

Kin Canada Foundation – Fondation Kin Canada

## New Foundation Board and Executive Committee

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Thank you from the  
Formation Committee



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**President**  
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## Special National Convention Issue

### Kin Canada Foundation Formed

It's hard to believe, but after monthly meetings for almost five years now, and numerous meetings with our legal advisors and support from a great number of very dedicated Kin, Kin Alumni, Kin Canada Boards and Staff, we are pleased to be able to finally announce the final approvals have now been received for the official launch and incorporation of our own federally chartered charitable Foundation to work hand in

hand with our Association to help support many of the programs provided for the benefit of Kinsmen and Kinette members across Canada. This new Foundation will be made available for many clubs who meet the CRA criteria to use the Foundation to offer tax receipts to select donors who may be approached to support local Kin Club projects. The Foundation will work closely with the National Executive and staff of Kin Canada to

identify and prioritize a number of critical programs and needs of the Association and through an ongoing program of resource development work to provide additional funding and expertise to assist Kin Canada in its growth and program development. However, it can't be done alone. We are looking for support from all members of the Kin Family; Kin, Kin Alumni and K-40/K-ette members to offer support wherever and whenever they can.

### Foundation Committee Says Thank You

The Kin Canada Foundation Board of Directors is comprised of experienced and dedicated men and women from the Family of Kin and Kin Alumni from across Canada who have all agreed to accept the challenge and responsibility of 'ramping up' our new charitable Foundation. The process of obtaining charitable status has been a long and an expensive process and we would like to offer our sincere thanks

to those Kin Alumni who generously provided initial time, dedication and, of course, 'seed funding' to begin the process. It took almost five years to obtain our charitable status. In addition, there were a few Clubs along the way that were very supportive, and we would like to offer special thanks to the North Bay Kinsmen in particular for their early and incredible financial support. The progress and success would not have been

possible without the ongoing support of this club along with a few 'special Kin Alumni' who also provided substantial funds in the beginning. Also a special thanks to all the various Kin Canada National Boards of Directors and Executive Director Ric McDonald who were all very supportive and helpful along the way to put policies and procedures in place in order to launch a new National Foundation to work with our Association.

# Foundation Board Members



Kin Ray Smith – Treasurer  
Kin Canada Foundation



Kin Kathy French - Secretary  
Kin Canada Foundation



Kin Bob Holmes-Kin Alumni  
Liaison, Director-Kin Canada  
Foundation



Kin Sean Thompson -  
Association Director, Director  
- Kin Canada Foundation



Diane Rogers – Director  
Emeritus - Kin Canada  
Foundation



Bill Legge – Director - Kin  
Canada Foundation

**President: Jim Watson,** Governor District Five 1978-79 and served as National President, 1980-81. Jim is an Active Life Member of the Port Coquitlam Kinsmen Club, Married to wife Marg, two grown children, Owns and operates a private professional consulting company and served as the Chairman of the successful Rick Hansen Man In Motion World Tour. Jim joined Kinmen in Weyburn, SK in 1963.

**Vice President Doug Robinson,** joined Kin in 1989 and has served in various leadership positions including: 1999-2000 Governor of District 8 for which he received the DeCew Shield, and 2002-2004 as Association Director. Doug is a Chartered Accountant, and has a Masters Degree in Bus. Admin. from York University. He is married to wife Christine and lives in Orangeville, Ontario.

**Treasurer: Ray Smith** is a Life Member of the Mississauga Kinsmen Club and has been involved in numerous boards of several charitable organizations. Ray is a Chartered Accountant and recently retired after 15 years with Trans Canada Pipelines as Sr. V.P. of Human Resources and Administration. Ray and his wife Anne enjoy golfing, skiing and travel and have two grown children.

## Kin Canada Foundation a True Benefit to All Kin

**Secretary: Kathy French** joined the Kinette Club of Orangeville in 1989. Kathy is an original Foundation Formation Committee member, has served as Governor of District 8 and numerous other offices at the club, zone and district levels, winning many awards along the way. She is also V. P. of Promotions with the Ontario Lacrosse Association. She is married to husband John and has two grown children.

**Director: Sean Thompson** Sean brings a three-generation heritage to the Phrase "Family of Kin." His Grandfather, Trevor Thompson was one of the Founding Members of Kin, and he has numerous other family, uncles, aunts and cousins that have contributed to the Association. Sean is an Active Life Member of the Gananoque Kinsmen Club and has been a member of Kin since 1984. Sean has a long and successful Kin

**Director Emeritus: Diane Rogers,** A lady who really needs no introduction. Diane is the daughter of Founder Hal, and has been an original member of the Foundation Founding Committee since day one. Her valuable input has been very much appreciated. Diane is a retired Education Officer with the Ontario Ministry of Education and Co-author of two textbooks for High School Students

career with many awards and offices held. Sean is currently the Association Director for District Six. Sean is married to former Kinette Karen and they have four, fourth generation Kin Kids who have attended conventions from Sydney to Saskatoon. Sean is employed by The Marlin Company in the position of Regional Manager for Eastern Canada. We welcome Sean to our Board, and look forward to working with him.

**Kin Alumni Liaison: Bob Holmes.** Bob joined the Kinsmen Club of Streetsville, Ontario in 1968, rose through many offices including Club President, Deputy Governor, Governor, National Director, and Life Member in 1980. Bob is a graduate of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Electrical Technology and has worked and owned his own successful businesses for a number of years.

