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Nominating Committee Report

Annual General Meeting

June 22, 2024

Motions to thank departing members from the ACO Board of Directors

Motion #1: That the ACO Board and membership extend it deepest gratitude and appreciation for Sarah's 4 years of very active participation on the ACO Board of Directors Executive Committee.

Sarah Shepherd joined Architectural Conservancy Ontario in 2019 as a member of the Finance Committee.

Currently, Sarah works at Manulife as Assistant Vice-President, Human Resources Transformation and Employee Enablement. Previously, she worked as a Senior Manager at Accenture, a global management consultancy, engaging with clients across a variety of industries, including not-for-profit organizations, in Canada, the US and the UK. Sarah's experience is supporting teams and clients in areas of change management, employee experience, human-centered design, organizational transformation and design. With a degree in history and political science, Sarah is passionate about preserving our social history, believing our past is critical to understanding our future. Sarah was involved in a variety of committees, most recently the HR Committee in which she will remain as a Committee member.

Motion # 2: That the ACO Board and membership extend it deepest gratitude and appreciation for Doug's 4 years of very active participation on the ACO Board of Directors Executive Committee.

Doug is a conservation architect, now retired, with over 40 years experience in the construction industry including 37 years specialist professional experience in the conservation, repair and adaptive reuse of ancient monuments and historic buildings. He has a Bachelor of Environmental Studies and Bachelor of Architecture from University of Waterloo, and a post-graduate degree in Building Conservation from the Architectural Association, London England.

Between 1982 and 2018, Doug worked for architectural practices in the UK on a wide range of historic buildings and ancient monuments. Several received prestigious awards including: Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) 2017 Yorkshire Award and Yorkshire Conservation Award for the Re-ordering of Wakefield Cathedral, RIBA National Award 2015 for the Sheffield Cathedral Gateway Project, Wakefield Civic Trust Design Award 2014 for the Wakefield Cathedral Nave Re-ordering, Sussex Heritage Trust Award 2013 for The Great Barn, Great Dixter, Sussex Heritage Trust Award 2012 for Dixter Farm, Great Dixter House and Gardens.

Now retired and based in Bruce County (Walkerton), Doug is an expert member of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and Chair of ICOMOS Canada and ICOMOS-UK Wood Committees. He was a trustee of ICOMOS-UK and Treasurer and Vice-President of the ICOMOS International Wood Committee 2017-2021. Doug has been an active member of the Policy Committee.

Motion #3

That the ACO Board and membership extend it deepest gratitude and appreciation for Alex's 2 years of very active participation on the ACO Board of Directors Executive Committee.

Alex was the Chair of ACO NextGen. A long time participant in NextGen events, she joined the group's executive board in September 2020 as the Director of Programming & Events, before stepping into the role of Chair in 2021.

Alex has a long standing passion for architecture and design, and developed an early appreciation for heritage growing up in Galt, Ontario. She is particularly drawn to adaptive reuse projects, and the intersections between heritage conservation and sustainability. She discovered a love of archival rabbit holes during her final years at OCAD University, while working in Toronto's Distillery District, and dedicated her thesis project to the nearby Rack House D and adjacent sites. She now counts the historic Allan Gardens as her backyard and hopes to advocate for heritage conservation in our constantly evolving city.

Alex recently joined international law firm Gowling WLG as their Market Recognition Specialist, responsible for automating and managing directory and award submissions for their offices across Canada. Previously, she worked at ZSA Legal Recruitment where she coordinated with stakeholders, board members, and the Canadian in-house legal community to execute ZSA's programming across the country, including their national event, the Canadian General Counsel Awards. ACO has provided the opportunity to combine her educational background and interests, with her current skills in project management, programming and events.

Alex holds a Bachelor of Design in Environmental Design from OCAD University. She has since completed two certificates through the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education in Advanced Architecture, and Architectural Preservation & Conservation. Alex hopes to find her place somewhere between architectural design, adaptive reuse and advocacy work.

Alex has been very involved in many other committees including the social media committee.