

ACT Alberta Board of Directors 2020

Rohadi Nagassar – President

Rohadi has served with ACT Alberta since 2010, eight of those years as a board member including roles as Treasurer and President. He is focussed on building ACT Alberta's mandate as a leading anti-human trafficking organization in the province and country. He holds degrees from the University of Calgary and Ambrose Seminary.

Cory Kerr – Vice President

Cory is a 16 year member of the Edmonton Police Service, where he currently holds the rank of Sergeant. He has previous experience in the Edmonton Police Service's Human Trafficking and Exploitation Unit, dealing with investigations surrounding those who would exploit the vulnerable, while also focusing on victim response. In addition to ACT Alberta, Cory has volunteered his time to organizations such as CNIB, the MS Society of Canada, the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Lisa Nghiem – Treasurer

Lisa was first introduced to accounting when she was starting her first semester in business school. She attended her first accounting course and thought...this is very strange but so very interesting. Debits and Credits? T Accounts? Her first accounting job in public practice really changed her view on accounting. Her passion has grown rapidly since then and led her to pursue a CPA designation. She has worked in many different industries including real estate, manufacturing, construction and oil & gas.

Andrea Burkhart – Secretary

Andrea Burkhart is a seasoned non-profit leader with 15 years experience in program and organizational development, leading intersectoral collaborations, and engaging stakeholders toward systems change. She has an undergraduate degree in Anthropology and is nearing the completion of a Master of Public Health degree.

Members at Large:

Matt Baden

Matt is a seasoned non-profit professional with over ten years of experience working with various organizations across Alberta. Having recently completed his Master's of Public Administration in Singapore, he now is working in clean energy policy and disaster risk reduction.

Sandra Bayrock

Raising three rambunctious boys, Sandra turned to a career in real estate, but has always had a taste for humanitarian issues. She has been an instrumental protagonist in a number of humanitarian causes both local and international through the rotary club. That includes a passion for issues related to women's empowerment. Past

projects include organizing the delivery of decommissioned ambulances from AHS to Central America and Africa; co-chair of the local district playground committee including three playground builds in Belize; and adopting a school and community in Belize as well. Locally, she has organized a number of dinners and the delivery of Christmas gifts in support of Operation Friendship Seniors Society for homeless seniors in Edmonton's inner city.

Meaghan Bell

Meaghan holds a Masters Degree from the University of Calgary and has worked in the field of human services for the last nine years. Meaghan's work has largely focused on research, policy, and evaluation in the areas of homelessness and affordable housing, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, family violence, and social determinants of health. Her professional experience includes leadership positions with the Calgary Homeless Foundation, the University of Calgary's Hotchkiss Brain Institute, and Calgary Housing; as well as past Board experience.

Christine Dimitrov

Christine holds a Commerce Degree, Law Degree and completed her Masters in Law combined with the British Legal Practice Course. She was called to the Law Society of Alberta in 2019. She has worked in criminal, immigration, family and child abduction alongside her studies and currently practices in Edmonton as a lawyer in the area of business, estates and litigation. Christine has experience working in England, Sweden and Canada with victims of different types of abuse, both physical and emotional. In her free time she is learning to become fluent in Swedish and enjoys working on her golf swing. In 2019 she started a jewelry business donating proceeds to a charitable foundation she is passionate about.

Lorena Harris

Lorena Harris is the leader of Dentons' Litigation and Dispute Resolution group in the Edmonton office. She has a broad commercial litigation practice, with an emphasis on product liability, professional liability, the transportation industry and policing and law enforcement. Lorena's clients include professionals in the law enforcement, medical, engineering and financial services fields, major Canadian railways and a variety of automotive manufacturers. Lorena represents her clients in a wide variety of legal proceedings and forums, including all levels of courts across Alberta, British Columbia, the Yukon and the Federal Court system, various arbitrations and administrative tribunals. She is a firm believer in alternative dispute resolution, and gives strategic advice on resolving legal proceedings to ensure that her clients' interests are protected and matters are resolved. Lorena is a frequent presenter at various industry events on topics that are of significant interest to her in policing and law enforcement and civil and administrative law, and has spoken at seminars and conferences, including events with the Advocates' Society and the Canadian Legal Institute. She has been recognized by Who's Who Legal: Canada as a leading lawyer in the area of product liability defence since 2013 and The Best Lawyers in Canada as one of Canada's leading lawyers in Insurance Law (2020).

Sandra Moreno

Sandra has an extensive professional career within the field of criminal justice. Currently, she works for the Edmonton Police Service as a Victim Specialist, focusing on the victimization of immigrants and refugees. She also has a strong background in the non profit sector both locally and internationally. Sandra holds a Masters of Arts in Human Security and Peacebuilding through Royal Roads University and completed a six month internship in El Salvador and Panama focusing in the area of human trafficking and transnational crime in Latin America. She also sits on the North American Board of Directors for a non-profit organization in Tanzania. As the Director of Policy Development and Advocacy, she is the lead organizer of strategizing, advocating, and implementation of emerging legislation, policy and practice.

Kristin Peters

Kristin holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre from the University of Regina and a Juris Doctor from the University of Alberta. She is an active member of the Law Society of Alberta and the Alberta Crown Attorneys' Association, practicing in the area of criminal law. She has an extensive history of work with other non-profit organizations in both Alberta and Saskatchewan, from both the artistic and legal perspective.

Elise Usunier

Elise holds a Master of Business Administration in International Business from the University of Alberta. She played a leadership role in the development of World Vision Philippines 2021-2023 strategic plan in response to at risk youth and urbanization. She has a passion for innovation and economic development and manages the global export and business development strategy for Edmonton-based, Artificial Intelligence company, SAM. She is an active member of the Edmonton Innovation Ecosystem Community (EIEC) and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Alberta Motor Association as the Advocacy Member, advocating for Alberta's millennial demographic and new immigrant population. Elise is an active volunteer in the Edmonton downtown community where she lives, supporting such causes as the Mustard Seed Church and Boyle Street Community Centre.