

ALL Advisory Board Nominations for AGM 2019



Ed Sulis immediately found technical work in Ottawa after graduation from Digby Regional High School. This served him well for a few years, was followed by a year at University of Toronto for teacher training and a high school teaching position in Guelph. There he met Mary Anne and part of the marriage deal was to move to Northern Ontario and continue teaching for a short spell. They both found teaching positions at Roland Michener Secondary School in South Porcupine, bought a house, where they lived with their two children, Stephen and Mary Kate for 38 years until retirement.

Ed soon left teaching for mining. For the first number of years, he worked for Noranda on mine construction and mechanical / electrical installation projects across Canada. During the last 18 years prior to retirement, he worked for Dome Mine in South Porcupine, a gold mine that started production in 1908. It was still going strong in 2000 at this retirement. For Ed, his maintenance manager role became a dream job you as it included three production expansions, energy saving projects, much automation, major equipment purchases, design, contractor supervision and major parts there-in done in house. Mining gold was very profitable, so projects involved best equipment and good senior management support.

Retirement meant a move, after several iterations an old project house in Kentville was selected with the Annapolis Valley being an attraction, Mahone Bay provided larger water for a larger sailboat and the proximity to Acadia were factors. He purchased a larger sailboat and worked on house renovations. Both he and his wife Mary Anne are very involved volunteer work, being treasurer of the Blomidon Naturalists Society, active in stewardship of our Acadian Forest, work in Tai Chi and active in conservation and energy saving in our homes and active in helping others in the installation of solar photovoltaic panels on homes and boats.

Tammy Armstrong was born an army brat with several relocations before the age of 16, but there was found something worth staying for in Nova Scotia. After an amuse bouche year at Acadia, she set off to perfect her “Jackie of all trades” persona by working in several fields such as dairy farming, photography and retail management to name a few. She found her entrepreneurial spirit when starting a business doing bookkeeping for small businesses after perfecting the maze of bureaucracy involved in regulatory compliance.

In 1997 Tammy and her husband along with his brothers started Fundy Xpress Transport, a transportation company specializing in less-than-truckload shipments with a focus on customer service. As controller of the company, Tammy was hands-on involved in human resources, labour laws, marketing, sales, tax requirements and everything financial. With a bit of luck and a lot of hard work the company now has nearly 30 employees and in Jan of 2019 Tammy retired leaving the next generation to take the helm.

Newly retired she is excited to expand her lifelong passion for volunteering, gardening and travel. Tammy also joined ALL and is enjoying the Lunchtime Learning series to quench her insatiable curiosity.



Jill Davies has made Wolfville home for the past 32 years, where she raised two now grown children, tends an ever-expanding garden, makes music and generally enjoys life. She retired from Acadia in 2014 where she worked as a counsellor and academic advisor, the culmination of a 42-year career in education. Her 7-year membership with the ALL program is part of her commitment to the Wolfville community.



Richard Haworth was born and educated in UK. He has a BSc in Physics (Durham) and a PhD in Marine Geophysics (Cambridge). He conducted much of his PhD research on Canadian ships based at Bedford Institute in Dartmouth and emigrated after graduation. He spent the next 15 years carrying out research based on marine surveys primarily conducted off the Atlantic coast, but also while circumnavigating the Americas, surveying off Europe and participating in geological fieldwork from Georgia (USA) to Scandinavia.

Concurrently he married Wilma and they built a log house and raised two sons. The need to broaden his career took him to the UK for a few years as Chief Geophysicist of the British Geological Survey before returning home to Canada as Director General of the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC). Although based in Ottawa he had responsibility for GSC programs based in Victoria, Calgary, Ottawa, Quebec and Dartmouth so that Air Canada saw more of him than his family. He was 'kicked upstairs' to become Assistant Deputy Minister in Natural Resources Canada, a post he held until his retirement from the Public Service in 2003, when he and Wilma moved to the house they had purchased a few years earlier in Wolfville. Since that first retirement he taught Environmental Policy for 6 years in the School of Public Administration at Dalhousie, spent three years (including 6 weeks at sea in the Arabian Sea) working with Pakistan to define its continental shelf, and was elected in 2012 as a member of the International Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf at the United Nations in New York.

In 2014, he lost the love of his life when Wilma was diagnosed with and lost her battle with cancer. Having completed his term at the UN in 2017, while continuing to sing with Kings Chorale and enjoying travel and time at the cottage, he is intent on becoming more of a citizen of Wolfville. As part of that objective, he has embraced the ALL program by presenting a lunchtime learning session and a course based on his work, and is now involved in mentoring, one of ALL's 'aspirational goals'.

