

## PAN PHA Forum and AGM

October 29 & 30, 2013

### Important Information Regarding PAN Board Elections

#### Who are the current PAN Board of Directors?

Region	Name	Organization
Provincial Health Services	Marcie Summers, Co-Chair	Positive Women's Network
Provincial Health Services	Paul Goyan	Positive Living BC
Vancouver Coastal	Jesse Brown	YouthCO
Vancouver Coastal	Darren Lauscher, Co-Chair	McLaren Housing
Vancouver Island	Katrina Jensen, Treasurer	AIDS Vancouver Island
Vancouver Island	Andrew Beckerman	AIDS Vancouver Island
Fraser	Charles Osborne	KEYS: Housing & Health Solutions
Fraser	Hesham Ali	KEYS: Housing & Health Solutions
Interior	Clare MacDonald, Secretary	Living Positive Resource Centre
Northern	Mary Jackson	Northern HIV and Health Education Society

#### What Seats are open for Election this year?

During this year's PHA Forum and AGM, elections for our Board of Directors will take place for the following seats (potentially 6 in total) (all for two-year terms):

- **Provincial Health Services:** one designated PHA seat
- **Vancouver Coastal:** one designated PHA seat
- **Interior:** one designated PHA seat
- **Northern:** one designated PHA seat
- **Northern:** one open seat
- **Fraser:** one designated PHA seat

## Who is presently running for the PAN Board of Directors?

At this time, we have received applications from the following persons who are interested in running for the PAN Board:

Provincial Health Services Authority, Designated PHA Seat (Forum election)  
**Paul Goyan**, Positive Living BC (appointed January 2013)

Vancouver Coastal, Designated PHA Seat (Forum election)  
**Darren Lauscher**, McLaren Housing (incumbent)

Fraser, Designated PHA Seat (Forum election)  
**Hesham Ali**, KEYS: Housing & Health Solutions (incumbent)

Northern, Open Seat (AGM election)  
**Mary Jackson**, Northern HIV and Health Education Society (incumbent)

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## Tell me more about these Candidates!

### **Paul Goyan – Incumbent – PHSA Designated PHA Seat**

“I was appointed to the PAN board earlier this year to fill the PHSA seat designated for PHAs.

I have been living with HIV for almost 29 years. Most of my HIV/AIDS-related volunteer work has been with Positive Living BC where, for the past three years, I have been on the board. Currently I sit on the Executive and serve as Treasurer. You may have read something I have written in the Positive Living Magazine.

Most of my career was spent working as a senior official in various governments (federal and provincial), most notably as Deputy Minister of Training and Advanced Education for Manitoba. My educational background and experience have helped hone my public policy sense which I apply to the challenges faced by persons living with HIV and HIV/HCV co-infection.

My main focus is on public policy issues that concern persons living with HIV, such as; HIV and Ageing, Treatment as Prevention, the need for universal access to free antiretroviral medications across Canada for PHAs, HIV Non-Disclosure and the Law, HIV and Life Expectancy, and the relationship between HIV and mental illness/addictions. I am also trying to build my knowledge base about Hepatitis C, and other blood-borne pathogens.

I bring a lifetime of personal experience working on addictions and dealing with mental illness. A late-bloomer as an activist, I value advocacy and the promotion of GIPA/MIPA principles.

PAN provides critical leadership and support to its members across British Columbia. As the Society first adopts, then implements, its new strategic plan, I would like to contribute to making PAN's vision a reality, while providing a voice for PHAs.

I ask that you vote for me to fill the designated PHSA seat on the PAN Board of Directors.”

### **Darren Lauscher – Incumbent – Vancouver Coastal Designated PHA Seat**

“I have been actively involved within the HIV/AIDS community since 1995. I have had the pleasure to serve my community in a number of capacities over the years. In serving on this (PAN) Board I have been part of the movement to bring the PLDI program to BC and also to be part of the PLPH research project, which will be fully underway in the fall of this year (October 2014). I also sat on a number of committees that were part of the STOP pilot project. Looking forward I am pleased to be part of an organization that has created a collaborative environment for all its membership, continuing to embrace the voices of the agency as well as the individual PHA. At this exciting time we bring forward a new Strategic Plan based on much feedback looking to the future yet guided by PAN’s history. At this time, I am also honoured to be sitting on the CATIE Board and this has helped to deepen the relationship between these two organizations.”

