is currently CXO for Maybe Solutions Ltd, a tech company based out of London, England. She is married with two young children.

Donna Bartel

Donna has been involved with the ALS Society since her mom's diagnosis late 1999. Since that time, Donna has been an avid fund-, and awareness raiser for the ALS Society. Shortly after her mom's diagnosis, Donna encouraged her mom to participate in a United Way video showcasing the support provided by the ALS Society. She has also convinced her sister to join her in many fundraising events, including starting and organizing the Run, Walk and Roll for ALS for 8 years. She has also competed in 2 Ironman Canada Triathlons as a fundraiser: "Tri'ing to End ALS".

She has served on the Board for nine years and is the Chair of the Team ALSBC & Yukon volunteer program and on the board executive as President. Donna has a BSc and is the Environmental Sustainability Manager

at Coast Mountain Bus Company. Her strengths are in organizing, planning, and problem solving, researching and working with others to develop and implement initiatives.

Jas Baweja

I first started volunteering with the ALS Society of BC in 2015, wanting to give back while searching for my own path after graduating with my Bachelor's degree. The ALS Society of BC gave me my start to my communications career, granting me an opportunity to help coordinate a Walk to End ALS and honouring me with a Leader of Tomorrow award. Today, I'm with the corporate communications team at FortisBC, one of BC's largest energy solutions providers. My work involves acting as a corporate spokesperson on daily issues and helping educate British Columbians on FortisBC's efforts to advance a lower carbon future in the province. I've worked with provincial-scale organizations in the private, public and non-profit sectors. From salmon farming to emergency communications to energy, I've immersed myself in high-profile organizations that deal with complex issues British Columbians care deeply about.

I am thrilled to rejoin the ALS Society of BC as a member of the Board. I look forward to helping advance the vision and mission of the Society, give back to those who gave me a chance, support those who need it and surely learn a lot along the way.

There is no known cause or cure for ALS, yet. But it is because of the time, efforts, commitment and dedication of every member of the Society that there is hope. I'm grateful to be a part of this journey

Sheldon Cleaves

My involvement with ALS started 20 years ago, in 1997 when my mother (by adoption), was diagnosed with ALS at the age of 79 and passed away a short time later. A few years later, in 2001 after moving with my family from Connecticut to Vancouver Island, I was once again touched by the struggles and frustration of ALS. Andre Denomme, our neighbor and the husband of one of my wife's best friends, was diagnosed and thus started his long seven-year journey.

I had the great fortune of growing up as a competitive figure skater in an Olympic Village (Lake Placid, NY) where for the most part you are insulated from illness and your main focus is training. This led to a professional career with Feld Entertainment (Disney On Ice) as one of the headliners for 10 years. That portion of my career opened my eyes to primarily child illnesses as we would visit countless hospitals. The perspective gained from those visits introduced me not only to the frustration of the individual with the illness but also the resolve of the families through the toughest of times.

That perspective along with 27 years of Business Management in Sports/Entertainment and Recreational Vehicle industry, allowed me the insight and vision to navigate ALS first with my mother, and later with Andre and the community. I wanted to find a way to be proactive in the ALS fight. As the Service Manager for Greg's RV in Duncan, I knew I was able to communicate with a wide base, so I joined the North Island Chapter of ALS BC on the Island. With guidance from Jean and Gord Pearmain, pioneers in the fight for a cure, I was able to sit as a member on the board. Over the four years that I was directly involved we were able to fund raise nearly \$60,000 that went to supporting the Denomme family and ALS. To this day, the fight continues with groups like the Old Hustlers Hockey Club of the Cowichan Valley, which donate unsolicited.

I look forward to again being directly involved providing support and hope to those families of the North Island dealing with ALS on a daily basis. The goal is to heighten awareness, provide support and fund research so we can one day say we won the fight. I look forward to being a part of the push for a cure here on Vancouver Island and British Columbia.

