



## Queen Margaret's School Board of Governors 2017-2018



### **Mary DeLury, Chair**

Mary is a self-employed Professional Forester and co-owns a local logging business with her husband. She holds both a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Simon Fraser University and a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of British Columbia.

Her two youngest sons attend QMS and she is very active in the QMS community, from helping with the Parents' Association, attending events around the campus, and attending field trips with her sons (when time permits). Mary finds the QMS campus a very welcoming place to be for parents and visitors alike, and you can usually find her behind her camera, taking photographs of students and campus life.

Mary has worked in the forest industry for over twenty years in many facets: she started as a tree-planter and worked her way through the industry into consulting and contracting. She has a strong business and leadership background, starting her first business in 1998. She also has a keen interest in the environment, a passion for learning and desire to mentor our youth. Mary is a firm believer in guiding children to discovering their passions and in educating them effectively, and that is why she and her family chose QMS for their sons.

Mary is excited to bring energy and enthusiasm to the Board and contribute to our QMS community by serving on the Board of Governors.



### **Serena Kolida, Vice Chair**

Former Head Girl Serena Kolida graduated from Queen Margaret's School in 2001 and brings firsthand knowledge and experience as a student and boarder to the QMS Board of Governors. In 2002, she served one year on the Board as a recent graduate.

After graduating from the University of Victoria, Serena remained in Victoria and now has a thriving real estate career with Victoria Property Group. Serena has a strong background in branding and marketing. Communications, management, and work in the for-profit and non-profit sectors are just some of the skills she brings to the QMS Board. She also brings social media and fundraising experience to the Board with fundraising efforts on behalf of Room to Read and the Somaly Man Foundation, both done in partnership with Change Heroes.



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### **Mark Gibbs, Treasurer**

Mark is the Chief Software Architect at FINCAD, a Vancouver-based financial software company. Prior to moving to Canada in 2006, and after a short period of postdoctoral study in theoretical physics, he worked in the financial services industry in London at a number of leading Investment Banks. He has BA, MA, and PhD degrees from Cambridge University, and is also currently an industry advisor to an EU research program in theoretical particle physics.

Mark's wife, Stephanie, is actively involved with the Queen Margaret's School PAC fundraising activities and is the School Shop Manager. One of their children attends QMS.

Mark has served on the Board since 2010, and his experience on the Board includes sitting on the Finance Committee.



### **Jennifer Pelton, Secretary**

Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Saskatchewan. She has been practicing law in the Cowichan Valley since 1994. Jennifer has one daughter currently enrolled in the Junior School at QMS. She is actively involved as a parent at QMS and also keenly supportive of the school's activities and fundraising initiatives.

Jennifer joined the Board of Governors in 2012 and is currently serving on the Board Executive in the role of Secretary. She looks forward to working with a committed group of individuals to promote the continued success and growth of QMS.



### **Nancy Wilson, Governance Chair**

Nancy is a BC Chartered Accountant (qualified in 1997 in Victoria) who has spent many years auditing foreign multinationals with KPMG, both in Brussels and then in Munich, where she moved into a controllership position with BMW Financial Services. She left Munich in 2003 to join her Mexican-born husband in New York City, where she was able to follow her other passion, painting. She attended several prestigious art academies for two years, studying portraiture.

Nancy and her husband are currently living in Cobble Hill, where she grew up. They have three young children, all of whom are attending QMS. She has also served as QMS PAC Treasurer.

Nancy's experience on the QMS Board of Governors has included serving on the Finance and Governance Committees.



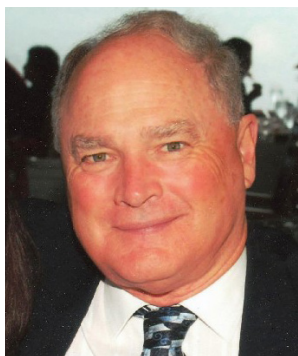
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### **Leigh Taylor, Governor**

Leigh served for 24 years as Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, California, where he also served for 27 years as Dean of the Law Faculty. In the course of a distinguished career, he also served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admissions Council as well as the NALP Foundation for Law Career Research and Education. For the American Bar Association, he has chaired a number of law school inspection teams, the Law School Administration Committee, the Governmental Relations and Financial Aid Committee and has been Vice Chair of the Standards Review Committee. He has served as co-chair within the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

Leigh has served on the QMS Board since 2005 and brings many years of experience in small university administration, development, finance, fundraising and board governance.



