

Beacon Community Services History: Welcome the Board!

2024 marked Beacon Community Services' (BCS) 50th year of service - Helping People, Empowering Communities, Improving Lives. In this article we explore the makeup of the Board.

The Society has always been governed by a volunteer Board elected at each Annual General Meeting (AGM). As well, the terms for the Directors were structured so that as nearly as practical, half (1/2) of the Directors were elected at each AGM.

Over the years, changes were made to the Board structure and filed under the Societies Act.

- April 24, 1974: The structure allowed for a 9-member Board whose members were elected for two-year terms.
- December 22, 1977: The number of Board members was increased to 11.
 - The change aligned with the Society's name change to Peninsula Community Association, and would have allowed better oversight of the "umbrella of services" being offered.
- September 22, 1982: The number of Board members was increased to 13, with a maximum term of 7 years.
 - This change occurred after the amalgamation with the Saanich Peninsula Guidance Association and would have accommodated oversight of the new programs offered because of this amalgamation.
- August 26, 1983: The number of Board members was increased to 15.
 - This change was probably as recognition that 2 additional seats did not provide the oversight needed for the number of programs that were added.
- September 17, 1987: The maximum term was reduced to 6 years.
- October 30, 1996: The duties of the Officers of the society were articulated.

In 2024, the maximum term is 6 years, consisting of two consecutive, three-year terms, excluding any appointed or ex officio terms.







Barry Wyckham Treasurer YE 1975-1977¹

Although the structure allowed for up to 9 members, the initial Board consisted of 7 people, with Susan Langlois as Chair, and Barry Wyckham as Treasurer. At the time, Susan was a local probation officer, and Chair of the Saanich Peninsula Guidance Association's Board, and Barry was a counsellor working for the Guidance Association.



Throughout the years, information about the Chair of Beacon's Board was reported consistently, while information about the other officers was not always available. Often, though not always, a Board member would serve as one or more of the officers before being appointed to the position of Chair.

Board Chairs – Year-ends (YE) served

<p>Susan Langlois YE 1975-1978²</p> 	<p>Louise Cole YE 1979³</p> 
<p>Russell Flower⁴ YE 1980</p> 	<p>Gerry Edwards YE 1981-1982⁵</p> 

