



Information Regarding PAN Board Elections Forum for persons living with HIV/AIDS & AGM October 25th, 2017 – Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel

Please note: the application process for the 2017 Board Elections has closed, and this updated document reflects all board applications that have been received. PAN does 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 Magagula	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	Antonio Marante	Vancouver Island Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Society
Northern	Melanie Monds	Positive Living North
Northern	VACANT	-
Provincial Health Services	VACANT	-
Provincial Health Services	Monique Desroches	(formerly) Positive Women's Network
Vancouver Coastal	Kim Stacey	McLaren Housing
Vancouver Coastal	Jesse Brown, Co-Chair	Vancouver Friends For Life Society

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 7 in total; all for two-year terms:

- **Fraser:** one designated PLHIV seat
- **Interior:** one designated PLHIV seat & one open seat
- **Island:** no seats
- **Northern:** one designated PLHIV seat
- **Provincial Health Services:** one designated PLHIV seat & one open seat
- **Vancouver Coastal:** one designated PLHIV seat

Based on applications received, there will be no elections held for Northern designated PLHIV, and the PHSA designated PLHIV and open seats. 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 4 applications for the following board seats:

Fraser, Designated PLHIV Seat (Forum election)

Patience Magagula, Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC (incumbent)

Interior, Open Seat (AGM election)

Kira Huag, ASK Wellness

Interior, Designated PLHIV Seat (Forum election)

Aaron Jackson, ANKORS

Vancouver Coastal, Designated PLHIV Seat (Forum election)

Jesse Brown, Vancouver Friends for Life Society (incumbent)

Tell me more about these candidates!

Patience Magagula – Incumbent – Fraser, Designated PLHIV Seat

Patience Magagula is a long time survivor and has been living with HIV for more than 10 years. She volunteered at the Immigrant Services Society and Salvation Army after 6 months of arriving to Canada. After witnessing the effects of HIV in the African community, Patience and four others founded Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC. She is an advocate committed to improving the lives of people living

with HIV, and her passion is serving refugees and immigrants living with HIV. She also brings a diverse range of approaches to the work of HIV.

Patience served as a Board Chair for four years at Afro-Canadian Network of BC, and currently she is the executive director. Served as a Regional Director for Pacific Region for one term at Canadian Aids Society. Patience graduated with a diploma in Education from the University of Zimbabwe. She completed all three leadership-training courses through PAN, and also has taken Level 1 and 2 of the Peer-to-Peer Training at Positive Women's Network. She has a certificate in Community Development from Langara College and completed Community Capacity Building at Simon Fraser University.

Patience speaks to classes at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. Diploma in Community Support worker From Discovery College. Sit in a number of committees across Canada. Patience hopes to share back her skills and talents she gained through PAN in a diverse range of approach. She wants to advocate for people living with HIV at the provincial level and share the importance of supporting and cultivating the next generation of people living with HIV. She is also excited to share ideas to support women who are going through everyday challenges and gain professional development skills.

Patience is also a Regional director for the Pacific Region at Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC) until November 2018.

Her involvement as a PAN board member in the past 2 years has made a big change in the Black community, in terms of community engagement. Learning new ideas and skills about how to build awareness in fighting stigma has impacted her community. She feels so inspired working with people with brilliant knowledge, skills and influence, and wants your input in helping us develop, grow and achieve our goals together.

Kira Huag - Interior, Open Seat - New

Kira has been working with ASK Wellness Society for 8 years as a BBI Health Navigator both for the community and for the SHOP program (Social and Health Options for People in Sex Work). She also is the harm reduction coordinator for the agency and oversees the operations of one of the Overdose Prevention Sites in Kamloops. Lastly, she works in her region providing prevention education services to youth, youth at risk, adults in treatments, and professionals alike.

She is passionate about human justice and providing people opportunities to improve their quality of life through education, support, sustainable action and advocacy. As a PAN board member, she wants to be able to advocate from a provincial platform rather than just front-line services, and enhance her leadership skills. She has always had interest in policy and how it impacts community from a federal, provincial and municipal focus. Being a part of PAN would create opportunity for her to delve in further as to what that looks like for stakeholders, social service agencies and community.

Kira has a good sense of the determinants of health and the needs that people living with HIV and/or HCV have. In partnership with Interior Health, she was able to research and comprehensively document what a peer-driven response would look like, considering the struggles positive people experience. On a national level, she has sat on a working group to create a document that supported best practices for peer-delivered services, led by CATIE.

She is committed to delivering meaningful communication, ideas and partnership with joy and inclusivity. Board membership seems like a natural step for her as she has been attending PAN/CATIE conferences, learning exchanges and events for the past 7 years - as well as being part of the BBI network for the Interior. She is passionate about building bridges to equality by creating means of equity for those who experience barriers.

Kira is eager to become "one of the provincial voices for the community-based response to HIV and HCV" and all vulnerable community members who remain unseen or undeclared.

Aaron Jackson - Interior, Designated PLHIV Seat - New

Aaron proudly identifies as a member of Tsleil Waututh Nation. He is involved with AA, NA, Coins, a First Nations based healing circle, and is a member of Positive Living BC.

His passion for this work came from his own experience of minimal support when first diagnosed. The more he learned and found support, the more he knew that supporting others would be his future. As a board member, he is eager to develop his leadership skills and participate on a provincial level to bring his voice to issues of concern for positive people in BC.

Aaron is a peer volunteer with ANKORS in the West Kootenays. He took the PLDI level 1, and is starting up a REL-8 Positive Support Group in Nelson. He wants to create an environment for people to feel safe enough to be vulnerable, share and start the healing process. In order to do that he has taken the initiative and reached out to HIV support centres in every major city in North America: Vancouver, Montreal, Toronto, New York, Washington DC, Miami, Chicago, Dallas, LA and San Francisco. He is extremely excited to see what unfolds from asking these well-established organizations what works best for them in their healing circles as they have clearly modelled the way. In addition, he has attended the CAAN AGM – a forum for skills gathering and sharing different techniques for traditional ceremony and healing.

Aaron has a passion to move the masses – to help break down the stigma walls that hold so many back from reaching their greatest potential. He wants to help create awareness in regards to medication adherence, and will be a part of helping create videos to answer questions on both sides. He is also passionate about going into correctional facilities and helping inmates living with HIV rethink, rebuild their lives, and reconnect with themselves and their higher power, as they see it. Ultimately, he sees himself in a ‘teaching the teacher’ role and wants to be where he can have the most impact on large populations.

Jesse Brown – Incumbent - Vancouver Coastal, Designated PLHIV Seat

Jesse has been on the PAN Board since 2010 – serving in a number of key capacities on the executive most recently as Co-Chair.

He is an advocate for public education, specifically youth education, on HIV - to reduce stigma towards people living with HIV and prevent new transmissions. Jesse was the executive director at YouthCO HIV & Hep C Society, where he initiated Vancouver’s first mobile sexual health clinic, original programming run by and for young gay men and Indigenous youth, and the organization’s merger with Camp Moomba, a summer respite program for children affected by HIV.

Jesse is committed to challenging Canada's draconian HIV non-disclosure laws and brought this passion most recently to the Trial Lawyers Association of BC where he was their membership director and staff liaison for their criminal defense committee. He has recently joined the staff at Vancouver Friends for Life Society as Program Manager, and a board member of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network.

Beyond working towards an AIDS-free generation, hopefully (mostly out of self-interest), he overly tends to his wire-hair miniature dachshund, James Brown (Jimmy). Jesse lives in downtown Vancouver with Jimmy, his partner Aaron, and his two adorable daughters.