### **Derek Thomas, Governor**

Derek holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Concordia University. His professional background includes 11 years in computer sciences, primarily in the industrial sector, and 23 years in human resources. He retired from the Insurance Corporation of BC in 1999 having spent 26 years with the company. His career there included three years in the Information Services Division prior to moving to the Human Resources Division. There, he managed the Division's Compensation and Benefits Department before advancing to head the Labour Relations/ Industrial Relations Department.

Mr. Thomas has been a member of the QMS Board of Governors since November 2003. In his first year of service, he was Chair of the Strategic Plan Committee and participated as a member of the Finance Committee. He was elected to the position of Treasurer in November 2004, and has been re-elected in each subsequent year through to 2016. As Treasurer, he Chaired the Finance Committee and also served as a member of the Executive Committee and Compensation Committee.



### **Dola Boas, Governor**

Dola's connections with QMS are on many levels: as a student, as a parent, and as an Old Girl (alum). Her family has a long history with the school—her cousins attended in the '30s, she graduated from QMS in 1959, and her daughter graduated in 1983.

Dola and her husband founded Spectacle Lake Developments, Ltd., a general contracting and property development company, in 1970 and continue to operate it to this day. She also has a continuing involvement in other business ventures.

Dola has sat on the Board since 2012.



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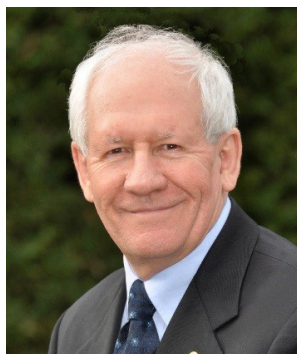


### **Richard Dong, Governor**

Richard has been a QMS parent since 2013 and resides between his home in Shanghai and his second home in Duncan, BC. His daughter is a QMS alumna.

Richard has spent his working life in the construction/investment and consulting business sector. He currently owns and operates an engineering and investment consulting company in China, providing consulting services to both foreign-funded and private enterprises. He has worked closely with the Shanghai government as a purchasing expert. Richard recently became the owner of a private printing company.

Richard looks forward to serving on the Board and using his experience to reach out to boarding parents and help the school move forward.



### **Roger Hart, Governor**

Roger is a retired partner with Deloitte, Canada's largest professional services firm. He was previously a senior college administrator and tenured university professor. He is also a Professional Engineer and Management Consultant. In addition to business leadership, community and operational experience, Roger brings a background of finance, board development, and strategic planning to the QMS Board of Governors.

Roger has served on many non-profit boards, spanning local, provincial, national and even international organizations. Since his retirement, he has taken an active leadership role in local organizations, including the Rotary Club, the Cowichan Symphony Society, the Cowichan Economic Development Commission, just to name a few.

Roger has two grandchildren attending Queen Margaret's School.



### **Steven Kosa, Governor**

Steven is a real-estate consultant and a member of the Appraisal Institute of Canada, and holds the AACI and P.App designations. He is also a member of the BC Expropriation Association. He works with provincial and municipal governments and corporations to provide property negotiation services throughout Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland, and Central and Southern BC.

As a past parent of two QMS alumna, Steve is familiar with QMS and is a strong supporter of the School's goals. Steve's previous board experience includes the Calgary Chapter of the Appraisal Institute of Canada. He is currently Chair of the Cowichan Tribes Assessment Appeal Board. With his background in facilities management, budget analysis and property appraisal, he feels he can make a significant contribution to the QMS Board of Governors.

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**Bruce Munro, Governor**

Bruce holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Alberta. Bruce was born and raised on Vancouver Island and now resides in the Cowichan Valley with his wife and their three children who attend QMS.

After his business education, Bruce returned to Vancouver Island and began his professional career in Nanaimo. For the past 14 years, he has helped structure, build and manage senior and family rental housing, grow a small promotional marketing business and became the second-generation President of the family-owned drilling and blasting business.

Bruce is a strong supporter of the outdoors, Vancouver Island, and is a volunteer youth soccer coach in the Cowichan Valley.