**Director: Bill Legge** Bill is a Past National President -1983-84 and won the DeCew Shield. He also served as Governor, District 7 and is a Life Member. He recently retired from BMO-Toronto after 34 years of service. While his official address is Halifax, he spends most of his time with wife Betty Jean at their cottage in Cape Breton. He has two grown Kin Kids and two Granddaughters.



**Director: Penni-Karen Mackenzie**, or as she is more affectionately known "P.K.", has been an active member of the Kinette Club of Leduc since 1987, and was made a Life Member of Kin in 2001. P.K. has chaired numerous events and held all the offices from club, zone and District, serving as Governor of District 4 in 2001-2002. She is also best known nationally for her dedicated work in helping stage the national BBQ Canada event. P.K. has served as the Association Director for District Four since 2003. She is active in her community, serving on a number of boards and committees, and is currently employed with a local law firm in Leduc.



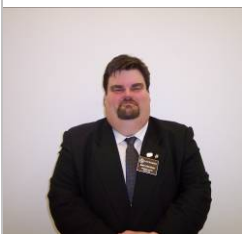
**Director: Doug Ingersoll**, another Kinsmen who does not need an introduction. Doug has practiced law in Edmonton, AB since 1977 – the year he also joined Kin. His areas of preferred (legal) practice include real estate, wills, estates, corporate and commercial matters. He also is a presiding Justice of the Peace and sits on a regular basis adjudicating bail hearings for accused persons on a Province-wide basis. Doug has been active in the Kin Association at all levels. He is a Past National President and has acted as Rules of Order Chair for nine National Conventions. He is also active in his community through his involvement with several local organizations. We welcome Kin Doug's "Sage Wisdom" and great sense of humour to our Foundation Board.



**Director: Len Simms** Len is another well known Kin whose resume of accomplishments is far too long to put into words in this document. However, to highlight just a few of his accomplishments we might start with his being a Past National President of the Association, a Life Member of the Grand Falls, NF Kinsmen Club and Past Governor of Atlantic Canada. Len has served as a Member of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland & Labrador, and held numerous Cabinet Posts as well as portfolios such as Government House Leader, Culture, Recreation and Youth, Wildlife and Parks, Forest, Resources and Lands to name a few. Len also served as the Speaker of the House from 1979 to 1982 and was President of the Newfoundland Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. Len currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation.



**Director: Lyle Smith.** Lyle joined the Kinsmen Club of Watrous, SK in 1975. He has held all the club offices including president in 1989. He has chaired most of the club's major fundraising events over the past 24 active years in Kin. He became Deputy Governor in 1990, Vice Governor in 1991 and Governor of District Three in 1992. Lyle is also a Life Member of the Kinsmen Club of Watrous. He has been a dedicated supporter, working on the Telemiracle Board on many occasions, and attending and working at 28 Telemiracles. Lyle is married to wife Pat and has two daughters. Lyle is active in his community, serving on a number of local boards and committees. As Lyle states, "I have received so much from my years in Kin, this is one way that I can put something back."



**Director: Mike Croghan.** Mike is an active Life member of the Kinsmen Club of North Bay, Ontario. He is Chair of the Emily Gough Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising Campaign. He has held numerous Kin offices including; President, Deputy Governor and District 8 Governor. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Capital Ontario Wellness Centre and Outreach Programs of North Bay, and President of the North Bay & District CF Chapter. Mike is the "Kinsmen's Kinsman" and is someone you can always count on for support. It was Mike's initiative that helped us get our early support from the North Bay Kinsmen Club ... the first club to make a donation to support the early work of the Foundation Founding Committee. Mike is a welcome addition to our Board.

**The Foundation Board would like to make special mention of Life Member and Past Governor of District Six, Bob Bartlett. Bob was a key part of our Foundation Formation Committee in the early stages. Thanks for all your help and support, Bob.**

## How You Can Help



To this point in time, the past five years of monthly meetings and committee work has been carried out by a few dedicated Kin and Kin Alumni with some financial support from Kin Alumni, a couple of Kinsmen Clubs and some dedicated support from the Association. However, we are now at the critical point, where we have our charitable status and can legally go out and begin to fundraise for the benefit of

our Foundation and our Association. In these early start up times, it would be very beneficial if members, clubs, zones, and districts all could find some way of providing some 'seed funding' that would assist the new Board of the Foundation to begin to consider how to best to put in place any necessary equipment, staff, programs and policies and procedures to help the start up of the new Kin Canada Foundation

## More Information Soon



The Kin Canada Foundation will be looking at ways that cost efficiencies can be found to help both the Foundation as well as the Association through shared accommodation, staffing, equipment, volunteers, etc.

The Foundation Board will be working closely with the Executive Director of Kin Canada and the staff of headquarters to identify ways of cutting costs and helping share expenses in order that more funding can be found to provide support for Kin Member Programs.

The first face-to-face meeting of the Board takes place in September of this year, and we will be providing ongoing updates to all Kin Alumni and Kin Canada in order that you too can provide input and support for your new Foundation.

**If you would like to provide feedback, ask questions or contribute to the new Kin Canada Foundation-Fondation Kin Canada:**

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