Dr. Andrew EISEN MD., FRCPC

Dr. Andrew Eisen is presently Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia. He is a graduate of the University of Leeds in England (1959). He completed his Residency in Neurology at the Montreal Neurological Institute, McGill University and obtained the FRCPC in 1968. He was on the Staff of the Montreal Neurological and McGill from 1968-1980 first as an Assistant and then Associate Professor of Neurology. He moved to Vancouver, British Columbia in 1980 as Professor of Neurology. During his time at UBC, he developed the Neuromuscular Diseases Program and started a Provincial ALS Centre. Dr Eisen was Associate Dean of Research, University of British Columbia from 1985-1989 and Head of the Department of Medicine UBC from 1989 to 1994. He was Head of Neurology from 1995 until 2000. In 1980, he was one of the founders of the ALS Society of BC and has served on the board with few breaks since its creation. In 2001, he was made an Honorary Life Director of ALSBC. Dr Eisen has written extensively on ALS and edited the Motor Neuron Volumes of both the Handbook of Clinical Neurophysiology (2004) and Clinical Neurology (2007). In 1999, he received the prestigious Forbes Norris Award "For compassion and love of humanity in the study, management and support of ALS and Motor Neuron Disease." He is a former President of the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine. Dr. Eisen served on the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology as its Treasurer. He has a publication record that includes 5 books, 35 book-chapters and over 250 peer reviewed articles. He has been mainly interested in the Clinical Neurophysiology of ALS, but recently has developed collaborations with colleagues in the UK and Australia to consider some of the more elusive aspects of ALS. In 2012, Dr. Eisen was a recipient of a British Columbia Community Achievement Award, and also an awardee of the Queen Elizabeth II, Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Linda Fontana

Linda Fontana grew up in Kelowna BC and after university she lead and supported business since 1988, as a business owner, consultant, speaker, business training development and recruitment specialist in Canada and the United States. She has one daughter Katelin. Her husband Brian McKinnon, the love of her life is the reason for her support in making a meaning full difference to those affected with ALS and the fight for a cure. Brian was only 38 years old when diagnosed with ALS in 2003 and passed away 18 months later. We are hoping within our life time to see a cure so that other families are not robbed of their loved ones' way too early.

Elizabeth Legge

I am a 59-year-old retired lawyer. I am married with two adult children. My husband, John Legge, is also a lawyer currently practising at Gall Legge Zwack in Vancouver. I grew up in Edmonton and attended university there. I practised law in Edmonton and Calgary from 1984 until 1999. My primary areas of practise were real estate and family law. I was very active in the legal profession while practising. I was a member of the Alberta Mental Health Review Assessment Board for a number of years. I was also a Board member of the Big Brothers & Sisters Foundation in Edmonton. I retired from the practise of law to run the family household when we moved to Vancouver in 1999. Our two sons attended West Point Grey Academy. I was a very active volunteer with numerous school activities, including secretary for School's Board. Now that my children have graduated and started careers of their own (one is articling to be a lawyer and the other to be a chartered accountant), I am very interested in being further involved with ALS.

Norm Louie

Recently retired as CFO for the Overwaitea Food Group which runs the Save On Foods, Coopers Foods and Urban Fare supermarket chains, Norm and his wife, Lisa, just saw the additions of two more grandchildren to the family. Much of Norm's newly found time will be devoted to helping Lisa and their daughters look after the three grandchildren.

Raised in an immigrant family in Vancouver, Norm went to school in Vancouver, graduating with a B.Comm (Finance) from UBC and earned his CA/CPA designation. Since earning his designation, Norm has worked in manufacturing, wholesale and retail business.

A lifelong resident of BC (except for four years in Calgary), Norm initially served on the Finance Committee for the ALS Society of BC and is now the Treasurer. He has been a board member for the last five years and hopes to continue to support the ALS Society of BC.

Ellen Mahoney

Ellen Mahoney infuses passion, creativity, energy and fun into everything she does. Drawing on her extensive clinical background in health care, she brings a compassionate and genuine approach to everything she does. Ellen is a Registered Nurse with a Master's degree in Leadership and Training from the Royal Roads University. She is a past President of the Victoria Chapter. For nearly two decades, she has shared her expertise as the Volunteer Client Services Coordinator by visiting newly diagnosed clients and their families in the South Island at the most difficult period of their journey providing compassion, support, and understanding. During the monthly support group meetings, she leads discussions and invites presenters with a focus on "Living with ALS". Committed to creating awareness of ALS and fundraising, Ellen is a past Chairperson of the Annual ALS Flower Day held in June and a supporter of the annual Walk to End ALS. She is a member of both the Federation Client Services Committee and the Provincial Patient Services Committee. She speaks locally and nationally about living with ALS with health care professionals, ALS groups, and community groups. In 2009, Ellen was presented the Roy Slater Volunteer award and in 2010, she received the Myra Rosenfeld Volunteer award in recognition of her volunteer contribution to the ALS community of Canada. In 2012, Ellen received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and received the Governor General's Caring Community Award. ALS Canada presented Ellen the Lifetime Achievement Award for her 30 plus years of volunteer service dedicated to ALS, and ALS BC awarded Ellen an Honourary Membership. Currently Ellen is a Nurse Educator in the Nursing Program (BSN) in Victoria. She has been married to her high school sweetheart, Glenn for over 40 years.

