

Slate of Potential Board Members

2013 AGM

Aaron GlynWilliams

Aaron is a self-proclaimed Toronto 'booster' who believes in building communities through strong partnerships and effective stakeholder relations. He speaks French and has a B.A. from the University of Toronto.

Aaron began his career as an assistant to a Toronto Councillor and spent two years as a policy and outreach advisor to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing. He has spent the last three years with the Toronto 2015 Pan American & Parapan American Games (TO2015).

As a senior member of Toronto 2015's public affairs team; Aaron serves as the point of contact for twenty-two levels of government, including all of Toronto City Council. He has developed strong relationships with government, and become a trusted representative of a once-in-a-lifetime event.

While working with TO2015, Aaron spearheaded an effort to bring together thirteen different LGBTTIQQ2SA organizations in the city around the creation of a Pride House during the Toronto 2015 Games.

Aaron also brings considerable experience in grassroots program and volunteer development working across diverse communities. He has developed a number of youth programs in Toronto's priority neighbourhoods, was a DiverseCity Fellow with CivicAction, and worked with the Ministry of Children & Youth Services to develop their Youth Engagement Strategy.

Aaron has firsthand experience with the unique challenges and opportunities that a major event can present for our region, and how to maintain partnerships that maximize its potential. Aaron is now honoured to be seeking the responsibility of serving as a member of the Pride Toronto Board of Directors.

Trini Mitra

Trini was raised in India and earned his Masters degree in Accounting from the University of Calcutta. He worked in various multinational companies there, before immigrating to Canada in 2004. As of now, he is the Finance Manager of Opera Atelier, a prestigious period Opera and Ballet company in Toronto. He believes that his years of experience in the Arts community by virtue of his current position and his former employment at the Canadian Opera Company makes him one of those fortunate ones who can blend their interest in the Arts with the expertise of numbers.

Trini has benefitted immensely from the emotional and counselor support from Toronto's LGBTQ community and would like to pay his tribute in his own way back to the community. He brings his financial acumen as well as a wealth of international personal experience to the table. As an integral part of the Senior Management team at Opera Atelier, reporting to the Executive Director and Finance and Audit Committee, his skills and competencies include preparation and analysis of financial statements, budgets and forecasts and key business indicator reports for recommendation and approval by the Board and Government Granting Organizations.

Trini enjoys fine arts, conversations, communication and interaction with people apart from problem-solving. He is a vocal musician trained in Indian Classical and contemporary music. He is also an active member of the thriving Indian community in Toronto.

Trini has served as a Treasurer, Board of Directors for the Canadian Art Song Project (CASP).

His sensitivity to people, keen observation power and ability for emotive expression stand him in good stead for a position of influence.

Dave Mossman

Dave Mossman is a seasoned event planner who has organized events for large organizations and not-for-profits such as Easter Seals Ontario, Special Olympics Ontario, the Canadian Cancer Society, McMaster University and the University of Guelph. Dave's biggest achievement was being the Coordinator of the 2011 Special Olympics Ontario Winter Games. Most recently he has started his own national event management company, MossmanEvents, planning events for not-for-profits, corporations and individuals.

Dave received his BA in Mathematics and French, a BEd Intermediate/ Senior and a certificate in Event Management. Even though his career path changed from teaching high school math to event coordination, Dave currently has developed a motivational campaign that will be launching in high schools across Canada called "This is Me", which inspires students to be proud of who they are, to accept others, and to use their individuality to contribute to their community in a positive way. The campaign stems from his experiences coming out in Northern Ontario as a gay male.

Dave has attended Pride for two years as a participant but would like to take the leap to Board of Directors to use his skills, knowledge and experiences in event management, as well as his passion for the LGBTTIQQ2SA community, to ensure a memorable World Pride and to continue its legacy in the Toronto area for years to come.

Dana Suvagau

Dana Suvagau was born in Timisoara, Romania. She earned her LL. B. from Osgoode Hall Law School at York University in 2007. During her final year, she participated in the Aboriginal Lands, Resources and Governments Intensive at Osgoode; a program which explores legal issues relating to indigenous people and indigenous rights. She also completed an Honours Baccalaureate in Social Sciences with a specialization in Criminology from the University of Ottawa.

Dana has pursued a career in public service working for the Office of the Correctional Investigator in Ottawa and most recently as a Staff Lawyer with Legal Aid Ontario. Her commitment to providing advocacy for marginalized people led her to pursue a career in social justice and to seek opportunities within the Toronto community to protect and sustain diversity.

Dana currently sits on the Board of Octavia Films a non-profit organization which serves to address the gender disparity in film by supporting a new generation of aspiring young women who seek viable careers as filmmakers.

As a Board member for Pride Toronto, Dana's experience and skills will allow her to connect with diverse members of the community in order to foster partnerships and develop member engagement.

Chris Tremeer, CPA, CA

Toronto Pride Week festival played an important role in Chris's personal development and coming out as gay (a 20 year saga he is happy to share). Chris brings a variety of unique personal perspectives to every conversation including "recently out" and "gay parent". Chris is committed to find ways to support members of the LGBTTIQQ2SA communities to celebrate their sexuality and to support people coming out.

At work, Chris is the Director of Corporate Services & Project Management at the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies. Chris has extensive experience in financial management, board governance, government relations, fund development, and stakeholder management for not-for-profit organizations.

In the community, Chris has served recently on two volunteer boards. As a board member with Kindle Communities Organization (2008-2013), Chris worked to develop properties and provide socially responsible rental properties to not-for-profit organizations serving at-risk children and families. As President of the St. Joseph's Guelph Rehabilitation Corp. Board of Directors (2009-2013), Chris assisted this new organization through the strategic and operational plan development.

When not at work or volunteering, Chris enjoys time at the beach, volleyball with the Toronto Spartan League, time at the gym, photography, and playing with daughters Kyla & Julie.

Chris is excited to have this opportunity to refocus his volunteer efforts in support of Toronto's LGBTTIQQ2SA communities. Chris is committed to representing the views of the members and volunteers during World Pride 2014 and beyond World Pride to make the Pride Toronto Festival the premier Pride event.