

**CREATIVE CITY NETWORK OF CANADA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Friday, June 13, 2014 | 8:30am – 9:15am

Centre Ballroom, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King Street West, Hamilton, ON

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: BOARD NOMINATIONS

Karen Hasselfelt, City of Vancouver, BC

Passionate about the value of arts and culture to our society, Karen has extensive experience in the field through a variety of positions in non-profit organizations, the private sector and government. Since 2001, as a Cultural Planner at the City of Vancouver, Karen has been responsible for the major exhibiting institutions and civic collections, as well as building relationships with over 70 other museums, visual arts and music non-profit organizations in the city. Karen worked on the Steering Committee for the department's cultural grants program review, which led to new cultural grants policies and programs. Karen was also part of the staff team that hosted the inaugural CCNC conference in Vancouver with Burke Taylor and Nancy Duxbury.

Previous to her position at the City of Vancouver, Karen led the Surrey Art Gallery through transformative change to become a leader in community cultural engagement, was instrumental in founding the Art Gallery of Calgary, created the BC government's visual arts program during EXPO 86, and worked for the former Ministry of Culture in Ontario. Karen has a post-graduate certificate in Museology from the École du Louvre in Paris and an Honours BA in Art History from York University, Toronto.

Laurie Stalker, Town of Morinville, AB

A graduate of McEwan University's Arts & Cultural Management Program, Laurie has almost 20 years' experience working in the arts. Laurie is currently the Cultural Services Manager for the Town of Morinville, where her role is to promote, support and lead cultural and community development. Laurie project managed the building of the Morinville Community Cultural Centre which opened in June of 2011. In addition, she developed and implemented the business, marketing and sponsorship plans for the facility and now programs the gallery and an annual performing arts season (and occasionally mops the stage floor!).

Prior to her current work, Laurie held the position of Grants & Research Director for the Edmonton Arts Council. No stranger to the CCNC, Laurie has been a member since the organization's inception, and chaired the planning committee for the CCNC 2007 conference "The Ecology of a Creative Community" in Edmonton. Laurie is a past member of the Advisory Committee for the Arts and Cultural Management Program at McEwan University, and currently a member of the St. Albert Public Art Advisory Committee. Laurie is a cellist with Concordia Symphony Orchestra and La Folia, Edmonton's Baroque String Ensemble.

Elizabeth Taylor, Halifax Regional Municipality, NS

Bio to follow.