



May 7th, 2021

Dear fellow AFP Members,

I am pleased to submit the slate, below, for the AFP Ottawa Chapter Board of Directors for approval at the 2021 AGM. I would like to thank returning directors as well as the new leaders in our community who have volunteered to serve the AFP Chapter.

Full biographies of returning directors can be found on AFP's website <https://afpottawa.ca/board-of-directors/> and short bio's on the new proposed board members are included below the proposed slate.

Sincerely,

Kelly Lachance, CFRE
Past President AFP Ottawa Chapter & Nominations Chair

Ottawa Chapter Board of Directors: Proposed 2021
Slate

Executive			
2021 – 22 (2 Yr term)			
President	Kylie Patrick, CFRE <i>* Returning board member</i>	Assistant Director, Donor Impact	Carleton University
President Elect & VP Partnerships	Jeff Todd, BAH, MA, BJ <i>*Returning board member</i>	Director of Communications	The Foundation (WCPD)/GIV Bahamas Inc.
Treasurer	Andrea Olsen-Black <i>* Returning board member</i>	Fundraising Campaign Coordinator	The Canadian Wildlife Federation
Secretary	Bronwen Dearlove, CFRE <i>* New proposed board member (Previously served)</i>	Senior Development Officer, Annual Fund & Database	National Arts Centre Foundation
Past President & External Relationships	Teresa Marques, MA, CFRE <i>* Returning board member</i>	CEO	Rideau Hall Foundation
Directors			
2021-22 (1 yr term)			
Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access (I.D.E.A.)	Chealsea McLellan <i>*New proposed board member</i>	Manager, Laurier Club and National Events	Liberal Party of Canada
Engagement & Government Relations	Adriana Johnston <i>*New proposed board Member</i>	Advancement Coordinator	Ottawa Network for Education
Fundraising Day	Lyndsi McMillan <i>* Returning board member</i>	Donor Stewardship Officer	Canadian Wildlife Federation
Membership	Chelsea McIntyre <i>*New proposed board member</i>		
Philanthropy Awards	Laura Scaffidi <i>*New proposed board Member</i>	Administrative Assistant and Associate Development Officer	National Arts Centre Foundation
Mentorship	Claire Lewis <i>* Returning board member</i>	Senior Development Officer, Special Projects	Carleton University
Advanced Development	VACANT		
Education Sessions	Andrea Peponoulas, CFRE <i>* Returning board member</i>	Senior Development Officer, Philanthropy	The Ottawa Hospital Foundation
Director At Large	Ashley Vekeman <i>*New proposed board Member</i>	Associate Development Officer, Annual Fund and Database	National Arts Centre Foundation

A FEW WORDS FROM THE NEW PROPOSED BOARD MEMBERS:

Nominated for Executive as secretary: Bronwen Dearlove, CFRE, Senior Development Officer, Annual Fund & Database, National Arts Centre Foundation

From 2009-2017 I served in a few roles on the Ottawa Chapter board, most recently as Treasurer. In this capacity I developed a solid understanding of the Chapter's operations and strategic goals for the time, and through participating in AFP Leadership Academy (2013) and several Canadian Leadership Retreats, I learned how Chapters relate to the national and international levels of AFP Global. In 2016 I joined the board of the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy – Canada, and through my work leading the Mentorship and Every Member Campaign committees I deepened my understanding of how the AFP Foundation and AFP Canada aim to support Canadian Chapters and their work, and strengthen the philanthropic sector as a whole. I believe this through-line of experience will be of value and service to the Ottawa Chapter and its members as we emerge from a year of disruption, change, and evolution.

After spending 4 ½ years on the board of the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy – Canada, I would like to once again volunteer at the local chapter level. I am looking for a leadership opportunity that will help me give back to the local fundraising community and serve my local network.

