



2021 PIBC Board Elections

Candidate Information Package

**President-Elect and Certified Member
Candidates Nominated for Election to the Board
of Directors (2021 - 2023 Board Term)**

The following President-Elect candidate(s), and Certified Members have been nominated for election to the Board of Directors in their respective positions/categories:

**President-Elect
(1 to be elected):**

**Emilie Adin RPP, MCIP
Patricia Dehnel RPP, MCIP**

**Certified Members
(8 to be elected):**

**Sawngjai (Dear) Bhokanandh RPP, MCIP
Lui Carvello RPP, MCIP
Deborah Jensen RPP, MCIP
Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP
Mark Koch RPP, MCIP
Patricia Maloney RPP, FCIP
Sara Muir Owen RPP, MCIP
Angel Ransom RPP, MCIP
Alex Taylor RPP, MCIP
Andrew Yan RPP, MCIP**

In this package you will find information on each Certified Member candidate as provided by the candidates themselves. PIBC members eligible to vote should refer to their voting information – sent separately by electronic mail – for detailed online voting instructions.

Members with any questions or concerns regarding balloting should please contact PIBC Executive Director Dave Crossley.

Important Note: Eligible members only receive ballots and vote for contested positions and candidates in the same respective membership category to which they themselves belong. Candidate(s) automatically elected by acclamation (if any) are noted above.

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President-Elect Candidates

Emilie Adin RPP, MCIP



With deep gratitude, I accept my name being put forward for the position of President-Elect. I appreciate the planning mentors and colleagues who have supported me in my career and I want to give back to the profession.

Why run now? The practice of planning needs to pivot. We need to ask ourselves: what is post-pandemic urbanism? How do we build resilient communities? Where do we go from here?

As planning practitioners, we want to create positive change. We'll need to rise to the challenges brought upon us by systemic inequalities, the housing crisis and the climate emergency. We have important work to do.

If elected, I'll work to raise the bar on PIBC's advocacy for planning best practices. I know that this is what our members expect. My vision is to apply climate and equity lenses on decision-making practices.

If elected, I would work with younger planners to meaningfully engage them in planning practice. My role as an Adjunct Professor with the UBC planning school and my work mentoring planning and high school students teaches me that younger planners bring passion and ideas to the profession.

Let me tell you a bit about myself. In addition to my role at UBC, I'm the planning director at New Westminster. As a planner, I've worked on the island, and in northern and indigenous communities. I've been an avid volunteer for decades and I'm a regular contributor to Planning West magazine. Right now I serve as the Chair of the PIBC Awards Committee. Previously I acted as CIP Chair of the Centenary Committee; Membership Chair on the PIBC Board from 2007 to 2011; and served as Board member for a number of non-profit societies.

As well as my work supporting students, I've mentored several candidates for PIBC certified membership and new planners to the region/province/country.

Being a planner is an important part of my self-identify, but I'm also proud of my other roles: mom of three fabulous kids, friend, partner, mentor, colleague, volunteer, activist and of course my fun alter ego as PlanGirl. I hope that I will have your vote.

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President-Elect Candidates

Patricia Dehnel RPP, MCIP



It has been my pleasure to serve on the PIBC Board of Directors since 2017 and I ask for your vote as I seek re-election to the Board as President Elect. We have all lived through a difficult global pandemic year and I wish health and safety to you, your families and your communities. There is renewed hope as vaccines become available and we look forward to returning to a more connected world and meeting again in person at a future AGM.

During the last two Board terms, I have served on the Policy & Public Affairs Committee, the Professional Standards & Certification Committee, the PIBC representative on the Adaptation Learning Network and co-chair of the Climate Action Sub-Committee. I am also an involved citizen and volunteer for a variety of cultural and sustainable development organizations in my home community of Nelson, BC.

I enjoy my twenty-five-year career as a Registered Professional Planner, working as a Local Government land use planner and community energy manager. I appreciate human scale, the environment, sustainable practice, age-friendly and the public realm. I am devastated by the pandemic's social isolation impact on our vulnerable populations and support all actions to connect and offer quality care for each other. I believe in inclusion, collaboration, resourcefulness and working to keep our communities healthy, liveable and safe for all and for future generations.

I offer my professional and Board experience to continue to advance the policies, education and collaboration opportunities for the Institute, especially on recent advocacy focus of Indigenous planning issues, substantive core planning issues and support to our Members' professional well-being.

