

Slate 2020

Board Election for 2020/21

Per the SCCSS bylaws, the Board of Directors shall be composed "of a minimum of eight (8) to a maximum of ten (10) persons".

Currently 7 Directors previously nominated are serving the second year of their respective terms:

- Third term: Sue Anne Linde and Richard Melville
- Second term: Penny Stewart and Jason Winkler
- First term: Brian Chipman, Carole Fisher, Susann Richter

Two Directors have completed their first term and are being nominated to a second term:

- Raj Gill and Jan Holt

One Director was appointed in late spring 2020 and is being nominated to her first full term:

- Linda Wortman

Sunshine Coast Community Services

Board Profiles

Sue Anne Linde

Community Services' programs for those whose life circumstances make them especially vulnerable is what drew Sue Anne to do everything she can to give everyone an equitable life on the Sunshine Coast.

Sue Anne's career in advertising and marketing spanned thirty-five years in Vancouver. As VP for Palmer Jarvis Advertising, Sue Anne led the account, media, and creative teams responsible for ICBC's Road Sense and Richmond Savings Credit Union (now Coast Capital) for over ten years. She completed her career as Director Marketing for SFU's (now Beedie School of) Business faculty.

Retired in 2009, she moved to the Sunshine Coast in 2010 where she's owned a cabin since 1990. She joined Community Services in 2015 and is also a Director of the Sunshine Coast Credit Union.

In retirement, Sue Anne completed a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, and in 2018 published her first book, "A Fuller Life." The non-fiction narrative relates the incredible story of how Michelle Fuller of Canmore, Alberta, survived a twenty-year odyssey with cancer, and how persistence, resilience and a never-say-die attitude can overcome almost anything.

Jason Winkler

Contributing to the fabric of the community is a key focus for Jason Winkler. The Community Services mission and values align with his personal interests and, most importantly, with the evolving needs of the Sunshine Coast. He joined the Board in 2017.

Jason brings over 25 years of experience in organization transformation and human resource management in North America, Asia and the Middle East. His early career in consulting focused on leadership development with high technology and federal government clients in Ottawa. He joined Deloitte (Consulting) in 1992 where he progressed to Partner leading client engagements as well as managing the Western Canadian and BC Consulting practices during both economic downturns and periods of significant growth. His clients included BC Government Ministries, crown corporations, as well as other public sector entities in Canada and the US. For five years prior to retiring, Jason led all human resource functions at Deloitte Canada (over 11,000 employees) with a national team of 200 people.

Jason has an MBA from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. as well as a Certificate in Political Studies from the Institute of Political Studies in Paris, France.

Richard Melville

Richard has resided in Roberts Creek since 2007 and loves the life close to the forest with easy access to the outdoors. His volunteer activities on the Sunshine Coast have included being a board member of Habitat for Humanity and Treasurer of the Sunshine Coast Film Society. He has also volunteered as an installer for Lifeline. He is currently on the Board of Directors of Sunshine Coast Community Services and is the Treasurer for that society.

Richard is a retired chartered accountant and a graduate of UBC with a BComm in Economics. He had an accounting practice in Vancouver that centered on small business and medical practices. He was also the Director of Finance for BC Biomedical Laboratories and Dr. C.J. Coady Partnership.

His activities during retirement include cycling, bee keeping, looking after grandchildren, and helping his wife in the garden.

Janet Holt

Jan has been on the Board for the past two years and has gained a great deal from her involvement with the organization's dedicated staff and her fellow board members.

Jan has been an educator and administrator, teaching in schools in the UK, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia. Her passion is for literature and for education as a pathway to new opportunities and possibilities for individuals. She holds a BA in English & German Literature, a Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language, and a Master's degree in Educational Administration.

She also served for five years as an officer in the Women's Royal Naval Service before immigrating to Canada with her family in the fall of 1987.

Jan's volunteer work included six years as a board member and vice-chair of the Semiahmoo House Society (now UNITI) in Surrey, BC and this fulfilling experience involved supporting people with developmental disabilities and overseeing the building of an apartment complex to provide the community with accessible, affordable, independent living options. The Sunshine Coast Community Services Society has a wider mandate, providing many key social services on the Coast and Jan has found the depth of knowledge, commitment and empathy from all levels of the organization to be remarkable and inspirational. It is a privilege to be on the Board of such a powerful community services-based organization.

Now retired and on the Coast full time since 2018, Jan enjoys her book club, poetry circle, golf, and walking by the ocean or in the peerless landscapes of beautiful BC.

