

Here are the bios for those standing for re-election to the HVRA Board. Voting will take place at the 2023 AGM.

CHAIR: Anne Fleming has lived on Borden with her family since 1997. She is a communications consultant and writes for or edits many community newsletters and blogs, including the HVRA eblast. She is current Chair of the Fall Fair committee and also volunteers at Pumpkinfest. Anne dedicated 14 years to the School Council at King Edward, including three as Chair. She is a certified fitness instructor and recovering lawyer. Anne is entering the final year of her second and final term as Chair.

VICE-CHAIR: Position Open

SECRETARY: Karen Laurence moved to Major St. in 2017 and was delighted to discover a residents' association that was very active and committed to making the neighbourhood a better place for all. She is just finishing her second term as secretary and is excited about what year three may bring. Karen is a retired writer/editor, an avid reader and passionate gardener with an interest in neighbourhood greening and community relations. She led the HVRA's Coldest-Night-Of-The-Year fundraising campaign for the Fort York Food Bank in 2022 and 2023 and hopes to do so again in February 2024.

TREASURER: Lena Mortensen has been a resident of Harbord Village for 14 years. She and her family first moved to Robert Street as renters and then became homeowners of the house next door. Lena is an anthropologist and teaches at the University of Toronto (based at Scarborough campus). She served on the Board for three years as an Area Representative for the Southeast, was the co-coordinator of the Pumpkinfest in 2018 and 2022, and has been Treasurer since 2018.

WEBMASTER: Nicholas Provart has lived in Harbord Village since 2016, when he and his wife Marika Cooper purchased the house that his father-in-law's family owned from 1942-1959 on Sussex Ave. He's a professor of biology at the University of Toronto and has been interested in local issues since campaigning for bike lanes on the Spadina Avenue redesign in 1992. Nick has been a North East Area Rep since 2018, and as such, has been actively involved in the park design of the Sussex-Spadina U of T residence project.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Elizabeth Chen joined Brunswick Avenue in 2004 and has been a member of HVRA since then. She is now also volunteering as membership secretary and at the Borden Farmers' Market. Elizabeth recently completed a degree in social work, in her ongoing quest to determine who/what she will be when she grows up. ***Note this position will be open for 2023-24; Elizabeth will remain as acting Membership Secretary until the position is filled*

U OF T LIAISON: Sue Dexter moved from a career in print and TV journalism to study Botany at U of T. She has long fought climate change, reduction in fossil fuel use, protecting and enhancing the tree canopy. After working on the HVRA NetZero committee, she successfully replaced a gas furnace and stove with an electric cold weather heat pump and induction stove. She has long studied piano and music structure and analysis. Her responsibilities as Liaison include membership on the University of Toronto Area Liaison Committee, collaboration with adjacent residents' associations on planning matters, including heritage issues, environmental protection, and rehabilitation.

Her are the bios for those standing for election from the Area Caucuses (2 representatives to be elected by each area caucus):

NORTHEAST AREA REPRESENTATIVES

- **Nicholas Provart (see above)**
- **(NEW) Moritz Steinbauer**, his wife and their cat moved to the neighbourhood in 2018 to start a family. Moritz works in finance and holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the Toronto Metropolitan University. With the birth of his daughter last year he is especially passionate about family related issues and initiatives in the neighbourhood.

NORTHWEST AREA REPRESENTATIVES

- **Kerry Clare** has lived in Harbord Village since 2008, renting an apartment in a house on Sussex Avenue that she shares with her husband and two children who attend Huron Street JPS and Harbord Collegiate She's a novelist and editor of the Canadian books website 49thShelf.com. She loves bike lanes, farmers' markets, public pools and libraries, as well as the ever-changing, uncontrollable nature of city life—even though it's a lot.
- **Second NW Area Rep position open for 2023-24**

SOUTHEAST AREA REPRESENTATIVES

- **Cathy Merkley** and her family have been residents in Harbord Village for over 13 years. Always seeking to add more beautiful plants and trees to the area, Cathy oversaw the installation of a green roof on top of the building adjacent to their home. She has served on the board as an Area Representative for the Southeast for four years.

- **Jody Salomon** has been a resident of Harbord Village since 2002, moving first to Borden Street and then a couple of years later to Spadina Crescent. Having moved from Aurora she was not sure what kind of community the “big city” would be. But when Halloween came around and she heard and saw the bagpipes kicking off the trick or treating, she knew it was the best choice her family could have made! Recently retired from a career in Finance and Accounting with a multinational company, where she also co-led the company’s green and environmental initiatives and strategies, she joined the Net Zero Committee which has and is doing an amazing job in helping the neighbourhood get off natural gas.

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA REPRESENTATIVES

- **Susan McDonald** has lived in Harbord Village for over 30 years. She retired after working as a Senior Administrator at the University of Toronto for 35 years. She is interested in architecture, urbanism and environmental issues. Susan joined the Board in 2019 and has attended to local issues such as a disruptive Air BnB. She is an active member of the HVRA NetZero Committee.

- **Tania Lewis** and her family have been living on Major Street since 2004. She joined the HVRA board a year ago and is looking forward to being part of this amazing neighbourhood association for another term. Tania is a school social worker with the Toronto District School Board where she has been working for more than 25 years. She can be seen walking around the neighbourhood with her little brown Shihpoo, Siri.

SOUTHWEST AREA REPRESENTATIVES

- **Jane Perdue** has lived in the neighbourhood for nearly 30 years – mostly on Lippincott, but first on Croft Street. She recently retired from the City of Toronto where she oversaw City Planning’s Percent for Public Art Program. She is a registered planner and advises on public art policies and masterplans for cities across Canada. Jane was a participant in the Croft Greening initiatives; is an avid gardener; and, is interested in improving our open space and tree canopy, and through some of the measures in HVRA’s Green Plan, as adopted by the City in 2015. And many neighbours know our cute schnoodle named Bonnie.

- **Bob Stambula**, a South West Area Rep, is a home-grown member of the Board... born at the

former Doctors' Hospital... but on Lippincott for 20 years. Bob's been active on the Planning & Development Committee and with pedestrian/patio issues. He has championed sidewalk snow clearing and has worked closely with King Edward Public School and the TDSB to secure community access to their outdoor facilities.