

2022 NOMINEES FOR THE ALUMNI UBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



IAN BANKS, BA'92 (*Second term ending 2025*)

Lower Mainland, BC

Ian is Chief Information Officer at Metrie (formerly Moulding & Millwork / Sauder Industries Ltd.). Established in 1926 as a family owned and operated company, Metrie has helped transform spaces with exquisitely crafted architectural trim.

Today, Metrie is North America's leading manufacturer and distributor of solid wood and MDF interior finishing products, with 30 distribution centers and 8 manufacturing facilities in the US and Canada.

Ian has 20-years diverse business experience in Operations, Finance, Sales, Marketing and Information Technology. Prior to joining the Metrie Team in 2013, Ian worked with Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (RBA) to develop and launch new solutions that doubled RBA's total addressable market. Ian was President of an Internet-based startup company based in Vancouver and, from 2006-2010, as Vice President of Global IT at PMC-Sierra (a leading provider of broadband communications and storage semiconductors), Ian led an IT Team responsible for global networks, infrastructure, applications and security in North America, Europe, Israel and Asia.

Ian also led the Western Canadian IT services and software solutions team at an \$8B telecommunications company, the BC-based Management Consulting Practice at Fujitsu (formerly DMR) Consulting, and was CIO at a major transportation services Crown Corporation. He also served as Visiting Professor in Simon Fraser University's Masters in Business Administration Program.

Ian received a Bachelor in Economics degree from University of British Columbia in 1992, and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario in 1999. His Board experience includes for-profit and not-for-profit Boards including the BC Safety Authority, the CIO Association of Canada, and the Saint James Community Service Society - a large Vancouver-based charitable organization.



MICHELLE COOK, MJ'00 (*First term ending 2025*)

Calgary, AB

Michelle Cook is the assistant director of planning and events for the Government of Alberta. In a career spanning more than 20 years, Michelle has gained broad experience in the government, post-secondary education, and journalism sectors. She previously worked for Global Affairs Canada as well as the U.S. Department of State as the public affairs specialist at the U.S. Consulate General in Calgary. She also worked in UBC's public affairs office for several years, where she specialized in promoting UBC's research and teaching success stories to media worldwide. Her additional experience includes reporting for both of Vancouver's daily newspapers, the Sun and the Province, and a stint at CTV Television in Calgary during the 1988 Winter Olympics.

She has a Master of Journalism from the University of British Columbia and a BA in English from McGill University in Montreal. She has lived and worked across Canada as well as in Okinawa, Japan, and Singapore, and spent a year at Hokkai Gakuen University in Sapporo, Japan, as a visiting research fellow, examining current issues in Japanese society, economy and culture.



MIRANDA HURON, BA'02, MEd'16 (Second term ending 2025)

Lower Mainland, BC

For over 20 years, Miranda Huron, a member of the Mattawa North Bay Algonquins, has worked in Indigenous education with a specialization in language revitalization. Miranda is the Director of Indigenous Education and Affairs at Capilano University in North Vancouver. She came to this role fresh from her time as the Director of Indigenous Languages and Affairs at the Assembly of First Nations, where she led the team representing First Nations' interests in the co-development and negotiation of the Indigenous Languages Act, which received Royal Assent under her tenure on June 21, 2019. Miranda received both her BA and her MEd at UBC, and is currently working on her UBC doctoral research exploring the concept of co-development and its relation to self-determination.

Miranda has sat on the Premier's Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Training, the UBC Vice-President's Strategic Implementation Committee for Equity and Diversity, the UBC Senate (past) and the Capilano University Senate (current).

In her spare time, she likes to cycle across continents and spend time in the ocean or in the mountains.



FRED WITHERS, BCom'77, FCPA, FCA (Second term ending 2025)

Lower Mainland, BC

Fred is a retired partner of Ernst & Young Canada, having retired in 2014 after 37 years with the Firm.

His various roles prior to retirement were as Chief Development Officer for Canada (2011 to 2014), Managing Partner Western Canada (2005 to 2011), Managing Partner British Columbia (2001 to 2005) and Program Director for the Ernst & Young Pacific Region Entrepreneur of the Year Program (2001 to 2010).

Fred has been active at the University as a member of the Sauder School of Business Faculty Advisory Board (2004 to 2014) and served as Vice Chair of the Board from 2007 to 2014. He chaired the Opening Worlds Campaign, a campaign for the major redevelopment of the business school facilities.

Fred is a member of the Thunderbird Big Block Club (rowing) and represented Canada at the 1977 Rowing World Championships and the 1979 Pan American Games (silver medal).

In the community, Fred serves as Vice-Chair of the Vancouver Symphony Foundation and is a board member of Junior Achievement of British Columbia and the Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation. He is a past chair of the Vancouver Symphony Society, the British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame & Museum, and Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Greater Vancouver, and a past vice chair of the Vancouver Board of Trade. Fred is married to Dr. Kathy Jones (BSc'80) and together they are the proud parents of four daughters.