

VISOA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 25, 2024 - 1:00 to 1:45 PM

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

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The following is a list of nominees for election to The Vancouver Island Strata Owners Association board of directors.

The following directors have completed the first year of their 2-year term and have agreed to serve on the 2024 Board of Directors: **David Stinson** and **Jim Griffith**.

The following directors have completed their 2-year term and are willing to stand for election to the 2024 Board of Directors for a 2-year term: **André De Leebeek**, **George Fisk**, **John Grubb**, and **Wendy Wall**.

The nominations committee recommends the following four candidates for election to the 2024 Board of Directors: **Lesley Brown**, **Susan Ferster**, **Calvin Gray**, and **Jamie Stevens**.

BIOS:

Lesley Brown

Lesley has held senior executive positions in financial services, fintech, and technology industries over the last 23+ years. She has been involved with UVIC as a Gustavson School of Business mentor and case competition judge. She has also served on the boards of three non-profit organizations. Lesley moved to Victoria from Toronto in 2006 and, after being a long-time homeowner, moved into a small strata in 2015. In 2019, Lesley purchased a unit in a 36-member strata where she has been a council member for the last four years.

André De Leebeeck

André has been a strata owner since 2001 and serves as president of his strata council. He has also served on VISOA's board of directors for four years, two as treasurer. Andre and his wife enjoy hiking, dancing and travelling. They are active with the Saanich Pulling Together programs. André is an engineer and holds an ICD.D designation, from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Susan Ferster

Susan has lived in Victoria for a little over 10 years and has been an owner in 15-unit strata on Bear Mountain since 2014 where she is currently serving on the council. She is originally from Ontario where she was an owner in a 247-unit low-rise condominium for 20 years. Susan was on the condominium association's board for 12 years - 10 of those as president. She is a retired civil servant - working for CRA as a plain language editor for 20 years. With all the recent legislative changes to the *Strata Property Act*, she is hoping to use her experience to help herself and other strata owners understand and navigate these changes.

George Fisk

George is a retired lawyer and a former adjunct professor in the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa. He has been a Lecturer in Law for several other universities and for the World Intellectual Property Organization. George has been a strata owner for 39 years in three provinces and has served on council numerous times. He has also served on many boards over the years. He is a former president of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, and is Past President of the Probus Club of Oak Bay. George was elected to VISOA's board of directors in 2022.

Calvin Gray

Calvin has lived in a condo for the past seven years. While apprehensive at first, it has been a good lifestyle choice. He has been on the strata council for the past four years and believes that a strata councillor should be diplomatic, fair-minded, open, and consistent. Calvin has been a professional engineer for 30 years and is presently employed as the Chief Building and Plumbing Inspector for the City of Victoria. He has extensive technical knowledge with regard to a wide range of building construction. Where his employment might have a real, or even a perceived conflict of interest, he will step away from those matters.

John Grubb

John joined VISOA as a business member in 2004, and as a corporate member in 2009 when he became a strata owner. He served as vice president on his strata council from 2009 to 2022, and as VISOA's vice president for the past four years. As a Strata Maintenance Consultant, his knowledge of strata operations and depreciation reports provides a depth of knowledge and experience that benefits VISOA's board and members.

Jamie Stevens

Born and raised in Nova Scotia, Jamie was a real estate agent for most of his early career. As a volunteer at his children's school, he became interested in the school board and served as a trustee for 10 years. During the latter part of that time, he served as president of the Nova Scotia School Boards Association. A move to Toronto in 2014 brought him back to real estate and then retirement in 2022 saw him move to Victoria. Jamie lives in a strata, serves on council, and is chair the building committee. He and his wife Cindy have two grown children.

Wendy Wall

Wendy has been a VISOA board member since 2013, serving as president since 2020. She would like to continue serving on the board to further VISOA's mandate of advocacy by meeting with government, industry, and community associations. In her day job, she works in communications and graphic design. She enjoys putting these skills to use by contributing to VISOA's Bulletin, Zoom webinars, and digital media marketing including VISOA's website, social media, and e-newsletters.