



## Annual General Meeting 2023

### Election of Directors

The following presents three existing directors seeking re-election and two individuals who have expressed interest in joining the Board of Director. Each has been reviewed and vetted by the Governance Committee and by the Board as a whole.

They are members in good standing of the society and are presented to the society membership for election/re-election as directors of the society.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Election / Re-election</b>
Neil Coburn	Nelson	Re-election
Ron Fabbro	Trail	Re-election
Sean Thornton	Rossland	Re-election
<b>Vacant positions</b>		
Kristen Gregory	Castlegar	Election
Angel-Muskaan Uppal	Castlegar	Election
Unfilled position		To 2023
Unfilled position		To 2023
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## **Biographies - Directors seeking Re-Election**

### Neil Coburn, Nelson

*Neil believes that personal and professional growth and development create healthy, thriving, confident individuals and, collectively, healthy, sustainable, effective organizations and communities. He has contributed to strategic planning, organizational development, operational planning, and program development and delivery in a variety of organizations. He retired in 2018 as the Vice President, Education at Selkirk College. Neil has been a Board member since 2019 and currently serves as the Board Chair.*

### Ron Fabbro, Trail

*Ron sat as a Provincial Court Judge in the Kootenays for over 30 years and in this role, developed an in-depth awareness of the difficulties that many under privileged people in our society experience. In addition, Ron was deputized as a Territorial Judge in the Yukon Territory. Ron has extensive experience in property law, foreclosure, and municipal land issues. Throughout his career, Ron has served on several Boards including the Society for Handicapped Children, Legal Aid Society, Continuing Legal Education Society and he was the president for the Kootenay Bar Association. He was the elected benchner for the Kootenay region and was appointed Administrative judge for the Kootenays. During this period, the Government sought to shut down various courthouses across the province and Ron was instrumental in helping adopt a circuit court system to prevent the closures of the courts. Since joining the Board in January 2022, Ron has been an invaluable legal resource for the affiliate.*

### Sean Thornton, Rossland

*Sean came to the Board with a strong background in construction, project management, worksite safety, governance, risk management and strategic planning. Prior to retirement, he was part of the senior leadership team of an international engineering and construction*



company. Sean has been a Board member since 2020 and currently serves as the Chair, Governance Committee, and has actively participated in all aspects of our current four-plex build in Castlegar. Sean was also a member of the ad-hoc committee to establish a new affiliate Mortgage Model.

### **Biographies - Seeking Election to the Board of Directors**

#### Kristen Gregory, Castlegar

*Kristen grew up in Castlegar and is currently the Vice Principal at a local elementary school and a member of the School District 20 leadership team. In this role, she provides ongoing support to the community and local families. Kristen has also been a strong supporter of the Habitat for Habitat Meaning of Home contest. Her students have participated in this writing contest since 2019 and in 2022, one of her students was a contest runner up.*

#### Angel-Muskaan Uppal, Castlegar

*Angel is currently enrolled in the rural pre-med program at Selkirk College in Castlegar on a pathway to achieving her objective of becoming a physician. Angel was the recipient of the Stanley Humphries Award for a student demonstrating the best overall qualities including academic achievement and community commitment. During recent years, Angel has volunteered for the Canadian Cancer Society, Rotary, SPCA the local Sexual Health Clinic in various capacities. In addition, Angel won the prestigious Beedie Luminaries Scholarship for high potential students facing financial adversity. Angel grew up facing financial hardship and experienced firsthand the challenges of obtaining safe and secure housing. It is her sincere desire to promote healthcare and housing stability.*