

# Nomination Papers

SMUS Board of  
Governors 2019



St. Michaels  
University School

Election of Governors to the SMUS Board  
Sending Date: April 23, 2019

## Current Board of Governors

### ELECTED GOVERNORS

Shelly Berlin  
\*Kyman Chan '85  
Peter Finamore '73  
Ann Glazier Rothwell '85  
\*Blair Hagkull  
Shannon Hill '85  
\*David Longridge '88  
Tim McGee, QC  
Dan Sheehan  
Ron Solmer  
Anthony Souza '72  
\*Michael Throne '72

### APPOINTED GOVERNORS

Grainne McElroy, Parents' Auxiliary President  
Jeremy Cordle '91, Alumni Association President

### EX-OFFICIO ATTENDEES

Mark Turner, Head of School  
Mathew Geddes '93, Faculty Representative

### ADVISORY GOVERNORS

David Angus '62  
Graeme Crothall  
The Hon. Anthony Quainton '46  
Dr. Alexandra Richie '81  
Tom Rigos '61

*\* Terms expire at the October 24, 2019 AGM*

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**To: Members of the St. Michaels University School Society**

**Re: Nominations to the Board of Governors**

Dear Society Member,

It is time again for the annual election of school governors. This letter serves to advise you of the work that has been completed by the Nominations Committee and to seek any additional nominations from the Society. This year, the terms of four governors will expire at the October 2019 Annual General Meeting. The Nominations Committee has met over the last several months to review the composition of the current board, as well as the experience and skills we will require as the School moves forward with the execution of its Strategic Plan and its broader mission and vision. This is a task we take very seriously.

We have sought candidates who are willing and able to contribute their expertise, energy, time and resources to the School, to be fully engaged with the School, to provide a balanced, dedicated and fair-minded approach to the issues of the Board, and who are capable of long-term strategic thinking and vision to steward the school from strength to strength through the coming years. We always strive to achieve a board that is representative of the various school constituencies and one that is balanced in gender and geography. Governors who are completing terms are carefully evaluated for re-nomination relative to their contribution to the Board, as well as their adherence to prescribed expectations and principles of good governance.

As a result of our work this year, the Nominations Committee is very pleased that each of the four current governors who are eligible for re-election, Kyman Chan '85, Blair Hagkull, David Longridge '88 and Michael Throne '72, have agreed to put their names forward for nomination. More detailed biographies and photos of these candidates are attached. In brief:

**Kyman Chan '85** is an alumnus and has a son in the Senior School. Kyman is a chartered professional accountant with over 25 years' experience. He is a senior partner in the Victoria office of Grant Thornton Chartered Professional Accountants where he specializes in providing assurance and business advisory services with a focus on corporate finance, risk management, and strategic planning.

**Blair Hagkull** and his wife Tracey have two children who both attended SMUS, that are now alumni having graduated in 2016 and 2018. He has worked in global real estate development and investment and is an active volunteer.

**David Longridge '88** is an alumnus and regional vice president for Customer Support for Boeing, looking after airlines in a region stretching from India to New Zealand.

**Michael Throne '72** is an alumnus with a strong continuing connection and dedication to the School. His son John was a boarder at SMUS graduating in 2015. Mike is the President, CEO and owner of John F. Throne & Co., a Seattle insurance brokerage firm founded in 1951 specializing in the field of aviation.

All four candidates are talented and dedicated individuals whose commitment, leadership and energy will be invaluable to the Board and the School. These nominees are willing and able to contribute to the ongoing development and governance of the School. Each can serve the Board in different, yet complementary capacities. Each is aware of the level of commitment that is involved in accepting a position as governor and is more than up to the task. It is for these reasons that we ask that you consider favourably endorsing the Nominations Committee's slate of candidates.

For the benefit of new Society members or for those members who may be unfamiliar with the nominations process, the Nominations Committee has prepared a question and answer paper that outlines much of the detail of the process and lists the committee members. The Q&A paper is accessible on the School's website at [www.smus.ca/nominations](http://www.smus.ca/nominations) or can be requested by emailing [board@smus.ca](mailto:board@smus.ca).

