

AFOA CANADA BOARD NOMINATIONS

SLATE OF NOMINEES TO STAND FOR ELECTION AT AFOA CANADA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - OCTOBER 9, 2019, Saskatoon, SK

The AFOA Canada Board of Directors approved a slate of nominees to stand for election at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Members to fill two vacant positions. All members in good standing are eligible to vote. Please renew your membership or join to ensure your vote counts.



Daniel Brant, PhD (Candidate), MPA, MASc CAFM

Daniel Brant is a member of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and proprietor of Daniel J. Brant & Associates located on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, Ontario. Most recently he served as the Chief Administrative Officer, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, Ontario; and has held positions as CEO of the Assembly of First Nations, CEO of the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association (NACCA); CEO of the Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation (Ohsweken, Ontario); and a sessional Professor at Algonquin College (Ottawa) and Confederation College (Thunder Bay). Prior to that, Daniel worked as a Special/Executive Assistant and Senior Policy Advisor to various Ministers and Deputy Ministers for Indian Affairs, Government of Canada

Daniel is currently a PhD Candidate, Nipissing University, and has previously completed a Masters Degree in Public Administration, Queens University, a Masters Degree in Applied Science, (Civil Engineering) University of Waterloo and a Bachelor Degree in Architectural Technology, Ryerson University. He also completed an Executive Education program in community investment and leadership at Harvard University through AFOA Canada.

As a professional, Daniel is a board member of the Indigenous Learning Centre, part of the AFOA Canada, Board Chair of 'Outside Looking In', an Indigenous youth empowerment organization and has served on two committees with Queens University. He currently serves on the Departmental Audit committee for a large federal department (ESDC). He is just launching a new business in the health industry with an Omega3 product called Kiyam Nutrients Inc.

Previous Board membership includes, AFOA Canada Board, Banff School of Management – Advisory Board; Native Economic Development Board (Federal Order in Council Appointment); Gignul Housing Corporation; Vice-Chair, Eastern Ontario Economic Development Board (Provincial Order in Council appointment); and Chair, First Nations Technical Institute.

He is a certified baseball coach and holds a 3rd degree black belt in Karate (Chito Ryu) He is married to Roberta Greyeyes and they have 2 grown children and 4 grandkids. They reside on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory in southern Ontario.



Sukhvinder (Sukhi) Chouhand, CPA, CA, CAFM

President of Chouhan Accounting Ltd., with an office in Kamloops, BC, was designated a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) in 2008 with KPMG. In 2015, he became a Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager (CAFM) while consulting with Skeetchestn Indian Band and group of companies and Upper Nicola Indian Band. Sukhi is a member of the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association.

Currently, appointed as a Board of Director with AFOA BC (serving 2nd term) and Upper Nicola Indian Band Development Corp and appointed as Finance and Audit Committee member for Shackan Indian Band and Penticton Indian Band. Also, provides services as a Financial Controller / Chief Financial Officer - Consultant with Skeetchestn Indian Band, Knucwentwecw Development Corporation, Shackan Development Corp, Lower Nicola Indian Band Development Corp in BC.

Sukhi provides capacity development services as a Financial Controller & Chief Financial Officer for hire and as Financial & Management Consultant for First Nations Bands and band owned for-profit entities. He is responsible for organization, management and training to facilitate effective financial function of the Band Administration through his involvement in policy & procedure creation and implementation, training (one on one and classroom setting), compliance with ISC and other funding bodies, FNFA and FMS certification (application and compliance) and duties as assigned in Administration, Finance and Operations areas.

Sukhi assists Chief and Council with strategic planning and setting up for-profit partnerships in a tax effective manner.

Sukhi has worked with various First Nations organizations such as FNMHF, ISC, FNFA, FNFMB, AFOA, on behalf of his clients. Sukhi has a solid understanding of First Nations Financial Management and the challenges that it faces.

Sukhi is determined to make a difference by building trust and strong relations through educating his clients by communicating complex matters effectively, helping them be more confident and self-sufficient. **Board of Director** position with AFOA CANADA will give him the opportunity to utilize his skills and expertise towards the financial well being of the communities.



