

Updated Information Regarding PAN Board Elections

Forum for persons living with HIV/AIDS & AGM

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Please note: the application process for the 2016 Board Elections has closed, and this updated document reflects all board applications that have been received. At this year's Fall Conference, PAN will not take nominations from the floor.

Who are the current members of PAN's Board of Directors?

Region	Name	Organization
Fraser	Kindra Breau, Secretary	Positive Living Fraser Valley Society
Fraser	Patience Nyoni	Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC
Interior	Clare MacDonald, Treasurer	Living Positive Resource Centre
Interior	Dale Northcott	ASK Wellness Society
Island	Katrina Jensen, Co-Chair	AIDS Vancouver Island
Island	Andrew Beckerman	AIDS Vancouver Island
Northern	Mary Jackson	Prince George New Hope Society
Northern	Vacant	
Provincial Health Services	Marcie Summers	(formerly) Positive Women's Network
Provincial Health Services	Monique Desroches	Positive Women's Network
Vancouver Coastal	Kim Stacey	McLaren Housing
Vancouver Coastal	Jesse Brown, Co-Chair	YouthCO

What Seats are open for Election this year?

Originally heading into this year's Forum for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS and AGM, the following seats were up for election - potentially 8 in total; all for two-year terms:

- **Fraser:** one open seat
- **Interior:** one open seat
- **Island:** one designated PHA seat & one open seat
- **Northern:** one designated PHA seat (*no application received*) & one open seat
- **Provincial Health Services:** one open seat (*no application received*)
- **Vancouver Coastal:** one open seat

Based on applications received, there will be no elections held for the Northern designated PHA seat and the PHSA open seat. The PAN Board of Directors will work on filling these seats via appointment over the next year (and these appointees will run for election at next year's Forum and AGM).

Who is running for election this year?

We have received a total of 7 applications for the following board seats:

Fraser, Open Seat (AGM election)

Kindra Breau, Positive Living Fraser Valley Society (incumbent)

Interior, Open Seat (AGM election)

Clare MacDonald, Living Positive Resource Centre (incumbent)

Island, Open Seat (AGM election)

Katrina Jensen, AIDS Vancouver Island (incumbent)

Island, Designated PHA Seat (Forum election)

Antonio Marante, Vancouver Island Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Society

Northern, Open Seat (AGM election)

Mary Jackson, New Hope Society (incumbent)

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Melanie Monds, Positive Living North

Vancouver Coastal, Open Seat (AGM election)

Kim Stacey, McLaren Housing (incumbent)

Tell me more about these candidates!

Kindra Breau – Incumbent – Fraser Open Seat

Kindra Breau is the Program Director at Positive Living Fraser Valley Society (PLFV). Raised by a family that was actively involved in social change, she was exposed to various social issues both distant and personal at an early age. After receiving her Social Service Worker Diploma in 2005, she spent the last decade working with various organizations for homelessness, addictions and mental health, harm reduction, anti-violence and HIV/AIDS. She describes her time at PLFV as educational, joyful, emotional, tearful, insightful, fun, funny, encouraging and overall rewarding and she hopes to continue learning and working with you in this field.

Kindra has served as a PAN Board of Director since Fall 2014. Kindra has enjoyed the past two years on the PAN Board, and particularly since joining the executive as Secretary in the past year. She considers her work with PAN satisfying, especially celebrating successes and brainstorming solutions to the challenges faced by PAN and member organisations around the province. She also considers her involvement with PAN as an important opportunity to bring the voice and perspective of the Fraser Valley and of smaller grassroots organizations such as PLFV, to the table, particularly as PAN continues to evolve and change.

Clare MacDonald – Incumbent – Interior Open Seat

Clare MacDonald is the Executive Director of Living Positive Resource Centre (LPRC). She first joined the organization as a Client Advocate in October 2005. Over the years, she has been extremely fortunate to work with so many clients who taught her more than her formal education ever could. She has been inspired by watching folks as they overcome their various challenges, and by walking alongside them as they learn about themselves and gain confidence in their abilities. The most important lesson she learned is that everyone has a story that needs to be heard and that everyone is a valuable member to the community. She feels privileged to lead a dedicated team at LPRC who continues to look for opportunities and ways to better serve the community.

