



Nominations Report

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Society, separate elections must be held for each office on the Board. At the 2021 AGM, elections for the different offices on the Board will be conducted in the order set out below and as follows:

- President – one (1) person to be elected**
- Vice-President – one (1) person to be elected**
- Secretary – one (1) person to be elected**
- Treasurer – one (1) person to be elected**
- Director-at-Large – up to seven (6) persons to be elected**

The nominees are outlined below.

First Name	Last Name	Position	Alternatively
Marilyn	Bergen	President	At Large
Carol	Crow	Vice President	At Large
Eduarda (Eddie)	McWhirter	Treasurer	At Large
Patrick	Beirne	Secretary	At Large
Peter	Brasso	At Large	
Fred	Cirillo	At Large	
John	Milobar	At Large	
Naved	Noorani	At Large	
Caroline	Smart	At Large	
Lillian	White	At Large	

Bios of Nominees for Directors in Alphabetic order

Patrick Beirne – Secretary or Director at Large

Patrick Beirne is currently the Secretary for Quest and has served on the Board since 2003. He is a lawyer practising strictly criminal law both privately and for the Crown. He first became involved with Quest, peeling potatoes etc. when Quest ran a soup kitchen out of the St. James church in Gastown near his office. He was asked to be a Director and has been so for over 20 years. Patrick is the longest serving Director on the Board and has been involved in all our growth and transformation to where we are now, a major player in alleviating hunger. None of our Boards of Directors have been dysfunctional and we've had many good people involved over the years, resulting in the present strong organization. That being said, it is Patrick's opinion that the present Board is the strongest, hardest working and most capable I have been

on. Patrick had considered retiring but the issues of the last year, particularly Covid and Quest's response to it caused him to change his mind. Patrick says "I believe I can contribute to the process with this strong and focused group."

Marilyn Bergen – President or Director at Large

Marilyn Bergen is currently the Board President for Quest and has served on the Board since 2011. Marilyn believes in the vision of Quest Outreach Society to provide a healthy shopping experience for people in our society who need a hand up during difficult times. After ten years as a director including at large, Secretary and now as the current President of the Board, she is deeply committed to the leadership of Quest and the impact in the communities we service.

Marilyn recently retired with over 25 years' experience in food distribution, including roles as purchaser, supply chain management, and Director of Marketing and Procurement with one of the largest food service distributors in Canada.

Peter Brasso – Director at Large

Peter Brasso has been a Director of Quest since 2007 and was President from 2008 to 2018. He recently retired as CEO of the BPL Auto Group in 2021. BPL owned and operated three car dealerships in Greater Vancouver - Richmond Honda, Surrey Honda and Richmond Acura – employing over two hundred people. During Peter's time with Quest, BPL has contributed over \$400,000 to Quest to support its transportation needs. In 2020, Peter was one of five national shortlisted nominees for the Canadian Auto Dealer "Dealer Laureate" award. Peter is also a long time Director and Past President of the Richmond Auto Mall Association and the B.C. Honda Dealers Ad Association.

Before the car business, Peter was a corporate lawyer and internet entrepreneur. Peter has coached his kids' soccer teams with Vancouver United Football Club for the past ten years. Peter lives in Vancouver with his wife, two kids and dog Mimi.

Fernando (Fred) Cirillo – Director at Large

Fred Cirillo is currently a Director at Large for Quest and has served on the Board since November 2021. Fred has over 40 years of experience in the food service industry and 4 years working in Media for CKWX and CKKS radio back in the 80's. Fred grew up in a loving home and was taught to respect and help those less fortunate. He feels Quest is a great organization in the community that assists those in need with discreet dignity. He has had the good fortune to volunteer some of his time at Quest while on a leave. He helped by reaching out to his foodservice contacts in search of quality food donations. Fred feels very strongly about the "Charity with Dignity" model that he experienced while working at Quest and would like to bring his skills and food expertise to help the Board in any way he can.

Carol Crow- Vice President or Director at Large

Carol Crow is currently the Vice-President for Quest and has served on the Board since 2018. Carol has over 30 years of experience in the management of human resources, finance and operations across a variety of industries including financial services, manufacturing, technology, tourism and health care. Carol is currently retired and in the last several years of her career, she

consulted with businesses to advise on human resource strategy and operational best practices in the areas of performance management, employee relations, employee engagement and retention, compensation, organizational effectiveness, employee wellness and appreciation/recognition programs. Prior to consulting, Carol held executive level HR roles with a number of organizations. Carol holds an Honours Business Administration degree from Ivey Business School at Western University and has been a Chartered Professional in Human Resources since 2007.

Eduarda (Eddie) McWhirter – Treasurer or Director at Large

Eduarda (Eddie) McWhirter is currently the Treasurer for Quest and has served on the Board since 2018. Eddie is a professionally designated CPA with over 30 years experience in diverse public and private companies. In her role as an executive senior leader she has led with a passion to drive sustained strategic change in dynamic environments, and has established a proven track record for planning, implementing, and managing strategic plans and initiatives. Eddie considers herself a visionary leader that gets results through collaboration, coaching and motivation, as well as hardwork.

Giving back to the community is something Eddie has done for most of her adult life in varying capacities. Helping others is a passion of hers. Until recently, volunteer work complemented her demanding corporate career, then in 2020, she transitioned to solely focus on volunteering with a few non-profit boards in the Vancouver area.

John Milobar – Director at Large

John K. Milobar is currently a Director at Large for Quest and has served on the Board since 2015. John has over 35 years of experience in accounting, and operations mostly focused on the food distribution and lubricant manufacturing business. A long-time resident of Vancouver east side, John has held the position of President, CEO, COO in 4 different organizations over the past 30 years. In addition to being a Board member for Quest Outreach he also serves on the Boards of St. Jean's Cannery and Organic Ocean.

Naved Noorani – Director at Large

Naved Noorani is currently a Director at Large for Quest and has served on the Board since November 2021. Naved has volunteered in the past for Quest and believes in its Mission and Objectives. He has 4 decades in the Food industry in a leadership role. In his current role as Executive Director at Potluck he finds synergies with Quest's mission in fighting hunger with dignity and he has a good understanding of the Non Profit sector as well as the needs of the community.

Caroline Smart – Director at Large

Caroline Smart is currently a Director at Large for Quest and has served on the Board since November 2021. Caroline has over 40 years of experience in the food service industry working in both distribution and in the restaurant industry. She was the Director of Purchasing for the JOEY Restaurant Group from 2006 to 2019 and currently is assisting as a Purchasing Category Specialist on a part time basis. Caroline was a long time resident of the east side for 32 years and has experienced first-hand the need for food security solutions.

She is passionate about the work that Quests does and feels her food experience and her network will be helpful to the Board.

Lillian White- Director at Large

Lillian is very passionate about the great work that Quest does in the community and the opportunities available to Quest to grow and expand. Lillian spent some time as the Interim Executive Director at Quest in the first half of 2021 and became more familiar with the organization. Lillian has Board experience having been a Board member and then Chair of the BC Assessment form 2003-2009, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee for Columbia Power form 2009 -2020, Employer Representative for Worksafe BC from 2014-2020 and now sits on the Board of Embers, a not for profit providing economic and employment opportunities to those facing barriers to work. As a CPA for over 38 years I bring Finance experience to the Board.