Thank you to our amazing and dedicated PIBC staff who along with our members from BC and the Yukon, keep the Board on task and continue the professionalism of our organization. I thank you for your vote to serve in the Planning Institute of BC in the position of President Elect.

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Sawngjai (Dear) Bhokanandh RPP, MCIP



As an immigrant settler from Thailand, I am grateful to call the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations my adopted home. Currently a Planner with the City of Vancouver, I am passionate about decolonizing planning practice and working to centre equity-denied communities in civic processes. If elected, I hope to serve our institute, membership, and future planners by working towards greater diversity and representation in our industry, so that we may all serve our communities better.

Dear has over 12 years' experience in community, and sustainable land use and transportation planning in both the public and private sectors in BC and the UK. She previously served on the PIBC Board in 2011-13.

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Lui Carvello RPP, MCIP



Lui Carvello, RPP, MCIP is passionate about the planning profession and hopes to continue his service to PIBC and its members on the Board of Directors, including by bringing his legal perspective to the table. As a lawyer, Lui considers law a speciality within his planning career, that first began with an interest in high school, then a BES (Honours Urban and Regional Planning) from Waterloo and an MES (Consensus Building and Dispute Resolution in Planning) from York while also going to Osgoode Hall Law School.

He has worked in planning departments in BC, Ontario and England, and with consultants, and now focuses on providing practical legal advice and creative options in planning, development and environmental matters. Carvello Law has 45+ local government clients across the province, along with work for a non-profit conservation organization, First Nations and the Province.

Lui has sought to contribute to the profession through volunteer efforts, speaking engagements, articles and sponsorships. Carvello Law hires young planning professionals to help provide a springboard for their careers.

If elected to a fifth, and likely final term, Lui intends to shift from being Chair of PIBC's Professional Conduct Review Committee to devote more time to PIBC's Policy and Public Affairs Committee regarding matters related to professional governance. (Actually, I'll do that whether elected or not.)

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Deborah Jensen RPP, MCIP



Deborah Jensen has been actively involved in the planning field for more than two decades. After attending the planning program at the University of Calgary, she returned to Vancouver Island where she worked as a planner for Capital Regional District, the Regional District of Nanaimo, and the City of Nanaimo. Her work was multifaceted, including land use applications, long range planning, official community plan and neighbourhood plan development, environmental and heritage issues, and developing public engagement strategies.

In 2015 Deborah joined the District of Oak Bay to establish the new planning function, and is currently employed as the Manager of Planning. During this time, she has managed complex land use applications and a host of special projects including housing programs, environmental policies, heritage resources and OCP implementation.

Deborah has volunteered with PIBC since 2001. She served as chair of the Vancouver Island North Chapter for many years, and was co-chair of both the 2011 PIBC annual conference in Nanaimo and the 2018 conference in Victoria. She has conducted oral interviews for candidate members, participated on the executive committee for the Vancouver Island South Chapter, and continues to participate on the Continuous Professional Learning committee. At a national level, she served for six years on the editorial board for Plan Canada, and was directly responsible for publishing a special edition on food security in 2009.

In 2019, Deborah was elected to the PIBC Board of Directors. Since that time, she has worked to strengthen and enhance support for PIBC members, to provide members additional learning opportunities, and to advance policy and advocacy work that strengthens the role of PIBC. She is especially interested in educational opportunities for planning members, supporting PIBC initiatives, and advancing best practices; and believes PIBC is responsible for providing all members, whether from urban or rural areas, or municipal or private practice, opportunities to grow in their planning profession.

In her leisure time, Deborah can likely be found tending her olive trees or playing cello (occasionally at the same time), playing with grandchildren or travelling the world - the old olive trees in France are always calling.

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Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP



Kenna is seeking your support for re-election as member of the PIBC Board. Kenna was first elected to the PIBC Board in 2017 and has enjoyed collaborating and discussing matters that are important to planning professionals across BC and the Yukon. Currently, Kenna is Secretary-Treasurer for PIBC along with being the Chair of PIBC's Member Engagement Committee and member of PIBC's Student Internship Program Committee.

