The LIFE Institute Proposed Slate of Directors for 2026 - 2027

The Nominating Committee has prepared the proposed candidate Slate of Directors for 2026/27. Our by-laws read: The Board shall be comprised of no fewer than 11, and no more than 13 elected Directors, together with two ex-officio (voting) Directors.

The Nominating committee comprises of members - Peter Drumm, Diana Sernick and Eva Bell.

Returning Board Members – Fulfilling Existing Term (not up for re-election)

The following 10 board members continue to fulfill their board member terms and are not up for re-election:

Peter Drumm
Philippa King
Neema Lakin-Dainow
Ron Kanter
Poppy Mackenzie
Sarah Power
Phyllis Ryall
Michael Treuman
Eva Bell (ex-officio and past chair) and
Paul Jenkins (ex-officio; TMU representative)

Retiring Board Members

We would like to take this opportunity to thank two outgoing board members for their commitment to The LIFE Institute over the past years.

Lori Cornwall is a lawyer and joined The LIFE Institute in 2019. She has served on numerous Board Committees such as Governance; Human Resources and most notably as Board Secretary. Lori has been extremely helpful to the Executive Committee.

Bob Silverberg is a retired software professional based in Toronto. Bob has served as the Chair of LIFE's Volunteer Committee. His board contributions have been very helpful in setting up a data system to assist in tracking volunteers.

A heartfelt thank you to both Lori and Bob. They have been tremendous assets to the board, and we hope that they will both continue to be involved in LIFE.

Slate of Candidates – Returning after Fulfilling Prior Term

Second Term: Three-Year Term: 2026 - 2029

Josh Liswood
Joshua Liswood is a lawyer who prior to retirement was a partner and the Chair of the Health Industry Practice of a large national law firm. He is the chair of the Governance Committee and has been involved in many of LIFE's projects and Committees.

Slate of Candidates - First Term: Three-Year Term: 2026 - 2029

Ian MacRae
Ian MacRae is a retired Human Resources and Project Management professional. He spent 25 years in all facets of Human Resources then 12 years project managing HR application installations for clients. Since retiring, Ian completed his 3rd degree, a B.A. in History at York. Besides his family, he enjoys volunteering with Toronto Nature Stewards and the Toronto Botanical garden.

Elizabeth Nelson-Raffaele
Elizabeth is a Museum Curator who recently retired after a 30-year career with Toronto History Museums – leading teams at Gibson House Museum, Zion Schoolhouse and Colborne Lodge in High Park. She was a founding member and board member of the Museum Educators Roundtable of Toronto and the Culinary Historians of Ontario. Elizabeth joined LIFE in 2024 and recently became a Class Host.