



PAN PHA Forum and AGM
September 13th, 2011

Important Information Regarding PAN Board Elections

What Seats are open for Election this year?

During this year's PHA Forum and AGM, elections for our Board of Directors will take place for the following seats (potentially five in total) (all for two-year terms):

- **Northern:** one open seat.
- **Interior:** one open seat.
- **Fraser:** one designated PHA seat.
- **Vancouver Coastal:** one designated PHA seat.
- **Provincial Health Services:** one designated PHA seat.

What Candidates are being recommended by the PAN Board Selection Committee?

Based on their qualifications, the PAN Board Selection Committee is recommending to the membership, the following candidates for election to three of the five available seats:

Northern, Open Seat (AGM election)

Mary Jackson, Northern HIV and Health Education Society (BOD appointee)

Vancouver Coastal

Designated PHA Seat (Forum election)

Darren Lauscher, McLaren Housing Society (BOD appointee)

Provincial Health Services

Designated PHA Seat (Forum election)

Ken Buchanan, Positive Living BC (incumbent)

Mary was appointed by the PAN BOD to the Northern Open Seat in November 2010 and now needs to run for election at this AGM. She is endorsed by her member agency/organization.

Darren and Ken have previously sat on the PAN Board of Directors, Darren since October of 2008 and Ken since January of 2009. Darren is now an official delegate of McLaren Housing Society (change of sponsoring agency necessitated Darren's re-election at this AGM). Ken is an incumbent. They are endorsed by their member agencies/organizations.

Please Tell Me More about these three Candidates

Bio for...Mary Jackson – BOD Appointee – Northern Open Seat

At the beginning of the HIV epidemic in the early 1980's Mary was working as a nurse/staff educator in a general hospital in London, Ontario. Watching formerly healthy young men die from an unknown virus was devastating and created a lot of fear in all hospital staff. When facts about HIV started coming out, Mary was educating staff about the virus and how to protect themselves. In the fall of 1991 her brother returned to Ontario from BC and died with AIDS in April 1992. Mary started volunteering/facilitating community education with two ASO's first in London and then Clinton, Ontario.

In 1995 she moved to Prince George and was hired first as Volunteer Coordinator, then 6 months later as Educator with the Prince George AIDS Society (now known as Positive Living North) and remained there until January 2007. Mary recalls coming to PAN conferences from the beginning of PAN and witnessing its challenges and growth over the years.

In the spring of 2007 Mary along with a Board of Directors created the Northern HIV and Health Education Society. As the Society grew, Mary wanted to reach out beyond Prince George and after three years' absence, became re-involved in PAN, first as a member and since Dec. 2010 as a Director. Mary is excited about the changes happening within PAN and is committed to supporting the organization. She also thinks it is vital to have that rural and northern perspective fully represented on the Board!

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Bio for...Darren Lauscher – BOD appointee – Vancouver Coastal Designated PHA Seat

Darren has served on the PAN Board for the past three years as the designated PHA rep for the Vancouver Coastal Health region. Darren was elected to a two year term at PAN's 2010 AGM, however, this past year he made the decision to volunteer his time with a different PAN member organization, McLaren Housing Society. Since his sponsor organization changed, Darren had to be appointed to the Board this past year and must now also run for election at the 2011 AGM.

During his time on the Board, Darren has also served the PAN membership as Vice-Chair. Darren has been engaged with PAN's programs and projects on a number of levels, including working on the programming for the Pacific Educational Conferences in 2009 and 2010 and co-chairing each of those conferences in partnership with CATIE. Darren is the Chair of the Board Governance Committee and has taken a leadership role in supporting the evolution of PAN's approach to new membership applications including welcoming associate members to the network. Darren has been working to represent PAN and the interests and concerns of community-based organizations at a number of STOP tables, including the STOP HIV/AIDS Community Engagement Working Group, and the STOP HIV/AIDS Structured Learning Collaborative. Finally, Darren is a collaborator on the *Positive Living, Positive Homes* community-based research project, and is a regular participant and contributor at the quarterly "CBR in BC" meetings.

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Bio for...Ken Buchanan – Incumbent – Provincial Health Services Designated PHA Seat

Ken has served on the PAN BOD since January of 2009, and just completed a two year term. Ken is an active member of the PAN BOD and a valued member and contributor to the Steering Committee for the Positive Leadership Development Institute (PLDI). Through his involvement, Ken has played an important and essential role in developing the vision for the PLDI and bringing the leadership training to PHAs in BC.

Ken has also served on the Board of Positive Living BC (formerly known as the British Columbia Persons With AIDS Society) since August 2005. He was diagnosed with Hep C in 1978 and with HIV in 2004. Ken has served as Secretary and Treasurer for Positive Living (BCPWA) in the past; and now as Vice-Chair since 2008. He sits on the Canadian Treatment Action Council representing Positive Living BC. In 2011 Ken was elected to the Board of Directors of The Canadian HIV AIDS Legal Network.

Does PAN also take nominations from the floor?

Yes, PAN does take nominations from the floor of both the PHA Forum and the AGM, even for seats where the Board Selection Committee is recommending candidates.

PAN delegates who are nominated from the floor must complete a Board member application and provide proof of endorsement from their PAN member organization/agency.

What are the ideal qualifications of a PAN Board member?

- Experience and knowledge about HIV/AIDS and related issues (i.e. Hepatitis C, HIV/HCV co-infection, harm reduction, etc.)
- Ideally minimum of two years experience working/volunteering in the field
- Past Committee or Board work experience
- Self-motivated
- Able to look at the “big picture” and think strategically
- Interest and desire to connect with other people and agencies in your region to be able to represent their concerns/interests
- Having the time and energy to commit to this volunteer experience
- Team player – knowing what you bring to the table and being open to what others bring as well
- Willingness to learn, get involved and stay engaged
- Enthusiasm, curiosity and a sense of humour 😊

What are the expectations of all Board members?

- Adhere to PAN’s *Code of Conduct* and *Code of Ethics*
- Attend monthly Board meetings (held via teleconference) – 90 minutes
- Attend in-person/face-to-face Board meetings – two times per year
- Committee work throughout the year: policy, governance, membership, Positive Leadership Development Institute, finance, etc.
- Able to access email and reliable computer access

Where can I find out more & download a Board application?

You can get more information about joining the PAN Board, including obtaining an application form, by visiting PAN's website at <http://pacificaidnetwork.org/about/interested-in-joining-the-pan-board/>.

How can I connect with a Current Board member to discuss my interest?

If you are interested in speaking with a PAN Board member about your interest in running for election to the PAN Board, please contact Jennifer Evin Jones, PAN's Executive Director, via email at evin@pacificaidnetwork.org or at 250.537.4082.