As Secretary-Treasurer, Kenna works closely with PIBC administration to ensure accountability for PIBC spending and assets. Over the last term Kenna's focus as Secretary-Treasurer has been on safeguarding the economic viability of the Institute through uncertain times. Through the Member Engagement Committee work continues to foster awareness of opportunities and activities PIBC offers while gathering feedback on how PIBC can improve its reach and performance for members. The Student Internship Program Committee is a new committee and is working towards the development and implementation of a PIBC led student internship

program. Kenna hopes to continue to contribute as Secretary-Treasurer for PIBC and advance the work of these two committees as a member of the PIBC Board in the 2021-2023 term.

Kenna is also an active member of the Central-North Chapter of PIBC, served as the co-chair of the 2017 PIBC Conference Organizing Committee and was a member of the PIBC Conference Organizing Committee for 2008. She has served on the chapter's executive team, helping to put on a number of successful regional conferences, day learning sessions and networking opportunities.

Kenna has more than 14 years' experience in land use planning and is currently the General Manager of Development Services with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. Kenna's experience with the Regional District has afforded her the ability to work on both current and long range planning projects, spanning from processing current land use applications to updating the zoning bylaw and developing new Official Community Plans.

In addition to traditional planning work Kenna has also worked on projects and initiatives that integrate planning with other priorities and goals of local government. She has worked on a variety of projects from environmental issues, regional and community projects, air quality, emergency response, stakeholder partnerships, and economic development initiatives and has gained an appreciation of the many competing goals and objectives that can sometimes challenge a planner's perspective. Kenna has always thought of planning as an important practice as it allows individuals to be engaged with their community and region.

Kenna hopes to build off the work done in her two terms and continue to bring her unique and balancing voice to the PIBC Board with her extensive experience with land use planning issues that affect Regional Districts and rural and northern communities in general.

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Mark Koch RPP, MCIP



Based in the beautiful Okanagan Valley, Mark Koch has extensive experience as a Professional Planner, local government leader, consultant, and land developer. He serves as the Director of Development Services for the City of West Kelowna, one of the fastest growing municipalities in British Columbia, where he oversees the operation of the Planning, Business Licensing, Building, Development Engineering, and Bylaw Compliance Divisions.

Raised in Southern Africa, Mark moved to Canada to pursue his undergraduate studies at Simon Fraser University. Following graduation and a stint working in the marketing field, Mark moved to Toronto to work and earn a graduate degree in Planning at York University. Committed to the field of local government management, Mark has recently completed a second Master's degree in Public Administration through the University of Alaska, while balancing the time demands of his young family.

Committed to volunteerism, Mark has assisted the Planning Institute of British Columbia for many years, both as a previous President of the Interior-Okanagan Chapter, and as a frequent mentor and examiner for new members. Mark also sat on the Local Government Management Association of British Columbia Board for over five years, culminating in the role of President for the 2018-2019 term, where he was instrumental in establishing their renewed Code of Ethics.

During the course of his career, Mark has assisted First Nations, development companies and municipalities in Canada and overseas. In addition to previously sitting on the Canadian Institute of Planners International Relations Committee, he has worked with communities in Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Belize and New Zealand, in support of various different Canadian Institute of Planners, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Society of Local Government Managers of New Zealand initiatives.

In addition to working in private industry with Urban Systems and Troika Developments, Mark has worked for the District of Lake Country, City of Kelowna, District of Peachland, and also York Regional Municipality in Ontario. Mark is committed to the field of Planning, and looks forward to the prospect of serving on the Planning Institute of British Columbia Board.

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Patricia Maloney RPP, FCIP



I have had the great pleasure of serving on the PIBC Board this last term and would very much like to continue to serve the membership and participate on the Board for another term.

I have over 40 years of experience in land use planning, policy development, airport planning, strategic planning, housing needs assessments and public consultation. I have worked for public and private organizations. I have had the honour to work with many Indigenous Communities.

I have been a Member of CIP for over 40 years, was on the APPI Board for over 10 years (both as a board member and as President in the 1990's, has organized conferences is on the Professional Education and Exam Committee of PSB. I am currently a mentor for several candidate members of the Institute.

Recognized by the profession for my contribution to Planning, I was honoured as a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners in 2015. I regularly speak at conferences, author articles and teach. I am currently the Planner in Residence for the Masters of Community Planning program at Vancouver Island University.

I recently retired from full time work but I am contracting planning services to Vancouver Island clients. Over my career I have worked in 4 provinces and the Northwest Territories. I have specialized in rural, regional and small urban planning of all kinds. I clearly understands the importance of meaningful consultation and follows the principles of inclusive, responsible and open public engagement and strive for accessibility and user-friendly location sand language.

