

Here are the bios for those standing for re-election to the HVRA Board. Voting will take place at the 2025 AGM.

CHAIR: Wolfgang Moeder has lived on Lippincott Street since 2013. He and his wife came to Canada in 2004, and they have lived in the Annex/Harbord Village area ever since. He is a plant biologist and therefore passionate about gardening and greening the neighbourhood. His motivation for joining the HVRA board is to foster community and dialogue in this increasingly intolerant and confrontational time. He has served as SW Area rep since 2024.

VICE-CHAIR: 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. Moritz has served one term as NE Area Rep and another as Vice Chair.

SECRETARY: Fiona Smith and her family have lived in Harbord Village for 27 years. She is currently Senior Librarian for local history at the Toronto Reference Library. She began her career as an urban affairs librarian at City Hall where she first developed an interest in municipal issues and urban planning. Over the years she has participated in various HVRA events including the Fall Fair, neighbourhood clean-up and most recently helping research historically significant buildings along College St. She joined the board in 2024.

TREASURER: Lena Mortensen has been a resident of Harbord Village since 2006. 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, has been the co-coordinator of the Pumpkinfest since 2018, and has served as Treasurer for HVRA 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 also been a Northeast 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: Rosalinda Furlan has lived in Harbord Village since 2010. She has been involved with the Pumpkinfest since 2014, and most recently coordinated volunteers for the Fall Fair. She is currently the membership secretary for the HVRA. She has worked as a technical writer, an ESL instructor, and is currently working on a doctorate at OISE. She joined the board in 2023.

U OF T LIAISON: Open position.

Here 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)

• **Jordan Leith** has lived in the Annex since 2008 and on Robert Street since 2019. He is passionate about the strong sense of community and vibrant amenities in Harbord Village. He loves the rich experiences that the neighbourhood facilitates for his toddler son. Jordan is excited to be on the HVRA board to support a thriving Harbord Village. He co-leads the monthly meal events that spotlight HVRA's outstanding restaurants and bring neighbours together. Jordan's background is in analytics and media. He is expanding his skillset to include cybersecurity and is working as a Consultant at Catalyst Cyber Clinic. He joined the board in 2024.

NORTHWEST AREA REPRESENTATIVES

• **Frances-Mary (aka FM) Morrison** and her family lived on Albany Avenue until 1986, when they crossed Bloor and moved south onto Borden St. FM had a long career in CBC TV current affairs as a producer and director. On retiring, she became more active with HVRA Gardeners and has nurtured one of the earliest of the in-street planters, at Borden and Lennox. FM has been a NW Rep since fall 2023, and tempted frost bite as organizer of HVRA's 2024 Spring Clean Up.

• **Douglas Walker** Doug has lived in the general vicinity at various locations since the 1980's. He and his family have lived on Lennox Street since 2015. He joined HVRA Board in 2024 when he made the mistake of asking what could be done to curb illegal dumping of garbage and excessive littering, and after having been enlisted by Frances-Mary Morrison to sporadically help with the community garden at Borden and Lennox. All of which resulted in a fateful cup of tea with Gus. Doug is a lawyer by trade, a banker by default, and a lifelong admirer of people who take action and do the right thing.

SOUTHEAST AREA REPRESENTATIVES

• **Cathy Merkley** Moving into the Harbord Village neighbourhood with her family in 2006, Cathy has been an SE Area Rep since 2017. In '17-'18 Cathy and her husband worked with the Toronto EcoRoof Incentive program to install a large green roof on the flat roof behind their home. The roof was recently part of a City case study program and will be featured in the City's Live Green Toronto website. Greening, cooling in summer, retaining heat in winter and rain management are just a few of the positive effects of adding a green roof to your home. Maybe the flat roof behind your house is a green roof candidate too!

• **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.
- **(NEW) Sue Smith** Sue moved to Major Street in 1989 and has been engaged ever since navigating the residential, commercial and human blend of Harbord Village's south boundary. Retired as an educator and as a City of Toronto Parks and Recreation staffer, Sue enjoyed working as a staff trainer and also solving HR puzzles during amalgamation. She joined the board in early 2025.

SOUTHWEST AREA REPRESENTATIVES

- **(NEW) Hanna Gavendo** has lived very happily in southwest Harbord Village for 25 years. Since retiring from a long career as a social worker and administrator/manager, she has had more time to devote to neighbourhood activities such as the Fall Fair and Pumpkinfest. Her interests include gardening and making our laneways more attractive, comfortable, useful places.
- **(NEW) Katherine Lilley** has been a resident of Lippincott since 2005, and for the past twenty years, her family has been a member of HVRA. As an artist with over 25 years of experience, she has explored a wide range of artistic practices and has transitioned into a successful scenic artist, contributing her talents to various theatre, ballet, opera, and film productions. When she is not creating stage and screen environments, she teaches adult art classes at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Katherine is deeply passionate about community engagement and has successfully orchestrated “the Harbord Village Clean- up” for nearly a decade.