

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

NOMINATIONS FOR OTTAWA CHARTER BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 AGM

Every Branch member in good standing is eligible to nominate or stand as a candidate for the Ottawa Charter Branch Board of Directors. The following notice was distributed to our members with the Spring 2018 Edition of *Sage*:

The Branch is soliciting nominations for the Board of Directors. Nominations should be submitted by surface mail to 2285 St. Laurent Blvd., Unit B-2, Ottawa, ON, K1G 4Z5; or fax to 613-737-9288; or email to info@nafrottawa.com, no later than close-of-business April 16, 2018. For further details regarding the nomination process see <https://nafrottawa.com/board-of-directors> or call the Branch at 613-737-2199.

The Chair of Nominations Committee is pleased to present a full Slate of Nominees for those positions becoming vacant at this the 2018 AGM. These are for the Charter Branch Board and for a variety of terms as noted for each Nominee. The Nominees are:

DESLOGES, Christine (for a two-year term ending 2020)

Christine retired in 2015 as an Assistant Deputy Minister with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade after 35 years of service abroad (Beijing, China; Hong Kong; and Vietnam, as Canada's first resident ambassador) and at various federal departments at home.

While at the Treasury Board Secretariat, she played a leadership role in the set-up and implementation of the Government-on-Line initiative and in having it recognized as the best in the world for five consecutive years (2001-05). She also successfully launched (2013) the new 10-year ePassport in her capacity as the CEO of Passport Canada (2009-13).

Christine was awarded the 2006 Head of Public Service Award of Excellence (Management) and the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for Public Service. Christine speaks French, English, Spanish and functional Mandarin Chinese. She holds a BA (St Thomas University); an MA (Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University); as well as the ICD.D designation (Institute of Corporate Directors).

Christine currently sits on the Quality and Client Service Committee of the Toronto-based Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care and is also a director of the Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation. She was first elected to the Ottawa Branch Board of Directors at the May 2017 AGM.

FERNANDEZ, Keith (for a two-year term ending 2020)

Keith holds a Bachelor of Arts - History, Canadian-American Relations (1977) from McGill University. He worked in various departments in the Public Service over a period of 33 years, beginning as a Customs Inspector in Montreal, Quebec. Over the years, he progressed through Indian and Northern Affairs (Litigation Management and Resolution Branch),

Treasury Board Secretariat (Economic Sector), Western Economic Diversification and Fintrac (2008) from where he retired as Senior Deputy Director. He returned to Western Diversification, post-retirement to help develop that department's responses to the Government's two Strategic Review exercises.

Keith and his wife (both happily retired) currently divide their time between Portugal (near an aging parent), Florida (winters) and Ottawa. Having observed first-hand the impact of austerity efforts by some European governments on pensioners and their limited incomes, Keith has expressed an interest in taking a more active role within the National Association of Federal Retirees by participating in Ottawa Branch advocacy efforts to safeguard accrued and earned benefits.

Keith was last elected to the Ottawa Branch Board at the 2016 AGM.

FORD, Chris (for a two-year term ending 2020)

Chris Ford has 40 years of operational, engineering, communication, leadership and conflict resolution experience in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Public Service of Canada, and [Toastmasters International](#). He's a retired brigadier-general, a retired director-general, and a Past International President of Toastmasters International - a worldwide organization dedicated to communication and leadership skill development. His first career specialty was military engineering, with numerous domestic and overseas assignments including peace support operations in the former Yugoslavia, exchange duty in India, and NATO service in Germany.

His second career led Chris into the world of conflict resolution - at both interpersonal and organizational levels. In recent years Chris was the Director of Conflict Resolution at Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and subsequently the Director-General of [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#) for the Canadian Armed Forces and National Defence. Chris is now a professional speaker, and offers consulting services in communication, leadership, and conflict resolution through his company: [Generally Speaking](#).

In his spare time, Chris is the Executive Director of the Military Engineering Institute of Canada, Director on the Board of the Ottawa Branch of the National Association of Federal Retirees, Past President of the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Collaborative Justice Program, and active in two local Toastmasters clubs. Chris is a graduate of the Royal Military College (Kingston) in Applied Science, the Defence Services Staff College (India), the Program for Public Executives at Queens University (Kingston), and the Carleton University (Ottawa) [Graduate Diploma in Conflict Resolution](#). He has been awarded numerous medals for military service, including the Order of Military Merit presented by the Governor General of Canada.

Chris was appointed to the Ottawa Branch Board in November 2017.

RUTHNUM, Harry (for a two-year term ending 2020)

Harry Ruthnum started his career as a senior financial analyst in Treasury at Philips Electronics in Toronto and joined the Public Service as Senior Bank Examiner with the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, where he had responsibility for a portfolio of large domestic and foreign banks operating in Canada. Harry also has experience with the Office of the Auditor General of Canada (OAG) as a Principal with audit responsibility for government departments such as Industry Canada and Canadian Heritage, and large Crown Corporations such as Export Development Canada and CBC. As Principal, he was responsible for three audits that were reported in the OAG's annual reports to Parliament in two consecutive years.

