



Canadian Congenital Heart Alliance (CCHA)

Annual General Meeting - November 29th at 7pm.

Slate of candidates for the remainder of 2016 and 2017

Board of Directors

To be elected for a three-year term

Christina Ding (Montréal) - to be newly elected

Co-Founder and Co-President of Heart 4 Heart, a charity that raises money for surgeries for children with congenital heart defects in developing countries. A trilingual graduate in Management and Neuroscience at McGill University, she is a Project Manager at Trois Prime, a digital health agency in Montreal.

Jennifer Graham (Toronto) - (# to be re-elected following completion of her present term)

Jennifer has been a part of CCHA since 2006 and has served on the Board for many years and recently has Chaired the fundraising committee and served as Secretary. She graduated from Carleton University with a B.Sc. Hon in Biology and Psychology and brings healthcare project management and system development experience. She is a CHD patient with congenitally corrected transposition of the great arteries (ccTGA) and PAH.

Sandra Zimmerman Mahoney (Ottawa) - to be newly elected

Sandra is an elementary school teacher. She has three children with her youngest -a daughter – born with congenital heart disease (CHD) in 2014. A member of CCHA's Ottawa Chapter, she is also parent liaison with the Social Worker in the Cardiology

Department at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). She started an organization called 'A Rose for Hearts' to support and network with other 'Heart Moms'.

Robbyn McLellan (Kitchener) - to be newly elected

Robbyn was born with a Congenital Heart Defect (TOF) and has sat on several Boards and HR Committees. She is a Human Resource Professional with over 21 years' experience in a corporate environment, in various aspects of Human Resources Management. She is a graduate of both Lakehead University and Sheridan College

In addition, the following individuals are returning Board Members with time remaining in their three-year terms

Toby Cox (Toronto) - a Law Clerk in Toronto and has her own graphic design business. She is a complex CHD patient and co-founder of 'Beat Retreat'.

Stella Cockett (Vancouver) - a nurse clinician at BC Children's Hospital where she has worked in cardiac sciences for over 20 years

Eric Gonneau (Barrie) – a CHD patient and a graduate of Queen's University (BSc Eng.) and Laurentian University (MBA); he owns and operates an engineering, design and building corporation.

Jordan Heir (Montréal) - a CHD patient - project manager for a digital communication agency

Joanna Hunt (Toronto) - lawyer working in family practice at Epstein Cole LLP.

Saad Minhas (Toronto) - a CHD patient and a lawyer

Krista Vriend (Toronto) - a CHD patient, with over 15 years of marketing experience in the financial industry.

Therefore, the 2017 Board of Directors would comprise:

Toby Cox
Stella Cockett
Christina Ding
Jennifer Graham
Eric Gonneau
Jordan Heir

Joanna Hunt
Sandra Zimmerman Mahoney
Robbyn McLellan
Saad Minhas
Krista Vriend