Under the bylaws, Society members may also, at this time, nominate members for these board positions. Candidates proposed by members should submit the nomination papers at the end of this package, together with a detailed biography of about 300 words addressing both general and specific skills and experience. All candidates must also include a recent colour photograph (white background, high resolution file, 900x1260 pixels). We ask all prospective candidates to fully consider the expectations of board service prior to nomination. These expectations include: attending board meetings, contributing to the activities of at least one board committee, attending multi-day retreats at the School twice a year, contributing to the development of the School through specific knowledge and skill sets, contributing to the development of the School through financial support and active involvement in the annual and capital funds and contributing as a fiduciary of the School, setting the course for sound fiscal, strategic and educational policy.

The final date for the receipt of any nominations is May 14, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim McGee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "M".

Tim McGee, QC  
Governor and Chair, SMUS Nominations Committee



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## Four Candidates Nominated by the St. Michaels University School Board of Governors Nominations Committee

### Kyman Chan '85



Kyman Chan '85 is a chartered professional accountant with over 25 years' experience. Kyman is a senior partner in the Victoria office of Grant Thornton Chartered Professional Accountants where he specializes in providing assurance and business advisory services with a focus on corporate finance, risk management, and strategic planning. He was elected a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia in 2013 and a fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada in 2015.

Highlights of Kyman's past commitment to community service include being chair of the Board of Governors of Camosun College; treasurer of the Royal and McPherson Theatres Society; advisory council member of the BC Cancer Foundation; and governing council member for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia. Currently, in addition to his role as a Governor and chair of the SMUS Finance committee, Kyman volunteers his time as treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Victoria Foundation; board member of the South Island Prosperity Partnership; and volunteer coach with Saanich Minor Hockey Association.

Kyman is an alumnus of the school and he and his wife Patricia have a son, Connor who is in Grade 12 at the Senior School. Kyman is passionate about the education and athletic development of youth. In the past Kyman has spent time as a sessional instructor at Camosun College and has coached a variety of local youth teams in hockey, basketball, baseball, and soccer. In his spare time, Kyman still enjoys getting out on the ice with his men's hockey team.

## Blair Hagkull

Blair Hagkull and his wife Tracey have two children that are now alumni, having graduated in 2016 and 2018. He has served as a governor since 2012 and has been board chair since 2014.

Blair has worked extensively in North American, Asia, the Middle East and Africa in real estate development, investment and advisory as a corporate director and entrepreneur. He is currently primarily focused in governance of corporate and not-for-profit organizations.

He is an Executive in Residence at the University of Victoria's Gustavson School of Business and serves as chair of its International Advisory Board. Blair is a director of the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island (formerly the Queen Alexandra Children's Foundation), and was founding vice chair and director of the National Omani Hospitality Company of Muscat, Oman.

Blair has previously served as a trustee of the American School of Dubai and chairman of the Urban Land Institute, Middle East and Africa.



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## David Longridge '88



David Longridge '88 attended St. Michaels University School from 1983-1988, graduating as School Captain in 1988 and going to UBC, where he received a degree in engineering physics.

Following UBC, David went to work at Boeing, where he began as a flight test engineer on the 777-200 initial certification program, progressing on to do the same for the 737-700. He left Flight Test in 1997, joining Boeing Commercial Airplanes Marketing in the wake of Boeing's merger with McDonnell Douglas.

In 1999, he moved to Amsterdam to take his first sales assignment at Boeing, working as the director of sales for Western Europe and Africa for the brand new Boeing Business Jet – a 737 adapted for private, corporate or government use.

In 2001, David returned to Seattle to begin a career in commercial airplane sales. During that time, he covered several accounts for Boeing, including Air Canada, Air North, Sunwing, Canadian North, Virgin America, US Airways as well as the leasing companies GATX, Pembroke, Royal Bank of Scotland, ILFC, and Air Lease Corporation. He took a brief two-year break from sales in 2006 and 2007 to become the director of product marketing for the 787 Dreamliner. After his return to sales, he spent four years in London looking after the TUI Group of airlines and British Airways.

