



MEET YOUR 2019 BOARD EXECUTIVES

FOR PRESIDENT | One Year Term | One Candidate to Serve Until March 31, 2020

Raj Patara Silverhorse Consulting

Raj Patara is the founder and CEO of Silverhorse Consultants, her company has vast experience working on advocacy work, Government relations, fundraising development from Major Gifts to developing Annual Giving and Stewardship programs, and campaigns. Raj has over 20 years' experience in the Development world and has been a business owner since the age of 25. Her experience working with different communities has given her a better understanding of how to utilize the resources that may not sit in your community but can be leveraged. Raj has worked on both sides of government the political and the bureaucratic end to help her understand the inner workings of how to get policy through and passed. She has been raising her family in the Fraser Valley for over 8 years and looks forward to working with the business community to further our "Mission". Raj has continuously volunteered her time in her community whether it be Rotary, kid's events, and Chamber.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT | One Year Term | One Candidate to Serve Until March 31, 2020

Ellen Nguyen What's On! Mission Magazine

Ellen comes from a diverse background of work experience: teaching at Khalsa School and Western Town College; production and marketing with Creative Media and Promise Consulting; managing a family business, Jimmy's Lunch Box. Currently, she is the owner of What's On! Magazine in Mission. Ellen is a recipient of the Premier's Excellence Award. Ellen is also active in the community: volunteering as an Executive for both the Mission Minor Baseball Association and Mission Skating Club; managing kids' volleyball and baseball teams, and has volunteered in hospitality at The BC Winter Games. There are many causes close to her heart, and to that end, she has participated in the CIBC Run for the Cure, Spartan Sprint, Colour Me Rad Run, Coldest Night of the Year Walk.

NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD DIRECTORS

(Received by Feb 27 – applications received post Feb 27 will be added as soon as possible)
(Bio's below have been created from the applications received by MRCC staff)

FOR DIRECTORS | Two Year Terms | Five positions open

Angel Elias, Mission Hospice Society

Angel is the Executive Director of the Mission Hospice. She once worked in the Mission Chamber office as the membership and events coordinator which gives her a solid understanding of the Chamber World. Angel also has experience with Boards and governance which will be very helpful as all new Boards rely on experienced members as they navigate the process. As ED of the Hospice she is also a very active community member and has or is involved with the Mission Mid-Day Rotary (Past President and current Secretary), Mission Secondary Dry Grad Committee (Chair), Mission Minor Lacrosse Association, and Mission Minor Hockey Association.

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Celine Dauphney, Urban Valley Transport Ltd.

Celine is the founder and President of Urban Valley Transport is a Dedicated Fleet, Final Mile, On-Demand Courier, and Freight Services provider in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. A company that is growing at a fast pace. She has been a member of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business since 2015 and an entrepreneur since 2009. Celine has been an active volunteer with the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce and currently sits on the events committee. She is also passionate about the District of Mission and is known to frequent the Mission Farmers Market, local festivals, cultural celebrations and artisan markets with her son.

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Denise Fowle, Inspire Me Fitness

Denise is the owner-operator of Inspire Me Fitness and the General Manager of the Stage. She is a group fitness instructor with a background in early childhood education, event planning, graphic design, and promotion. Denise is an active Chamber member and has attended many luncheons, events, workshops, and seminars. She also enjoys volunteering in the community and is involved with the Fraser Valley Youth Society (FVYS) Pride Committee, FVYS Gala Committee, Mission Environmental Stewardship Society Volunteer, and spearheads many fundraisers using the Inspire Me Fitness classes for local non-profit organizations.

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Doug Lifford, Doug Lifford Mortgage Services

Doug is the owner and broker at Doug Lifford Mortgage Services, he has been in the industry for 32 years and has been operating his business in downtown Mission for 13 years. He is a proud member of the Downtown Business Association and has been a Director of the Mission Chamber in the past and a long-time member. Doug is also an active community member having been a Rotarian, and youth soccer coach.

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Ethel Lariviere, Dominion Lending Centres, (Ethel Lariviere, mortgage broker)

Ethel is a member of the Mortgage Brokers Association of British Columbia and a voting member of the Bigstone Cree Nation in Alberta. She has experience with several Chambers as she has been active member in Red Deer, Kelowna and now Mission since arriving in the District in 2016. Ethel sits on the Mission Chamber's Government Affairs Committee and has participated in various Chamber events that include MLA Round Tables, luncheons, and Business After Hours. Through her career she has gained a lot of experience networking with local business professionals, entrepreneurs and residents. Ethel is a liver donor and former Mission Legion (1984) in Osoyoos BC.