



2023 AGM BOARD NOMINATIONS

CURRENT TEAM APPOINTMENTS

The following, current board are mid-term in their service to the Society and will continue their service to the Society as Board Members:

- Heather Priest (mid-1st term)
- Kylee Pawluk (mid-1st term)
- Stuart Culbertson (mid-3rd term)

The following, current board members have agreed to continue their service and put their name forward:

For a second, two year term:

- Brian Liversedge
- Taylor Redlinger

For a third, two year term:

- Allan Lane
- Nick Poushinsky

For an additional, one year term:

- Danny Tulip – who has completed three, two year terms of service
The Board (as per our ByLaws) sees great value in Danny's financial management skills.
- Lorraine Patterson – who has completed one, two year term of service as Oceaneer.
The Board (as per our ByLaws) would like to extend Lorraine's service to further the work of the newly created IDEA Working Group.

Throughout the Society year, both Robyn Quinn and Jessica Doig stepped down from their roles.

NEW BOARD NOMINATIONS

Public, board member recruitment was held from Aug 15 to Sept 15 2023. Twelve quality candidates applied. While the majority of the submissions were from the local, south Vancouver Island community, applications were also received from further afield [Metro Vancouver (2) and Calgary (1)].

The Centre's Governance and Executive/Finance Committees jointly reviewed applicants, conducted interviews and are presenting four nominees at the AGM.

These individuals are current members of the Society and have confirmed that they are not disqualified from being a director.

- Alyssa Allchurch
- Bailey Salvador
- Laurie Henderson
- Samantha Loo



ALYSSA ALLCHURCH (SHE/HER)

Alyssa is a marine ecologist who was raised in treaty 7 territory and has a passion for education and all things seaweed. After completing her bachelors in 2017 she moved abroad to work as a dive instructor and marine biologist for an organization that taught marine managers and students about conservation and marine science techniques. After working in Thailand, Indonesia and Mauritius Alyssa moved to the west coast in 2020 and began volunteering at the Center for the Salish Sea as a volunteer naturalist and intern aquarist. She started her masters in 2021 working with the Kwakiutl Nation to understand the impacts of kelp harvest in their territory. This collaborative project fostered a lifelong love of kelp and a deep appreciation for the lands and waters on which she has been lucky to learn and grow.

Currently Alyssa is working towards her PhD looking at the impacts of kelp encrusting bryozoans on 15 First Nations territories up and down the coast. She is at her happiest when diving through a kelp forest, running down a beach or teaching someone a cool ocean fact. She is grateful for the opportunity to join the board of directors at the Center for the Salish Sea and strives to foster kindness, curiosity and collaboration within the broader community through her time there.



BAILEY SALVADOR (SHE/HER)

Bailey grew up in North Saanich, graduating from Parkland Secondary School in 2008. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (Accounting Major) and received her Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation in 2017. Bailey started out her career in public practice working for the local Sidney firm of Hughesman Morris Liversedge CPAs. She now works in the construction industry as Financial Controller for the Knappett Group of Companies.

As a long time resident of Sidney, Bailey has enjoyed watching the town grow and rejuvenate it's small-town charm in recent years – the Sidney Waterfront and Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea being a large part of that. She is looking forward to getting more involved in her community and helping the Centre achieve its strategic goals as it enters it's second decade of operations.

Bailey has a passion for travel and exploring the world but believes there is no place quite like Vancouver Island and is grateful to call it home. On the weekends you can find her hiking, camping, and enjoying all that our beautiful coastline and forests have to offer.



LAURIE HENDERSON (SHE/HER)

Laurie relocated to Sidney in 2022, after spending over 35 years working, raising a family, and recreating in the Yukon. Laurie was legal counsel specializing in natural resource management for much of this time, providing legal support and advice to the Yukon government for over two decades. Prior to this, as a sole practitioner, she acted as counsel for a number of Yukon First Nations who had settled land claim agreements and were establishing resource management regimes. This work built upon her background in the environmental and conservation field and frequently drew upon her previously obtained B.Sc. in Zoology and Masters' degree in Environmental Science.

Laurie is no stranger to the island, having completed a law degree at the University of Victoria and vacationing here many times over the years, and is happy to be able to return here semi-retired. She started volunteering at the Centre several months ago and always looks forward to her usual Thursday shift as a Oceaneer Volunteer. Each week brings new information and an opportunity to see something new, whether it is the flicking fans of the barnacles, prickle backs fighting for hiding spots in the eel grass or the wolf eels gracefully emerging from their dens to scarf a shrimp.

Kayaking and hiking, and even a little pickleball now, are important to Laurie, as is spending time with her daughter and young grandson, who have both joined her on the island.



SAMANTHA LOO (SHE/HER)

Growing up near a salmon spawning stream in Coquitlam, BC sparked Samantha's interest in marine biogeography. She is a recent UBC graduate that researched various topics in environmental and sustainable geography.

Learning spaces like aquariums, provided her with a safe and inclusive space to learn and grow in. She has a passion for creating similar learning spaces for others, currently working as a climbing instructor and in STEAM educational awareness for a professional regulatory body.

She lives, works, and plays on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the k̓w̓ik̓w̓əłəm First Nation. Samantha is extremely excited to have the opportunity to be a board member at the SCSS, and to spend the next couple of years learning about the Salish Sea bioregion.