

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

I wish to inform members that there will be no election at the virtual Zoom AGM on June 8 at 3pm EST. There are seven positions to be filled on the board and seven candidates. Therefore, the candidates will be acclaimed to office. Their photos and bios follow.

On behalf of the membership, I thank the candidates for agreeing to join the board of directors of the society, and for providing their skills and expertise to advance philately across the country.

- Robert Lunn

Chair, Nominating Committee

ÉLECTION DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

Je désire informer les membres qu'il n'y aura pas d'élections à l'assemblée générale annuelle sur Zoom, le 8 juin. Les candidats seront donc élus par acclamation. Voyez ci-dessous leurs photos ainsi que leurs biographies.

Au nom des membres, je remercie les candidats d'avoir accepté de se joindre au conseil d'administration de la société et de mettre leurs compétences et leur expertise au service de l'avancement de la philatélie au pays.

Le président du comité des candidatures,

Robert Lunn



MARIO CHEVRETTE

Like many philatelists, Mario Chevrete started collecting worldwide stamps in childhood. His interest for philately was interrupted while pursuing a career as a molecular biologist at McGill University and to start a family. Mario has two daughters, who unfortunately do not share his interest in philately. In the 90's he revived his collecting, where his interests became Canada and Germany. He also started thematic collections, including bats, spiders, Formula 1 racing, as well as the Machin series from United Kingdom. His main interest these days is the postal history of Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean, where he was born. Mario joined the Lakeshore Stamp Club in

2011 and became its President from 2014 to 2019. He is also a member of BNAPS, the American Topical Association, the Perfin Society (Great Britain) and the Société d'histoire postale du Québec. Mario is also representing The RPSC at the Fédération Québécoise de philatélie, an organization that represents the numerous philatelic clubs in the Québec province.



CLAUDE LACASSE

A passionate philatelist and active member of the philatelic community, Claude Lacasse has been an exhibitor and event organizer for several years. She coordinated the 2024 Boisphilex exhibition and served as secretary for the 2019 edition. She has participated in numerous regional, provincial, and national competitions, earning several distinctions for her thematic collections.

Holding a certificate in group and organizational intervention (Université de Montréal) and a short program in adult educational intervention (TÉLUQ-UQAM), she also has a specialization in professional coaching (CQPNL).

With a strong background in training and facilitation, she shares her passion through philatelic workshops and other educational initiatives.

As a member of several philatelic associations, she is actively involved in promoting and passing on the love of philately to the general public and younger generations.

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Passionnée de philatélie et membre active de la communauté philatélique, Claude Lacasse est exposante et impliquée dans l'organisation d'événements depuis plusieurs années. Elle a coordonné l'édition 2024 de Boisphilex et a été secrétaire pour l'édition 2019. Elle a participé à de nombreuses compétitions régionales, provinciales et nationales, recevant plusieurs distinctions pour ses collections thématiques.

Détentrice d'un certificat en intervention dans les groupes et les organisations (Université de Montréal) et d'un programme court en intervention éducative auprès des adultes (TÉLUQ-UQAM), elle possède également une spécialisation en coaching professionnel (CQPNL). Forte d'une carrière en formation et animation, elle partage sa passion à travers des ateliers en philatélie et d'autres domaines éducatifs.

Membre de plusieurs associations philatéliques, elle s'investit activement dans la promotion et la transmission de la philatélie auprès du grand public et des jeunes générations.



CHRIS MCFETRIDGE

Chris McFetridge has been an ardent philatelist since the age of 6. His philatelic interests are extremely varied and include everything from classics to modern issues. However, his personal area of focus now are the Omnibus issues of the British Commonwealth from 1935 to 1986. He is the president of Brixton-Chrome Inc., which he established in 2015 after some 22 years in public accounting. He is a member of the Ontario and New Brunswick Institutes of Certified Public Accountants and is a graduate of Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, BC. His mission is to bring philately to the masses, to make weekly auctions accessible to a variety of bidders and to educate collectors about the amazing possibilities that their collections hold for specialized, focused collection and study.



JOHN A. SHARP B. COMM, CA

John first started collecting stamps in Grade 4, encouraged by his teacher. He had a world album and later was given a Jarrett Canada album, which he still has today. He continued collecting until university when other interests took over. About 10 years ago, he started up his philatelic interest again to have something to do in retirement, joining the North Toronto Stamp Club in 2015. Prior to retirement, in his professional capacity as a chartered accountant, his practice served privately-owned businesses with financial and tax planning services for corporations and individuals. He also worked with a number of not-for-profit organizations and other individuals. John serves as The RPSC's Treasurer as well as the Treasurer for the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation and President and Treasurer of the North Toronto Stamp Club.



SELENE TANG

Selene has served on The RPSC Board of Directors since 2023. As a director, her focus has been on guiding the NexGen Advisory Council. As well, she is the Book Lending Librarian for the North Toronto Stamp Club. Selene's philatelic interests include collecting East Asia, featuring heritage, and she hopes to build an index of flowers from every country. She also has an interest in the cataloguing of stamps. In her professional life, Selene serves in an administrative role for Municipal Council in Richmond Hill, Ontario.



PHIL VISSER

Stamp collecting was introduced in my life at an early age. This hobby fascinated me to the point of joining the local stamp club as a teenager. Members and executives of the club guided the growth of this hobby during those years.

Post secondary education consumed my attention to the hobby which was followed by many years of being involved in family life. Despite that important call on my time, the hobby percolated in me by assisting my father with his collection. Annual visits to the OXPEX show provided limited opportunities to build my own collection.

Professionally, I worked as an officer and Captain on merchant ships. Voyages brought me throughout the Great Lakes and the Eastern seaboard of North America. These experiences allowed me to attain the rank of Master Mariner.

Following that career, an opportunity appeared to become a professor in the nautical training institute in this province. While teaching, I also served as the Program coordinator. The opportunity arose for a sabbatical which allowed me to complete the Bachelor of Nautical Sciences degree. Completing thirty years of teaching, retirement appeared on the horizon and now I can share my enthusiasm for this hobby with the members of The RPSC.

As our children spread their wings and learned to fly on their own, time became available to join the local stamp club. Involvement with this club included terms as President and now as newsletter editor. Most meetings will have someone coming and asking questions about the hobby, generally being successful in answering questions or directing them on to where to search for a more in-depth answer.

Besides club activities, service has also been on the board of the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association, assisting in frame set up at a Royal stamp show in southern Ontario, as well as participating as a member on the Membership Committee of The RPSC. This culminated in assisting at the membership table at the recent CAPEX22 show in Toronto. Attending CAPEX was a wonderful way to meet many other noted philatelists in this country.

My thirst for knowledge has included membership in The RPSC, BNAPS, Postal History Society of Canada and recently in the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.



JEAN WANG

Dr. Jean Wang is a hematologist and leukemia researcher in Toronto, Canada with an interest in medical philately. She is an active thematic collector and exhibitor and has given numerous presentations on medical and social philately and thematic collecting and exhibiting. Her articles on these subjects have appeared in various philatelic journals including *The Canadian Philatelist*, *The American Philatelist*, *Topical Time*, and *The Philatelic Exhibitor*. Jean is the Membership Director of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada and Editor of the annual *PSSC Journal*. She is The RPSC delegate to the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie's Thematic Commission, a Director of the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, and a Trustee of the American Philatelic Research Library.