Harry has worked for the IMF as an expert in Banking Supervision, Internal Audit and Governance advising central banks on bank regulations, internal audit and governance, and best practices in supervising and examining banks.

After retiring from the Public Service, Harry has carried out several consulting mandates for senior management of various departments and agencies in the field of financial management, risk management and governance.

Harry is a member (CPA, CA) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario, and holds an MBA in Managerial Economics and Finance from the University of Ottawa.

Harry was appointed to the Ottawa Board of Directors in November 2017.

SAUNDERS, Linda (for a two-year term ending 2020)

Linda retired in 2015 as Chief Audit Executive, Justice Canada after a public service career spanning 28 years. Linda is a professional internal auditor and has spent 22 years working in the internal audit domain in numerous federal departments including Revenue Canada Taxation in St. John's, Newfoundland, Department of National Defense in Halifax, Nova Scotia and, after moving to Ottawa in 2002, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Infrastructure Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and, Justice Canada, serving as Chief Audit Executive in the last three departments.

She has extensive experience in the conduct of various types of audits such as financial, operational, value-for-money, and performance, and in providing advice and assurance to deputy heads and senior management on matters related to governance, risk management and internal controls.

Linda was awarded the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for Public Service. She has a BA in Education from Memorial University. She is also a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP) and has Certifications in Control Self-Assessment (CCSA) and Risk Management Assurance (CRMA).

Linda was appointed to the Board in November 2017.

SING, Terry (for a one-year term ending 2019)

During his 35-year career in the Public Service, Terry has worked as a professional and executive in the following areas: Metallurgy (National Defense); Meteorology (Environment Canada); Information Technology, Training & Development (Statistics Canada); and finally culminating his career as a member of the National Sales and Marketing team at Public Works and Government Services Canada. During his second career, for twelve years, Terry worked as a Consultant specializing in Career and Employment Counseling, assisting people to return to work.

Over the years, Terry has served with various volunteer organizations in a variety of capacities where he developed valuable abilities & knowledge. His experience and skills include being President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and “Chief Cook and Bottle Washer” in organizations where he has served. In addition, he served as Chairperson on many committees such as, finance, special events, mobilization, election, fund-raising, conference, equity and diversity and other areas.

Currently, Terry is involved with the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC), Nepean Housing Corporation, and within the National Association of Federal Retirees, he serves on the Branch Community Liaison Committee as well as on the Membership Services Committee. He is a conference speaker, and additionally he teaches courses on a variety of subjects. For his outstanding contributions and service to PIPSC, he was awarded their highest honor, a Life Membership.

Terry was appointed to the Ottawa Board of Directors in 2017.

WAGNER, Richard (for a two-year term ending 2020)

Richard is a Professional Engineer and an engineering graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC). He has work experience in both the Canadian Armed Forces (12 years military) and the Department of National Defence (14 years civilian).

This includes over 10 years as a Steward in the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC) where he also participated in Branch Executive and National Annual General meetings. Richard retired from the public service in 2015.

In addition, Richard has worked in the private sector at both Computing Devices Canada (6 years) and NORTEL Networks (7 years) where he lived through numerous changing compensation and benefit programs within the private sector. At Computing Devices, which is today General Dynamics Canada, he was President of the Salaried Employees Association, which included duties associated with collective agreement negotiation. At NORTEL Networks he was recognized as being in the top talent category of architects and managers.

Over the years Richard has also participated in committee work while negotiating commercial technical standards at the United Nations sponsored International Telecommunication Union (ITU-T), in Geneva, and in regard to military technical standards at NATO Headquarters, in Brussels.

In the local community he was Treasurer and later President of the Bridlewood Community Association (BCA), in Kanata, and prior to that Richard was a past “military” Credit Union director, School Board member and Public Relations officer.

Richard was elected to the Ottawa Branch Board of Directors at the 2016 AGM.

WALSH, Patricia (for a one-year term ending 2019)

Patricia holds a B.Sc. in Nursing, a B.A. in Psychology in Human Development, and an M.Ed., as well as a Management Development Certificate from Carleton University. Her government career spanned 37 years, part in the military, where she was a Military Nurse and a Company Commander.

At Health Canada and the Public Health Agency, she transitioned into policy development on several key public health issues: including SARS, the Kirby Reports, mental health, suicide, tobacco, obesity, and children’s healthy development. She led the development of several publications including, *“Health Behaviours of School Age Children”* with Queens University researchers and 32 other participating countries. She represented Canada at many international health meetings and conferences, including Canada’s review of the its obligation to the *“Convention to The Rights of the Child”* at the United Nations.

Patricia recently completed a Health and Wellness Certification which provides insight into the dynamically changing aging population we have in Canada. Patricia cites her most valuable life experience as the raising of her three children while working. Today all three are completing Graduate Studies and entering the workforce. Currently, Patricia tutors young children with learning disabilities and volunteers at local charities.

Patricia was appointed to the Ottawa Board of Directors in November 2017.