



Board of Directors Profiles 2018-2019

Bob Baker will be entering his third year on the Board. Bob has 30 years of experience in the broader public sector with proven expertise in strategy, planning, and execution at national, provincial, and community levels. As an executive leader in a number of health related organizations and foundations, Bob also brings expertise in donor development, stewardship and board governance. Bob's family has been impacted by dementia and he hopes to make a positive change for those living in Durham Region and beyond.

Brian McAuley is a technology executive who has lived in the community for over 20 years. Brian has served on the ASDR board for 4 years and will be in his third year as Board President for 2018-19. Brian is passionate about the Alzheimer Society, as it was instrumental in providing he and his family with the education he required during his mother's illness with the disease. He has also seen the great need before us having served the aging population in the region in another capacity.

Deanna Hollister has been a Board member since 2009 and is acting as Past President. Deanna is an avid supporter of ASDR and has been actively involved in fundraising with the Society; most recently as the Chair of the 2015 Chocolate Lover's Luncheon. Deanna commits countless of volunteer time each month supporting the work of ASDR in many ways and is a strong advocate of the agency in her work in the community.

Debbie E. Lodge has more than 35 years experience with top Canadian advertising agencies, working with major retailers and packaged goods companies. More recently, she was Marketing & Sales Director for an Ontario tourist attraction, and Director of Fundraising/Special Events for an internationally-known children's charity. Debbie was involved at local, regional and provincial levels for Girl Guides/ Guides du Canada for 20 years, and is also a Board Member for VON Durham Hospice. She and her family have resided in the Durham region for more than 30 years.

Dexter John will be entering his second year on the Board. Dexter has more than 15 years' experience in the law and business fields. Dexter is currently the Executive Vice President of a proxy advisory, corporate governance and merger & acquisition advisory firm. Dexter's mother and aunt both live with Alzheimer's disease and he wishes to educate himself and others on the disease and hopes to be a part of researching and finding a cure some day.

Eleanor Hastie is entering her 12th year of volunteer service with ASDR (in two separate appointments). She brings varied experience in the health care field in acute care, long term care and retirement living. Eleanor is also a special event volunteer, assisting with our Walk for Alzheimer's as well as hosting a Coffee Break at her place of employment with Traditions of Durham.

Liane Strus is entering her third year on the Board. She lives on Lake Scugog with her husband. Liane's mother lives with Alzheimer's disease. Since the diagnosis, Liane has taken a keen interest in learning about Alzheimer's disease in hopes of providing much needed support to her parents. She recently completed the Dementia Studies program through Durham College. She realizes that there is an urgent need for the support services provided by the Alzheimer Society.

Marilyn Stitt is a Chartered Professional Accountant at KPMG in Toronto. Marilyn has over 30 years of experience in public accounting dealing with a wide range matters for public and private companies as well as not-for-profit organizations. Marilyn has volunteered each week with the VON Durham Region 'Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together' program since 2013. Marilyn is a new member of the ASDR Board of Directors in September 2018.

Megan Hanzal is a Chartered Professional Accountant at Collins Barrow in Courtice. Megan has a wide range of experience in accounting and assurance dealing with public and private companies and not-for-profit organizations. Megan is currently serving a term as the Treasurer of the ASDR Board of Directors. She was also the Co-Chair of the 2015 Walk for Memories and a volunteer at the past Chocolate Lovers Luncheon.

Paul Hood has been a Board member since 2017. He is a highly accomplished and results driven Advisor with 15 years of successful new business development and business leadership experience. Paul wants to set an example for his three teenage daughters by showing them the importance of charity work and has a personal connection to ASDR with his two grandmothers suffering from Alzheimer's Disease. He also volunteers for a local Youth Orchestra and St. Vincent's Kitchen.

Paula Donahoe has worked in the health care field for over 50 years as a registered nurse in a variety of clinical and educational settings including long term care working with adults with dementia, public health working with families supporting a loved one with dementia, and educational settings facilitating courses in adult education and communication techniques for patients and families. Paula is an active volunteer in her home community of Uxbridge where past volunteer activities have included a role as president of the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Auxiliary, and a member of IODE.

Shannon O'Connor is an engineer with 30 years of experience in the IT industry. She has a proven track record in strategy, sales, service delivery, marketing and operations. As an executive leader, she has experience starting up new businesses as well as leading mature organizations with over 500 employees. Shannon is passionate about finding a cure for dementia. She is living with dementia through a close family member and is a past volunteer for public education on brain health and dementia.