Brad MacKenzie

Prior to exhibiting the first symptoms of ALS in 2016, at the age of 30, Brad MacKenzie graduated from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor's degree in Applied Science (Electrical Engineering). He has spent the majority of his professional career designing and implementing telecommunications systems for Public Safety agencies (ie: Police and Fire departments) across Canada. Recently, his focus has shifted to public transportation challenges and is currently an employee of Translink. Outside of work, Brad enjoys the outdoors and can usually be found tinkering with some kind of invention or idea. Brad is a registered Professional Engineer with EGBC and is a member in good standing.

Dave Walman

Dave has been associated with ALS BC since 2004 when his wife was diagnosed with ALS. At that time, he and his wife were both nurses working at Surrey Memorial Hospital. Dave has worked in the medical field for most of his life including hospital administration, pharmaceutical sales and nursing. He has been retired since 2015, but continues to support ALS BC as a member of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Patient Services Committee, facilitator of the Fraser Valley Living with ALS

Support Group, and is on the Fraser Valley Walk to End ALS committee. He was presented with the Roy Slater Volunteer of the Year award in 2015. He has two grown children and three young grandchildren who consume much of his spare time. He also enjoys outdoor activities such as skiing, hiking and world travel.

Jim Williams

Named for his grandfather, founder of Williams Moving & Storage, Jim is still leading the William's Group into its 90th year in 2019 as a property holding company. Jim literally grew up in the company and starting at age fourteen, has worked at every level from Sweeper to 'Swamper' to Sales to President and CEO. As a leader in his industry, Jim was, for 14 years, a member of the Board of Directors of the BC Trucking Association and the longest standing Chairman of United Van Lines (Canada) Ltd., named one of Canada's "50 Best Managed Companies". Jim is also active in the broader business community and was a member of YPO/WPO for 10 years. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, CERC and is a TELUS Community Board Director, Director for Gat Leedm Logistics, President of Williams Moving & Storage Cranbrook and for four years was Chair of the Finance Committee for Envirowaste, a publicly traded company. In 2015 with a business direction shift Jim continues to work in the communities in which the family business operates as a property holding management company and will continue their charity activities.

The Williams family and their employees were recipient of the ALS Society of Canada Sidney Valo Exceptional Fundraising award in 2010, and in 2017 Jim was made an honorary life member of the ALS Society of BC.

Honourary Life Directors

Dr. Andrew Eisen (see above)

Dr. Charles Krieger

Dr. Krieger is the Professor of Kinesiology at SFU. He is focused on a cure, or effective treatment for ALS. He frequently does neurological testing at the GF Strong ALS Clinic. Dr. Krieger's current research includes characterization of a cat ion current in neurons in health and disease; evaluation of the roles of protein and lipid kinesis in a cell culture model of excitotoxicity; and determination of the role of protein kinesis in an animal model of motor neuron disease. He received his MD from the University of Toronto, his M.Sc. from the University of Montreal and his Ph.D. from the University of London.

ALS Society of BC - North Central Island Chapter - President

Gianpiero Denomme is a graduate from Royal Roads University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Justice Studies (2019), and is also an active volunteer with the ALS Society of BC. In his volunteerism career with the ALS Society of BC, he has participated in numerous ALS fundraising initiatives such as the Golfathon for ALS, the BMO Vancouver Marathon as a charity runner, and most recently as the 2019 Mid Island Walk to End ALS coordinator. Gianpiero's inspiration to give back to the individuals and families living with ALS comes from being personally impacted by the disease. As a five-year-old, Gianpiero witnessed his father live with ALS for seven years until his passing in 2006, leaving a profound legacy of inspiration within the community. Throughout these challenging years and beyond, Gianpiero witnessed in many ways his family, friends, and many members of the community come together to provide support for his family - something he is grateful for. In these selfless acts, he learned the value of what it means to give back to the community and the positive impact it carries. Presently, being a proud volunteer for the ALS Society of BC, Gianpiero hopes to give back to the community and reflect the same support he and his family experienced.