Nominated for Director of I.D.E.A.: Chelsea McLellan, Manager, Laurier Club and National Events, Liberal Party of Canada

I have a deep understanding of the privilege that I have and the space that I take but work hard to understand the history and perspectives of equity seeking groups as an ally and supporter. I have experience serving as a university representative for accessibility audit committees and Board of Representatives where I consulted with and used my voice in service to others on topics related to Diversity. While at United Way EO, I regularly hosted and led mandatory introductory sessions on diversity, inclusion and privilege. As well as served on the organization's committees for D&I. Inclusion, diversity, equity and access are important values for the fundraising sector. I would be humbled to represent this area for AFP Ottawa and would look forward to include voices other than my own with greater lived experience. Beyond I.D.E.A, I believe my specific event planning at the local and national scale would equip me well for the leading Chapter Events. I bring diverse experience in the event planning space where I can add creativity and innovation the portfolio.

AFP Ottawa was a tremendous resource for me when I first joined the fundraising profession 5 years ago. Now, as an experienced fundraising professional, I'm hoping to become more involved and contribute my skills and expertise to the Association that afforded me mentorship and resources as a young professional. Today, I bring the experience as a beneficiary of AFP Ottawa's programs and events, as well as unique combinations of fundraising experience (Corporate fundraising, donor engagement and fundraising events). I am eager and energized to contribute to AFP's work and grow the association to reach and empower more fundraising professionals within the chapter.

Nominated for Engagement & Government Relations: Adriana Johnston, Advancement Coordinator, Ottawa Network for Education

Over the last four years, I have held events roles with a focus on fundraising. This has promoted the development of my volunteer stewardship skills while I worked with helpers who were passionate about the cause of each non-profit organization. I would like to continue this growth in a volunteer capacity.

I have an eye for detail and believe that will serve me well in the Government Relations aspect of the Engagement Chair position. I enjoy teaching and presenting as well so I would be happy to help make the Governance policies relevant to members as best I can.

Joining the AFP Board of Directors would be a meaningful learning opportunity for me, and a chance to give back to an organization that I have benefitted from being involved with.

Nominated for Director of the Philanthropy Awards: Laura Scaffidi, Administrative Assistant and Associate Development Officer, National Arts Centre Foundation

Note: Laura, was appointed onto the board in February 2021 by a board vote however she is now being put forward for voting by the membership as part of the 2021/22 slate.

I have been a Fundraising professional for 3 years with considerable experience in special events and large festivals and I was a previous volunteer with AFP Ottawa as a member of the Marketing and Communications committee from 2018-2019.

I want to be on the AFP Ottawa board because I feel I will be:

- creating new connections and building new relationships
- providing our sector with the opportunities that I benefited from
- learning opportunity
- leadership development

Nominated for Director of Membership: Chelsea McIntyre

I am passionate about equity, diversity, and access. I know the intense value scholarships and certifications can bring to one's career (and the sector as a consequence). I would enjoy the opportunity to engage and steward emerging and existing members in the wonderful offerings of AFP Ottawa. I also have experience as the membership chair of another fundraising organization. Connecting with and listening to members was the biggest takeaway, as with any of the fundraising roles I've had.

I know you're working towards celebrating diversity and inclusion in all that you do, and I want to be a part of that. I am a member of two marginalized groups, and although I still maintain a lot of privilege, I know that I have the ability to amplify voices of folks who are part of a visible minority. The exuberance and contributions of your volunteer board members I've previously met, and been inspired by are another reason I want to join.

Nominated for Director-at-Large: Ashley Vekeman, Associate Development Officer, Annual Fund and Database National Arts Centre Foundation

I have been working in not-for-profits for over 5 years now in various capabilities. In my current role, I am a fundraiser at the National Arts Centre Foundation and am responsible for the direct mail and stewardship program in the Annual Fund. I have attended almost every virtual AFP Ottawa event offered over the last year and have had the opportunity to participate in some of the amazing initiatives put forward for members by the Board, including Future Leaders Mentoring Program.

Being a member of AFP Ottawa is such a joy and privilege and I would love the opportunity to give back by serving on the AFP Ottawa Board of Directors. I am grateful that I have been able to participate and get involved with the AFP Ottawa Chapter events and initiatives over the past year in particular, and feel like joining the Board would be a great opportunity for me to learn and grow as a fundraiser but also would be a great opportunity with the chapter.

By joining as a Director-at-Large in particular, I would be able to see first-hand how a board operates while having the flexibility to jump in and help on any projects or initiatives as needed.