Clare has served as a PAN Board of Director since September 2012, and has been highly engaged with her volunteer role ever since. In 2012 she joined the board executive, serving for several years as Secretary and then subsequently as Treasurer (a position she continues to hold). Clare is proud to be a key contributor at PAN and has enjoyed seeing the network grow and change over the years. In particular, she was inspired to be involved in the creation of PAN's Five Year Strategic Plan (2013-2018) and the expanded vision and mission. With PAN's organizational review process well underway, as well as a broader role promoting "collective impact" in the HIV and hep C sectors, Clare sees this as a critical and exciting time for the network. Clare hopes to be able to continue on in her work on the PAN board, to provide continuity and leadership.

Katrina Jensen – Incumbent – Island Open Seat

Katrina Jensen is the Executive Director of AIDS Vancouver Island. She has worked at AVI since 1998 in various positions including Health Promotion Educator and Director of Programs prior to starting her current position in 2007. Katrina has been on the Board of PAN since 2009 and has served on the Executive as Secretary, Treasurer and most recently Co-Chair. She enjoys the provincial perspective she

gains from being on the PAN Board and over the last year has worked to provide input on the organisational review. She remains passionate about the incredible work PAN accomplishes on behalf of its' members including the Positive Leadership Development Institute and the community based research work.

Antonio Marante – Island Designated PHA Seat - New

I was born and raised in Venezuela and have been living with HIV for 18 years. I received my diagnosis the same day my ex-partner died. I disclosed my HIV status before saying I am gay, which is a big concern in a traditional Latin American family. However, I transformed my adversity into my university. I moved to the US studying Master of Arts in Public Administration, and in Victoria, BC studying Master of Science in Health Informatics, researching HIV through several courses, involving the community of people living with HIV in the Twin Cities, Minnesota for 8 years; and in Victoria since 2014 until the present. I was supporting clinicians and other staff in designing and implementing HIV clinical indicators, evaluating HIV programs, educating and raising the voice of Latinos Living with HIV, supporting AIDS Service Organizations in Victoria, BC. I bring my skills and experience to PAN in managing HIV clinical and community programs. HIV changed my life, and I see that my adversities have been transformed into a positive experience for the individuals and organizations I have served.

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.

Due to the dissolution of Northern HIV and Health Education Society, Mary feels fortunate to be representing Prince George New Hope Society where she has been a long-time volunteer. She continues to facilitate HIV/HCV prevention/health education in northern communities. PAN is undergoing some exciting and significant changes and Mary hopes you will allow her to maintain her Director position so she can help provide continuity on the Board and support new Directors.

Melanie Monds – Northern Open Seat - New

As someone who has lived in a rural community in Northwestern BC, I am interested in joining the PAN Board as the Northern Representative. I have lived in Smithers, which is located on the hereditary territory of the Wet'suwet'en Nation, for seventeen years. Currently I am completing a degree in Social Work at the University of Victoria through the Distance Education Program.

For more than a decade, I have worked and volunteered with an HIV/AIDS service organization. I am committed to my community and seek opportunities to advocate for the needs of community members who are living with HIV and/or HCV. As the On-site Manager of Positive Living North Bulkley Valley (PLN), I am part of many committees and working groups such as: Smithers Health Committee, FASD Committee, Community Coordination for Women's Safety and the Smithers Harm-reduction Committee, to name a few. Although, local committee work benefits those who access PLN services, I feel PLN members and my community as a whole would benefit from my participation in an organization with provincial scope.

I would bring my experience of providing service delivery in a rural community. Both the opportunities and challenges of accessing service with a focus on barriers such as stigma and confidentiality. I also bring skills in working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders. I have a special interest in adults with cognitive disabilities and the challenges they experience when living with HIV and/or HCV.

Kim Stacey – Incumbent – Vancouver Coastal Open Seat

Kim Stacey, Executive Director for McLaren Housing Society has worked in the non-profit housing sector in Vancouver for more than 25yrs. In 2010 Kim began working at McLaren Housing Society which provides housing and support services to HIV+ individuals and families in the Lower Mainland.

In the last three years McLaren has more than doubled their programs, services and staffing and has created an established continuum of housing provision ranging from directly managed supported housing to portable subsidies for folks living in private rental who are on limited income living in the Lower Mainland and beyond. Kim is a strong voice for the value of portable subsidies as an affordable and effective solution to the increasing risk of homelessness experienced by many individuals living with HIV and the importance of adequate housing in HIV health. For the past two years Kim has been Board Member of PAN representing the Vancouver Coastal Region. In that capacity she has been able to bring a housing perspective to PAN, be an active voice in the organizational review with Third Sector and a sounding board for board members and staff.