In her personal life, I live on Gabriola Island with her husband. She loves to travel and read, particularly historical fiction, and spends time in the vegetable garden and orchard.

She strongly believes in exclusive right to practice for professional planners, continuous learning, and coaching and mentoring. She supports the continued delivery of webinar's for planners in all locations to participate and learn. Pat would be honoured to serve again on the PIBC Board.

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Sara Muir Owen RPP, MCIP



Sara Muir Owen has Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of British Columbia (UBC). She is a registered planner with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP), and has served as a Director on the Board for the Planning Institute of British Columbia (2019-2021). She has over 15 years of experience in sustainable community planning in Canada and the US, having worked in Vancouver, Aspen, and Santa Fe. She has been involved in numerous award-winning projects including the CIP's Planning Excellence Award for the "City of North Vancouver 100 Year Sustainability Vision." In 2010, Sara joined the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) as the UBC program manager. PICS is hosted and led by the University of Victoria in collaboration with the

UBC, Simon Fraser University and the University of Northern British Columbia. PICS develops climate change solutions through multidisciplinary scholarship and research programs with partnering universities, provincial and local government, non-government organizations, and the private sector.

Sara oversees the administration, management and planning of PICS programs at UBC, including faculty-led research related to climate change mitigation and adaptation in the built environment, transportation, forestry and energy sectors. She also coordinates many climate change solutions seminars, panel sessions, events and outreach activities at the university and throughout Metro Vancouver. In addition to her role with PICS, she works with the UBC Sustainability Initiative (USI) to advance sustainability at UBC and across the region. Sara is also affiliated with C2MP—a leading-edge planning firm based in Vancouver, British Columbia. While active with C2MP, Sara participated in the development of the City of Victoria and the City of Burnaby climate action plans. Sara has been volunteering with the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) since 2011. Her volunteer roles include advisor to the Langara College Applied Planning Program; membership on the Continuous Professional Learning committee and Climate Action subcommittee; and, Director on the PIBC Board from 2019-2021.

A landscape architect by training and a registered planner by practice, Sara is driven by a desire for fairness, equity, justice and peace for a culturally rich world supported by a healthy, resilient built and natural environment. Her everyday work bridges researchers with policy makers to plan how the province of British Columbia and the many communities within it can best mitigate and adapt to our changing climate. In addition to this focus on climate change, she's been exploring how communities can use the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework for local government planning and policy development. In 2021, she coauthored one of Canada's first SDG Voluntary Local Reviews (VLR) for the Kelowna region. Sara is keen to continue her role on the PIBC Board of Directors for the coming two-year term to support the growth and development of the planning profession in the areas of climate change and sustainability. She also hopes to assist the association in student engagement and outreach.

On the personal side, some of her favourite activities to do in and around the city include playing soccer in the metro Vancouver women's soccer league and trail running—preparing homecooked dinners with family, and exploring the built and natural environment with her two kids.

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Angel Ransom RPP, MCIP



Angel Ransom is originally from the communities of Nak'azdli Whut'en and Fort St. James, BC but now lives in Prince George, BC. She grew up in the north and plans to stay in the north.

She is pleased to have been nominated and to stand for election to the PIBC Board of Directors in the upcoming Board election. It is her intention to bring her personal Indigenous roots and worldview, along with her professional Indigenous Planning knowledge and experience background to the table.

Angel is a proud UNBC Alumni with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Planning and has Adjunct Professor Status with the School of Planning & Sustainability (formerly called the School of Environmental Planning). She specializes in the very unique field of First Nations Planning in the areas of community development, natural resources management, and impact assessments of major projects (i.e. mines, pipelines, energy).

Some of her recent work include leading the development of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition's: 1) 'Major Projects Assessment Standard'; 2) 'Guidance Appendices' (Assessment of effects of projects on Indigenous peoples' social and economic conditions; Indigenous culture; Indigenous health; Indigenous land use; and, Meaningful integration of Indigenous Knowledge into major project assessments); 3) Environmental assessment costing calculator; 4) 'Guide to Effective Indigenous Involvement in Federal Impact Assessment'; and, 5) An 8-part video series that support the Guide. She is also working with the Cheslatta Carrier Nation on their tiny homes project, the development of their administration/community hub building, and land use plan policy development.

