

**2015—2016 CHAPTER EXECUTIVE TEAM**



**CO-CHAIR**

**Sherry Schaefer**

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Sherry is the Director of Fundraising and Donor Relations with CapitalCare Foundation. Since the onset of her career, Sherry has worked in geriatric care

settings. Over the past decade she has been focused on fundraising for the betterment of seniors she serves. With an expanding Foundation, the opportunity to now focus on major gift and planned giving has led Sherry to her involvement with CAGP. Sherry has collected many significant stories of seniors and their journey through life and she treasures these stories and is honoured they have been shared with her.



**CO-CHAIR**

**Terry Tobin**

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Terry is Senior Development Officer responsible for bequests and planned giving with the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation since 2012. Terry is enthusiastic about applying his 25+

years' experience in fund development and strategic communications in the charitable sector to help build awareness about gift planning. With the other members of the Executive and the Alberta North Chapter, Terry sees great new potential for storytelling and promoting the role and impact of planned gifts, particularly bequests, in philanthropy in our communities.



**TREASURER**

**Mien Jou**

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Mien is the Senior Recording Officer in the Office of Advancement at the University of Alberta. In addition to working closely with donors and University fundraising staff to ensure

the timely and accurate recording of donations and pledges, Mien ensures documentation for the establishment of new endowment funds and other restricted funds is properly vetted. Mien is also a past co-chair of the Alberta North Chapter.



**PROGRAMS CHAIR**

**Noel Xavier**

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Noel is a Donor Advisor with Edmonton Community Foundation. Noel works with individual donors, families and local charities to build endowment funds

and establish legacy plans to create strategic, sustainable philanthropic support in our community. Noel is honoured to work with individual donors, families and charity partners who share his passion in making Edmonton an ever more vibrant community. With over 18 years of fund development experience in the not-for-profit sector, Noel has worked with arts, social services, immigration and health-related causes.

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### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

**Laura Svajlenko**

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Laura is the Manager of Individual Giving Program for the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region. She has been with United Way for 4 years. She is

passionate about ensuring donors have all the information they seek to make informed personal giving decisions. Fundraising, development, donor relations or whatever you choose to call it .... helping people make a difference in our community is inspiring.



### LEAVE A LEGACY CHAIR

**Colette Mandin**

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Colette has depth and diversity of experience in the charitable sector including fund development and legacy giving. With her husband, David Dickinson, she owns Dandelionz Leadership

Strategies, delivering customized and empowering solutions to the organizations they coach. Dandelionz' tag line is also Colette's motto: *Learn. Share. Leave a Legacy.* Legacy giving is not only a coaching topic, but something they both do in their personal lives. It is easy to be enthusiastic about legacy giving when you do it yourself! Being a part of an organization like CAGP that fosters legacy giving is the icing on the cake. The people are wonderful--and the donor stories are proof that what you give back is what creates a meaningful life.



### COMMUNICATION CHAIR

**Darlene Kowalchuk**

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Darlene is the Campaign Director for the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton, a role that has grown from seasonal fundraising to year-round engagement,

including the introduction of legacy giving. Darlene is excited for the opportunity as Communications Chair for the Alberta North Chapter. We are excited to introduce our first newsletter—Alberta North Chapter Bulletin, activating the chapter page on the CAGP website, engaging members and the community through social media and increasing opportunities for discussion and sharing of ideas.

#### Connect with CAGP Alberta North



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**DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

**Donna Roth**

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Donna has over twenty five years of non profit experience in the areas of major gifts, planned giving, special events, corporate sponsorship, direct mail,

corporate social responsibility and foundation granting. Currently Donna is Senior Advisor, Community Investments for the United Way Alberta Capital Region advising individual donors in their philanthropic decision making including all areas of planned giving.



**DIRECTOR AT LARGE**

**Derek Michael**

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Derek's background in development and extensive, specific experience in working directly with planned giving donors make him a valuable asset to the Alberta North Chapter

Executive. As a member at large, Derek will be applying expertise honed while with the University of Alberta and the Alberta Cancer Foundation to strengthen the Chapter's efforts to grow our members, raise the profile of our Leave-a-Legacy activities and improve the Chapter's outreach with professional advisors.



Our Chapter Executive is run by a dedicated group of volunteers, who donate their time and enthusiasm to keep the Alberta North Chapter active and bring additional value to our local members. We encourage you to get involved in one of our many committees.

Please feel free to contact our Executive directly, or send us an email to the Chapter email ([AlbertaNorthCAGP@gmail.com](mailto:AlbertaNorthCAGP@gmail.com)) if you are interested in helping on a committee or would like more information about CAGP Alberta North.