¹ Photo courtesy 1976 Mar 3 The Sidney Review

² Photo courtesy 1979 Jan 31 The Sidney Review

³ Photo courtesy 1984 Apr 4 The Review

⁴ Photo courtesy 1979 Jan 31 The Sidney Review

⁵ Photo courtesy 1984 June 20 The Review



Lighting the way for 50 years

Joan Beattie YE 1983-1984



Anne Johnston YE 1985-1987⁶



Victor De Cambra YE 1988

Ken Wyatt YE 1989-1991



Dee Balin YE 1992-1993



Mickey DeBruin YE 1994-1995



⁶ Photo courtesy 1984 Dec 5 The Review



Christine Bullen YE 1996⁷



Rick FitzZaland YE 1997-1998⁸



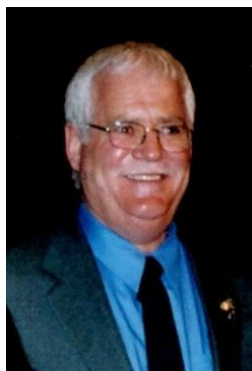
Marilyn Loveless YE 1999



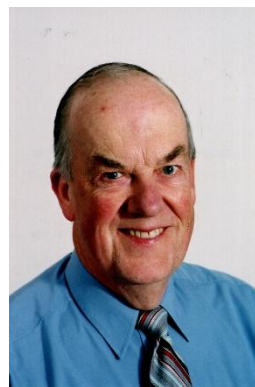
Mary Habgood YE 2000-2002



Peter Parsons YE 2003



John Anderson YE 2004-2005



⁷ Photo courtesy 1998 Sep 30 Peninsula News Review

⁸ Photo courtesy <https://www.linkedin.com/in/richard-fitzzaland-96222242/>



Helen Evans YE 2006-2007



Derek Chow YE 2008-2009



Dawn Fyke YE 2010



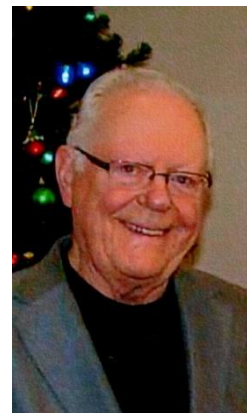
Bob Cronin YE 2011-2012



Penny Thomsen⁹ YE 2013-2014



Keith Rolfe YE 2015



⁹ Photo courtesy Peninsula News Review July 27 2012



Lighting the way for 50 years

Chuck Rowe YE 2016-2017



Joan Axford YE 2018



Bryan Waller YE 2019-2020



Carla Robinson YE 2021-2022



Chuck McNaughton YE 2023



Joan Easton YE 2024-Current



Vice Chairs – Year-ends (YE) served

Name	Year End Term Started	Year End Term Ended	Source
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1974</i>	<i>1982</i>	
Anne Johnston	1983	1984	The Review August 17, 1983
Stewart MacKay	1985	1985	1985 Societies Act Annual Report
Dan Tarasoff	1986		1986 AGM
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1987</i>	<i>1989</i>	
Grant Warrington	1990	1991	1990, 1991 Societies Act Annual Reports
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>	
Steven Denroche	1994	1994	1994 Annual Report
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1995</i>	
Anne McCormick	1996	1996	1996 Annual Report
Ken Stevenson	1997	1997	1997 Annual Report
Jim Chow	1998	1998	1998 Annual Report
Mary Habgood	1999	1999	1999 Annual Report
Peter Parsons	2000	2002	2000-2002 Annual Report
John Anderson	2003	2003	2003 Annual Report
Helen Parker	2004	2004	2004 Annual Report
Helen Evans	2005	2005	2005 Annual Report
Lorraine Borstad	2006	2006	2006 Annual Report
Derek Chow	2007	2007	2007 Annual Report
Claude Heywood	2008	2008	2008 Annual Report
<i>Missing</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2009</i>	
Bob Cronin	2010	2010	2010 Annual Report
Penny Thomsen	2011	2012	2011-2012 Annual Report
Keith Rolfe	2013	2014	2013-2014 Annual Report



Name	Year End Term Started	Year End Term Ended	Source
Chuck Rowe	2015	2015	2015 Annual Report
Joan Axford	2016	2017	2016-2017 Annual Report
Bryan Waller	2018	2018	2018 Annual Report
Carla Robinson	2019	2020	2019-2020 Annual Report
Chuck McNaughton	2021	2022	2021-2022 Annual Report
Fiona Sudbury	2023	Current	BCS Website; joined Board in 2021

Treasurers – Year-ends (YE) served

Name	Year End Term Started	Year End Term Ended	Source
Barry Wyckham	1975	1978	Nov 23 1977 The Sidney Review; 1975-1978 Societies Act Annual Reports Barry was also a counsellor and at one time the Chairman and Director of the Saanich Peninsula Guidance Association at this same time <i>Source The Sidney Review March 3, 1976</i>
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1980</i>	
Dan Rippin	1981	1986	1986 AGM
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1987</i>	<i>1988</i>	
Alfred (Bert) Smibert	1989	1989	1989 AGM
Dennis Coppard	1990	1995	1990, 1991, 1994 Societies Act Annual Reports, 1995 Annual Report
Linda Michaluk	1996	1996	1996 Annual Report