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Alex Taylor RPP, MCIP



I have been humbled and honoured to represent you on the PIBC Board for the past two years, and I am seeking re-election so I can continue to advocate for:

- Growing membership and developing the planning profession to ensure that PIBC more represents the diverse communities we plan for, using a justice, equity, diversity and inclusion lens,
- Improving the depth and breadth of professional events, especially online during the pandemic, and ensuring the Board

considers the challenges, constraints and opportunities of our chapters and their volunteers,

- Ensuring and communicating the value-for-money provided by PIBC to members,
- Finding efficiencies in PIBC and committee operations, and
- Ensuring the planning profession is better known for its contributions to many key challenges our communities face, including housing and homelessness, climate change and social inequity.

Alex is an award-winning planner and project manager with 15 years of experience in community and parks planning, public engagement, land development and project management. Currently a Senior Regional Planner with Metro Vancouver (seconded from Regional Parks until 2022), Alex led the *Metro 2050* Complete Communities Policy Review for the regional growth strategy update, is the staff liaison for the Regional Planning Advisory Committee Social Issues Subcommittee, and is an advocate for reconciliation, justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in his work. Alex previously spent two years as the City of Port Moody's Senior Planner, and ten years as a planning consultant, leading projects for municipal governments, First Nations and land owners across BC and western Canada. He has developed and managed dozens of Community Planning projects and public engagement programs, led interdisciplinary work teams, delivered dozens of presentations and workshops with councils, managed over \$1 million in annual project budgets, and worked on projects in over 150 western Canadian municipalities.

Alex has a BA in Geography (Co-op) from the University of Calgary and a Masters of Urban Planning from McGill University. Alex actively volunteered with CIP from 2008 to 2019, as treasurer of the CIP Planning Student Trust Fund (PSTF), and with PIBC since 2010, on the South Coast Chapter (SCC) Events Committee (2011-2019), and as an oral examiner. First elected to the PIBC Board in 2019, Alex is a member of PIBC's Executive Committee, and Governance and Nominating Committee. Alex also volunteers as a board member and project manager for the Projects in Place Society (PIPS), designing and flash-building community projects like green roofs and playgrounds. Alex lives in East Vancouver and enjoys biking, hiking and camping with his wife and two young kids.

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Andrew Yan RPP, MCIP



Andy Yan is the Director of the City Program at Simon Fraser University. He has extensively worked in the non-profit and private urban planning sectors with projects in the metropolitan regions of Vancouver, San Francisco, New York City, Los Angeles and New Orleans as well as working and teaching in academia for nearly 20 years.

Andy has been a member of the PIBC since 2008 when he was an urban planner with Bing Thom Architects. With BTA as well as other planning teams, he has worked on a variety of planning projects and studies from the Surrey City Centre Plan, the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Campus, and the Living River Plan in Tulsa, Oklahoma as well as the City of Vancouver's Neighborhood Retail Study.

Andy holds a Master of Urban Planning from the University of California – Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours distinctions in Geography and Political

Science from Simon Fraser University. Andy is also a Certified Geographic Information Systems Professional.

With academic service, Andy is also an adjunct professor in Urban Studies at Simon Fraser University and in Planning at the University of British Columbia School of Regional and Community Planning. He is part of the Housing Research Collaborative at UBC. Andy with Penny Gurstein co-wrote "Beyond the Dreams of Avarice? The Past, Present, and Future of Housing in Vancouver's Planning Legacy" in the "Planning on the Edge: Vancouver and the Challenges of Reconciliation, Social Justice, and Sustainable Development", a new book on urban planning in Vancouver.

In community service, he has been a two-term appointee to the City of Vancouver City Planning Commission and a former member of the City of Vancouver's Development Permit Board Advisory Panel. He was a member of the Board of Directors for the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House.

Andy has been the recipient of the Planning Institute of British Columbia's award for Leadership in Advocacy and Innovation and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's Advocate for Architecture award. He was also the recipient of the 2018 Simon Fraser University President's Media Newsmaker of the Year Award.

Andy is interested in joining the PIBC Board of Directors for the coming two-year term to help the profession to grow, engage, and challenge its members to create more sustainable, just, and resilient communities. Whether it is climate change, social inequality, or smart cities, the profession is uniquely positioned to advice, assist, and implement social, economic, and developmental solutions throughout our province. As a professional organization for problem solvers, the PIBC will need to continually

advocate for its members as well as to empower and challenge them with the best toolkits of ethics, ideas, and practices from around the province and the world.