

2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Slate of Nominees

New Nominees

Alice Coatu, Calgary

Alice Coatu brings more than a decade of experience across the nonprofit, technology, and marketing sectors, with a career focused on helping people build skills, confidence, and meaningful connections. Throughout her work, Alice has led training, onboarding, and learning initiatives that support individuals and organizations through growth and change.

A passionate volunteer and community builder, Alice has contributed her time to organizations focused on leadership development, youth mentorship, governance, and community events. She believes that strong communities are built when people feel welcomed, supported, and empowered to contribute their unique strengths.

Born in Romania, raised in Montreal, and now proud to call Calgary home, Alice speaks English, French, Romanian, and Italian. In her spare time, she enjoys finding third spaces, bird watching, creating art, skating, and exploring the world.

Karen Wronko, Sherwood Park

Karen Wronko is the Assistant Deputy Minister for the Trade, Investment, and Food Safety division. Her division is responsible for food safety, rural economic development and agriculture societies, agri-food business development and innovation, as well as investment, trade and intergovernmental relations for the agri-food sector.

Karen holds an Agriculture degree from the University of Alberta, a diploma in Urban Land Economics and a Certificate in Real Property Assessment both from the University of British Columbia. Karen has worked in several departments across the Government of Alberta including Environment and Parks, Economic Development and Tourism, Community and Social Services and Municipal Affairs.

In her spare time, Karen enjoys volunteering in her community and is a proud supporter of youth basketball. She is also a self-professed Star Trek nerd with Harry Potter coming in a close second.



VA Board Members up for renewal for an additional 2 year term

Amanda Reaume, Lethbridge

Amanda Reaume was elected to the Board in 2024 and currently sits as President. She brings 25 years in Alberta's nonprofit sector, including four years as Executive Director of Volunteer Lethbridge, an organization deeply involved in all things volunteer management.

She also has four years of experience as a nonprofit governance instructor for Alberta Arts, Culture & Status of Women (formerly Alberta Culture & Tourism), was a member of the Funding Allocation Committee for the United Way of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta, and a former Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters Lethbridge & District. She has many short term volunteer commitments, such as The Big Cook, Coulee Clean Up, and helping at casinos for various organizations.

Amanda spent a summer working for Travel Alberta in Blairmore and can't get enough of the Crowsnest Pass. Currently located in Lethbridge, Amanda has four kids, ranging from 14-21 (hoping teenagers like her again one day!). She is obsessed with stand-up comedy - some favourites include Jo Koy, Taylor Tomlinson, and Gary Gulman.

Meenakshi Ramanathan, Edmonton

Joining the Board in June 2024, Meenakshi brings her experience working across different sectors, including technology and nonprofits, which has provided her with a broad perspective on how organizations operate and collaborate to achieve their goals. Additionally, her experience working with various nonprofit sectors has equipped her with a deep understanding of their unique challenges and opportunities, particularly in areas such as community engagement and capacity building. This cross-sector experience enables her to contribute innovative and comprehensive insights to the Board.

Meenakshi volunteers with the University of Alberta - Alumni Student Support and Engagement Team (ASSET). She admires REACH because it was the first nonprofit to give her exposure to how a nonprofit operates, providing a foundational understanding of the sector. She also admires Volunteer Alberta, as an alumna of the Youth @ the Table cohort. This transformative experience not only gave her the confidence to understand governance frameworks in a nonprofit setting but also inspired her ongoing commitment to community impact and leadership.

Residing in Edmonton, she enjoys checking out new cafes, trying different cuisines, and spending time reading books. Meenakshi's favourite places in Alberta are Banff, Canmore, Jasper specifically Moraine Lake. Currently she works at the Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute and holds a BSc with a double major in Biological Sciences and Psychology.