In 2014 he was asked to return to Seattle to assume leadership of both the Boeing Business Jet organization as well as the arm of Boeing Commercial Airplanes that sells airliners to the military, for use as surveillance, reconnaissance, and tanker aircraft. Following this, in 2016, he assumed leadership for global sales of the commercial arm of Boeing Global Services, and then, in 2017, became a regional vice president for Customer Support for Boeing, looking after airlines in a region stretching from India to New Zealand.

David is married to Gretchen, and has two children, Declan and Evie. They live in Seattle where they enjoy flying (David privately, Gretchen professionally), boating, skiing, and travel. They have an extensive network of friends and relatives in Victoria and Vancouver, as well as SMUS alumni friends around the world: in the USA, London, Hong Kong and even further afield.

## Michael Throne '72

R. Michael Throne '72 is an alumnus, having attended SMUS as a boarder for five years from 1968 until graduation in 1972. Mike was very active in sports, playing on the varsity rugby, cricket and basketball teams. In 1971 he was selected to the Canadian National Finals in debating. He served as a prefect for two years in Bolton House. Mike fondly remembers those days and in particular his roommate and current Governor Tony Souza. Mike went on to attend the University of Washington where he majored in economics.

Mike is the President, CEO and owner of John F. Throne & Co., a Seattle insurance brokerage firm founded in 1951 specializing in the field of aviation. Prior to joining the company, Mike acquired more than 15 years of aviation insurance underwriting experience working in the aviation divisions of various companies as he progressed through more prominent positions. He ultimately ran the CIGNA Special Risk Aviation Division based in San Francisco, which included managing all branches nationwide and placing all treaty reinsurance before leaving the underwriting field to assume leadership of John F. Throne & Co., where he grew the firm into one of the largest aviation insurance brokers in the USA.

Mike lives in Seattle and Rancho Mirage and has been a long and active supporter of SMUS. Although Mike works full-time, he finds time to fish in Haida Gwaii and dabble at golf. He visits Victoria frequently and has attended past strategic retreats. Mike brings to the board the knowledge and critical thinking of a business owner, the perspective of an alumnus and the understanding of a boarding parent. He is committed to helping more students attend SMUS as boarders. His son John, who started at SMUS as a boarder in Grade 10, graduated in 2015.



### **St. Michaels University School Vision**

*To learn, to lead, to serve; discovering the promise  
in our selves and the world.*

### **St. Michaels University School Mission**

*Our school seeks the excellence in all of us, with passion and compassion.  
We are a community shaped by the pursuit of truth and goodness, providing  
outstanding preparation for higher learning and for life.*



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## St. Michaels University School Society Nomination Paper

**Closing Date: May 14, 2019**

St. Michaels University School Society Bylaws require the Nominations Committee to identify and nominate suitable candidates for election to the Board of Governors, and the four candidates named in this circular are so nominated. Individual Society members may nominate other candidates. Each individual nomination requires a nominator and seconder by current Society members in good standing, together with an acceptance of the nomination by the nominee, who must, herself or himself, be a Society member in good standing.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please print name* *City*

hereby nominate for election to the Board of Governors of St. Michaels University School,

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Nominee's name* *Nominee's city*

Dated on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.  
*Day* *Month*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please print name* *City*

hereby second the nomination for election to the Board of Governors of St. Michaels University School,

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Nominee's name* *Nominee's city*

Dated on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.  
*Day* *Month*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

I, the above named \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please print name*

hereby accept the above nomination and enclose my biographical information and photo.

Dated on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.  
*Day* *Month*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

All nominations, together with biographical notes of approximately 300 words and a recent colour photograph (*white background, high-resolution file, 900 x 1260 pixels*), must be in the hands of the Nominations Committee no later than 4:00 pm on May 14, 2019, and should be mailed, faxed, emailed or delivered to:

**Tim McGee, QC, Chair, Nominations Committee**  
**St. Michaels University School**  
**3400 Richmond Road**  
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