

Seniors' College Association of Nova Scotia (SCANS)

Nominating Committee Report—15/02/26

The number of directors to serve on the Seniors' College of NS Association Board is at least twelve (12) and no more than fifteen (15) directors. The composition consists of five Officer positions and at least seven and no more than ten Directors. This past year the Board consisted of a total of fifteen Directors.

The two Directors - **Gary Patterson** and **Barbara Cottrell** have completed their term. Two Directors **Ann-Marie Clements** and **Jack Potter** have resigned. The Board sincerely thanks these Directors for their support and contribution to SCANS.

With respect to Officers, Secretary - **Kit Waters** and Treasurer - **Margaret Meldrum** are in the second year of their two year appointments as Officers and require no vote. The President, **Helen Griffiths** will move from the position of President to Immediate Past President and requires no vote.

Current Vice President seeking election to Officer Position of President

Sharon Reashore

Directors

The following Directors at Large are in the second year of their two year terms and require no vote: **Colleen Farrell, Susan Holmes, Margaret MacDonald, Lisa Menchions, Bette Tetreault, and Catherine MacDonald.**

Two Directors **Sharon Reashore - Vice President** and **Kit Waters - Secretary** are in the second year of their appointments as Directors and are seeking re- election for second two year terms and Directors.

One Director-at-large, **Milton Graves**, is in the second year of his second two year term and is seeking re-election for a third two year term as Director at Large.

Candidates for Board positions

In seeking new directors for the board the Nominating Committee made efforts to address diversity in individuals and geography. They were successful in the geographic area. The Committee is pleased to submit the following list of candidates - **Barbara Ross, Jim Houston** and **Rod McCulloch**. Please find the information regarding these candidates below. They are all members of SCANS - Jim and Rod from HRM and Barbara from Liverpool chapter They meet all criteria for the Board thus ensuring good governance.

Candidates for Members-at-Large

BARBARA ROSS

Barbara is a retired Registered Nurse, Midwife and Public Health Nurse with a Post Graduate Degree in Community Health and a master's degree in business administration (she has always enjoyed being a learner). Currently she works as a Justice of the Peace and runs a small BnB from her home.

Her extensive career in community healthcare offered her the opportunity to travel around the world and learn from international colleagues from diverse cultures, religions and care settings. However, what was consistent no matter where she worked, was the devotion of families committed to taking care of a loved one diagnosed with the deterioration of brain function caused by dementia.

Over her 44 years of practice, Barbara has cared for a wide group of patients living with dementia – Korsakoff Syndrome, AIDS Dementia Complex and more chronic diseases including Lewy Bodies Disease, Huntington's, Parkinsons, Vascular Dementia and Alzheimer's.

Barbara's Public Presentation Caring with Confidence is being offered with SCANS in Liverpool on February 18, 2026

James Houston

James is a retired NS senior public servant with a fair bit of experience serving on the boards of non-profit organizations. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree as well as BA and B of Journalism.

He has had extensive experience in various NS government departments as well as international positions. He has been currently volunteering with the Brunswick Street Mission and has had multiple volunteer and board positions including Canadian Olympic Curling trials, North American Indigenous Summer Games, Immigrant Services Association of NS and many others.

Roderick McCulloch

Born and brought up in Toronto, Rod joined EY (formerly Clarkson Gordon) after graduation from U of T. Rod and his family moved to Halifax with EY to become the Audit Manager in the office. Rod became a partner in the firm and took over as the Managing Partner of the Halifax office.

In 1986, Rod left EY to join the entrepreneurial world. After four years as VP Finance at Highliner Foods, Rod, with a partner, invested in a couple of small businesses. In 2007 Rod purchased an interest in NovaScotian Crystal. Rod sold his interest in NSC in 2015 and retired.

He has volunteered extensively within the community serving in executive positions on many boards including the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Blue Nose International Marathon (Founder and Co-Chair), Atlantic Theatre Festival (Chair), United Way Halifax and many more.

Since retirement he has maintained an interest in both business and the community and continues to coach and mentor others.

Candidate seeking Officer Position

Sharon Reashore, LL.B.

Sharon is a retired lawyer with experience as the Executive Director of Caregivers Nova Scotia, a Board member of the Ocean View Continuing Care Centre in Cow Bay, and a Board member of Ronald MacDonald House in Halifax.

Currently Sharon is the current Vice President with the SCANS Board of Directors, and continues in the role of Social Media Coordinator, is a member of the membership committee has been a Class Manager, and presented a SCANS Course entitled “Walking in Two Worlds: The Intersection of Inuit and Western Culture Past and Present. During her time as Executive Director in the non-profit sector, she gained valuable experience in working closely with a Board of Directors. As part of this role, she was responsible for setting agendas for Board meetings, reporting on activities and progress of the organization, and leading strategic planning initiatives. Additionally, she assisted the Board in the transition from an operational-focused approach to a governance-focused one. This involved restructuring the Board’s responsibilities and ensuring their focus was more strategic and long-term.

Overall, her experience as an Executive Director and as a Board member in the non-profit sector has equipped her with a diverse skill set and a solid understanding of organizational governance.

Note: As per the SCANS Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 2.1 **Nominations and Election Procedures** names may be added to the list up to three days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Please note if these candidates are elected, the Board will have a total of nine Directors at Large and four Officers. The positions of Vice President and one Director at Large remain unfilled. No one from the board has asked to be considered as Vice President. The Director position also remains open.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Nominating Committee: Catherine MacDonald, Nancy Pitts, Susan Letson, Susan Hutchinson, Colleen McCarthy.