Name	Year End Term Started	Year End Term Ended	Source
Marilyn Loveless	1997	1998	1997-1998 Annual Reports
Rob Thatcher	1999	1999	1999 Annual Report
Roberta Cuppage	2000	2001	2000-2001 Annual Reports
John Anderson	2002	2002	2002 Annual Report
Lorraine Borstad	2003	2005	2003-2005 Annual Reports
Derek Chow	2006	2006	2006 Annual Report
Jean Taylor	2007	2008	2007-2008 Annual Reports
Bob Cronin	2009	2009	2009 Annual Report
Sue Hodgson	2010	2011	2010-2011 Annual Reports
Keith Rolfe	2012	2012	2012 Annual Report
Sue Wilson	2013	2016	2013-2016 Annual Reports
Bryan Waller	2017	2017	2017 Annual Report
Carla Robinson	2018	2018	2018 Annual Report
Chuck McNaughton	2019	2020	2019-2020 Annual Reports
Tom Vincent	2021	2022	2021-2022 Annual Reports
Roy McMurtry	2023	Current	BCS Website; Joined Board in July 2022

Board Secretary - Year-ends (YE) that they served

Name	Year End Term Started	Year End Term Ended	Source
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1984</i>	
Don Trivett	1985	1985	1985 Societies Act Annual Report
Jean Grant	1986		1986 AGM
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1987</i>	<i>1988</i>	
D. Mayland McKimm	1989	1990	1989 Societies Act Annual Report



Name	Year End Term Started	Year End Term Ended	Source
Bernard Shipton	1990	1992	1990, 1991 Societies Act Annual Reports
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1993</i>	
Sabrina Amos		1994	1994 Annual Report
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1995</i>	
Alice Heath	1996	1996	1996 Societies Act Annual Report
Jim Scrivens	1997		1997 Annual Report
<i>Missing</i>	<i>1998</i>		
Rob Thatcher	1999	1999	1999 Annual Report
Roberta Cuppage	2000	2001	2000-2001 Annual Reports
John Anderson	2002	2002	2002 Annual Report
Lorraine Borstad	2003	2005	2003-2005 Annual Reports
Derek Chow	2006	2006	2006 Annual Report
Jean Taylor	2007	2008	2007-2008 Annual Reports
<i>Missing</i>	<i>2009</i>		
Penny Thomsen	2010	2010	2010 Annual Report
Keith Rolfe	2011	2011	2011 Annual Report
Sue Willson	2012	2012	2012 Annual Report
Chuck Rowe	2013	2014	2013-2014 Annual Reports
Jo-Anne Kahan	2015	2016	2015-2016 Annual Reports
Penny Donaldson	2017	2020	2017-2020 Annual Reports
Graham Sanderson	2021	2022	2021-2022 Annual Reports
Diana Lokken	2023	2023	Website
Carolyn Knox	2024	Current	Website; Joined Board in July 2022



Board Members – 1994-1995 Mickey DeBruin

L-R: Mickey DeBruin (Chair), Dennis Coppard (Treasurer),
Margaret Tedlie, Ken Wyatt, Anne Johnston, Bill Cheadle, Dan Rippen,
Roderick Clack, MLA Murray Cole, Dee Balin



Board Members – 2004-2005 John Anderson

Standing L-R: Lorraine Borstad (Secretary/Treasurer), Nola Silzer,
Michael Hoebel (Galiano representative), Lou Sontra, Claude Heywood,
John Anderson (Chair), Derek Chow, Jean Taylor (Salt Spring Island representative)
Pat Gasston (Mayne Island representative)

Sitting L-R: Helen Parker, Jean Rogers (Pender Island representative),
Helen Evans (Vice Chair)



Board Members – 2008-2009 Derek Chow

Back Row L-R: Margaret Kun (Director Home Support),
Sue Hodgson (Program Planning & Review Committee Chair),
Ken Jackson (Operations Committee), Bob Cronin (Treasurer),
Mark Blandford (Director Home Support Housing),
Glenys Cavers (Director Thrift Shops)

Sitting L-R: Isobel Mackenzie (CEO),
Don Laughton (Operations Committee Chair),
Derek Chow (Chair), Peter Koppele (Program Planning & Review Committee), Dawn
Fyke (Operations Committee Vice Chair)