Penelope Kocik, CAFM

Penelope Kocik, CAFM grew up in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and works for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. She has over 20 years of work experience in financial management as a District Controller, and as Manager, Finance and Administration, working with social housing and other programs involving low income families.

Penelope has been very involved with AFOA Canada over the years, first becoming a Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager in 2002. She then participated in the AFOA Fellowship program, which was a unique new program enhancing Aboriginal experience and knowledge. The Fellowship program gave Penelope on-the-job practical experience and training which she was grateful to bring back to her community.

Penelope also sat on the Northwest Territories Chapter Board of Directors from 2008-2018. As a Chapter representative she and her Chapter have worked hard to create strong membership for the Northwest Territories Chapter before the Chapter

was dissolved due to geographic challenges. In addition, Penelope sat on the AFOA Canada Chapter Coordination Committee and the AFOA Canada Chapter Coordination Task Force as the Northwest Territories representative. Penelope enjoys volunteering on various boards and committees and is very committed to her positions.



Trevor Morrison, CAPA

Trevor Morrison, CAPA, is a member of the Gitksan Nation in Northern British Columbia. He has over thirty years of knowledge and experience in financial management within the Gitksan Nation. He has expanded his capacity into business through education at the Harvard Business School in Boston, MA, and has obtained his designation as a Certified Aboriginal Professional Administration (CAPA) and continued to pursue his MBA at Cape Breton University. He has quickly transitioned into the career of business securing positions as a Business Development Officer, thereafter, a Chief Executive Officer with BC First Nations. He has extensive Director experience being the Vice President of the Aboriginal Financial Officers of BC, Director of Shackan Development Corporation, and Director of the BC First Nation Gaming Revenue Sharing GP. He also brings a traditional knowledge and values that can build capacity and progress a First Nation community in all sectors including development corporations and partnerships.



Teri Muldon, CAFM

Teri Muldon is a Finance Manager at the Skwah First Nation in Chilliwack. Previously, Teri worked as a Director of Finance with the Sts'ailes and Kitselas First Nations. She has 16 years of experience providing full cycle accounting and administrative services in a First Nation environment. While at Kitselas and Sts'ailes, Teri was an active member of the Finance and Audit Committees for nine years. Teri is a CAFM and her education also includes a diploma in Business Administration.

Teri grew up in Hazelton, B.C. and is a member of the Gitksan Nation. Work attributes include: paying attention to detail; being thorough with a need to be accurate; ability to meet deadlines and prioritize tasks at hand; and finally, is professional and reliable.

During her personal time you will find Teri quilting or creating some sort of craft. Family is extremely important to her and takes every opportunity to spend time with them. Teri has a great sense of humour and gets along very well with peers.



Doretta Thompson, CAPA, Director of Corporate Citizenship, Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada

Doretta Thompson is CPA Canada's nominee to the CPA Canada Board of Directors. As Director of Corporate Citizenship, she is responsible for CPA Canada's programs that support financial literacy and capacity building in Indigenous Communities.

She led the renewal of CPA Canada's Mutual Recognition Agreement with AFOA Canada, supported the alignment of the CAFM program with the prerequisite requirement to the CPA professional program, and is currently overseeing the development of an Indigenous culture course to sensitize the writers of CPA Canada's professional examinations and cases to Indigenous issues to prevent unintended bias and barriers for Indigenous students. She is also the National Director of the CPA Martin Mentorship Program for Indigenous High School

Students, a program within the Martin Family Initiative that links high school students with CPA mentors with the goal of supporting students through high school to increase graduation rates, encourage enrollment in post-secondary programs, and expose them to careers in finance and accounting, as well as other career opportunities.

She is also responsible for CPA Canada's international award-winning Financial Literacy program. She sits on the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada's Working Group on Indigenous Financial Literacy, was a member of the FCAC working group that developed the Government of Canada's framework for workplace financial literacy and of the Advisory Committee of Excellence Canada's financial literacy standards.