### **Hesham Ali – Incumbent – Fraser Designated PHA Seat**

“I am currently working as a Peer Navigator at The John Ruedy Immunodeficiency Clinic (IDC) at St. Paul's Hospital. My HIV journey started in 1998 while I was working on my doctorate degree in economics in the US. I made it through this rather painful/difficult time in my life and somehow ended up in Vancouver (for that I'm eternally grateful for the move was my saving grace!).

My community involvement started with volunteering at YouthCO which led to a seat on the board of Directors. I truly enjoyed my time there till I hit the big Three Zero and moved on. I kind of went on a “break” from being involved until about 5 years ago when I started volunteering at Positive Haven (now part of KEYS: Health & Housing Solutions). When the first PLDI (Positive Leadership Development Institute) Core training was offered in BC, I was fortunate to be part of it. It took a while, but I have completed all three levels the PLDI offers; Core Leadership, Communications Skills and BGOB (Bored? Get on Board!).

I was hired as a Peer Research Assistance for the national food security study, which was a great experience and helped me transition back to work and my current position. It's been a privilege to work /volunteer within the HIV community. I am always in awe of the amazing dedication, hard work, and passion of the people I have met and continue to meet on a daily basis (sometimes I wonder if some of them ever sleep). It's the community that inspires me to continue with my work.”

### **Mary Jackson – Incumbent – Northern Open Seat**

At the beginning of the HIV epidemic in the early 1980's Mary was working as a nurse/staff educator in a general hospital in London, Ontario. Watching formerly healthy young men die from an unknown virus was devastating and created a lot of fear in all hospital staff. When facts about HIV started coming out, Mary was educating staff about the virus and how to protect themselves. She started volunteering/facilitating community education with two ASO's first in London and then Clinton, Ontario. In 1992 her brother died with AIDS: that story is documented as part of the AIDS Vancouver 30th anniversary.

In 1995 she moved to Prince George and was hired first as Volunteer Coordinator, then 6 months later as Educator with the Prince George AIDS Society (now known

as Positive Living North) and remained there until January 2007. Mary recalls coming to PAN conferences from the beginning of PAN and witnessing its challenges and growth over the years.

In the spring of 2007 Mary along with a Board of Directors created the Northern HIV and Health Education Society. As the Society grew, Mary wanted to reach out beyond Prince George and after three years' absence, became re-involved in PAN, first as a member and since Dec. 2010 as a Director. Mary is excited about the changes happening within PAN and stays committed to supporting the organization. She thinks it is vital to have the rural and northern perspective fully represented on the Board and regards serving on the PAN Board as a privilege and an honour.

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## **Interested in running for the PAN Board of Directors?**

### **What are the ideal qualifications of a PAN Board member?**

- Experience and knowledge about HIV/AIDS and related issues (i.e. Hepatitis C, HIV/HCV co-infection, harm reduction, etc.)
- Ideally minimum of two years experience working/volunteering in the field
- Past Committee or Board work experience
- Able to look at the “big picture” and think strategically
- Interest and desire to connect with other people and agencies in your region to be able to represent their concerns/interests
- Having the time and energy to commit to this volunteer experience
- Respectful team player – knowing what you bring to the table and being open to what others bring as well
- Willingness to learn, get involved and stay engaged
- Enthusiasm, curiosity and a sense of humour 😊

### **What are the expectations of all Board members?**

- Adhere to PAN's *Code of Conduct* and *Code of Ethics*
- Attend bi-monthly Board meetings (held via teleconference) – 90 minutes
- Attend in-person/face-to-face Board meetings – two times per year
- Committee work throughout the year: policy, governance, membership, Positive Leadership Development Institute, finance, etc.
- Able to access email and reliable computer access

## **Where can I find out more & download a Board application?**

You can get more information about joining the PAN Board, including obtaining an application form, by visiting PAN's website at

<http://pacificaidnetwork.org/about/interested-in-joining-the-pan-board/>.

PAN also takes nominations, for all Board seats, from the floor at both the PHA Forum and the AGM.

PAN delegates who are nominated from the floor must complete a Board member application and provide proof of endorsement from their PAN member organization/agency.

## **How can I connect with a Current Board member to discuss my interest?**

If you are interested in speaking with a PAN Board member about your interest in running for election to the PAN Board, please contact Jennifer Evin Jones, PAN's Executive Director, via email at [evin@pacificaidnetwork.org](mailto:evin@pacificaidnetwork.org) or at 250.538.6233