Brian Chipman

Having the opportunity to give back to our community in a meaningful way is what attracted Brian to the Sunshine Coast Community Services Programs.

Brian has his APICS, CPIM designation and brings over 20 years of senior management experience in various industries. Most recently Brian held the position of VP of Operations, Western Canada for Motion, Canada's, leading provider of comprehensive and customized mobility and accessibility solutions.

Brian has served on the APICS Board and has volunteered for several organizations including Big Brothers, YMCA (Tae Kwon Do Instructor) and as a hockey coach. Brian has recently volunteered for two years at the Sunshine Coast Food Bank.

Brian retired in 2017 and now enjoys the many activities the Sunshine Coast has to offer. He lives with his wife Susan, their dog Abbie, and cats Willy and Jerry in Roberts Creek.

Carole Fisher

Creating strong community connection is a way of life for Carole. She feels valuable contribution to the "bigger picture" where she lives is integral to the long-term vision and sustainability of the residents of the Sunshine Coast. Having spent a number of years living in Squamish working with several key organizations related to children, youth and mental wellness, she is excited to bring her enthusiasm, thirst for knowledge and commitment to lifelong learning to her role at SCCSS.

Carole has been very fortunate in her career. While she has worked primarily in Purchasing and Inventory Management, she has tried her hand as a chef, retail management, started and later sold a successful recruiting agency and has now settled into an Office Manager role for a small company on the Coast.

Along with her partner, Jeff, Carole has three of their four adult children also living close by along with her dog Random and her two kitties. Carole spends a lot of time at the beach and doing volunteer work in some capacity and often invites her family to join her! She is a great networker and absolutely loves being in the front lines getting her hands dirty to get the job done. This role with SCCSS is the icing on the cake for volunteerism in Carole's eyes. Her excitement is beyond measurable!

Linda Wortman

Linda is a new resident to the Sunshine Coast, sharing her time between Sechelt and Vancouver. The calm and beauty of the coast drew her to the area. She joined the board of Community Services because the wide range of programs have such a positive impact on the community.

Linda has been working with Seaspan in North Vancouver for the last 12 years, where she is currently the Chief Financial Officer for the Marine Transportation businesses. Prior to that she worked for Deloitte Consulting in Toronto and Vancouver, and in Montreal for Air Canada. She started her career in Calgary, following the completion of her degree, and found her way into the airline industry with Canadian Airlines.

Linda has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Calgary, a CPA-CMA designation, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Queen's University and has been committed to continuous learning throughout her career. She is a diligent finance professional with over 25 years of experience across different industries, and looks forward to being an active member of the finance committee and the board of directors.

Penny Stewart

Penny retired in 2011 from a career in the public service in both Newfoundland and British Columbia.

Trained in the health sciences with a MSc in Community Nutrition from UBC, she spent 28 years working for Health Canada with First Nations communities throughout BC as director of programs including maternal and child health, children and youth, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, and nutrition. She was also involved in the transition of health programs and services from Health Canada to the BC First Nations Health Authority. She was introduced to the Sunshine Coast through that work, and made the wise decision to move to Sechelt.

Since retirement, Penny has been active in the Sunshine Coast Spinners and Weavers Guild including a term as President. She also regularly spends time on Granville Island as a working member of the Fibre Art Studio. She also enjoys sheep herding with her border collie.

Raj Gill

Raj Gill is the Director of Prosperity Circles Coaching International and lives in Sechelt with her husband.

Raj enjoys designing collaborative processes for coaching individuals, groups / teams and families to get results *through the power of their Ideas, Words and Actions.*

Raj has a passion for co-creating systems that focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and contribute towards building a world that serves ALL!

Raj is a lifelong learner. Prior to starting a Training and Development business Raj spent over 30 years in Health care and Education.

Susann Richter

Susann moved to the Sunshine Coast in 2002. She is a lawyer by training but has spent much of her career working in the field of mental health and substance use services. As a criminal litigation lawyer, she worked with clients in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver where it became clear to her that most people's journey in the Justice System was driven by mental illness and addiction.

In 1997 she began to use her legal training to work with the health authority and the City of Vancouver in the development of low barrier facilities and services, including Insite (the first supervised injection site in Canada), the Downtown Community Court and other health related facilities.

Susann is currently the Manager for Mental Health Substance Use services for Vancouver Coastal Health, Sunshine Coast Region. She has a strong belief that community engagement and partnership across the determinants of health is key to a healthier community and healthier individuals.

In her life outside of work, you may also see her out and about, performing as a musician, doing original songs and playing keyboards and accordion.