

## 2020 Nominations Report

### Board Composition

The 2020-2021 Board will consist of Directors to include the following:

- Directors appointed from the major funding municipalities representing 25% or less of the Board's composition
- Directors elected at the AGM representing 75% of the Board's composition and including the President, the immediate Past President, and Directors at large.
- Executive Director as an ex-officio member

### Directors: Municipal Representatives

The following representatives from our four funding municipalities will continue their terms:

- Eunice Friesen, City of Grande Prairie
- Peter Harris, County of Grande Prairie
- Shawn Acton, MD of Greenview
- Stan Bzowy, MD of Spirit River

### Directors: Elected

The following Directors will continue their terms:

- Jan Shields, President
- Meg Archer, Director
- Duff Crerar, Director
- Gary Dixon, Director
- Maxine Maxwell, Director
- Gail Schau, Director

The following Directors' terms have expired; they will not be seeking reelections.

- Tina Dale, Director
- Grace Wideman, Director

The following Directors' terms have expired; they have agreed to let their names stand for reelection as Directors-at-large:

- Gail Prette
- Eleanor Dalen Whitling
- Daryl White

The following members of the Society have agreed to let their names stand for election as Directors-at-large:

- Pauline Norton
- Meaghan Peuramaki-Brown
- Shawn Morton

**Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.**

## Nominee Biographies

**Gail Prette:** Gail has been a member of the SPRA Board of Directors since 2011 and a volunteer for the Archives since 2009. Though now retired, she has worked as a waitress, farm hand, office clerk, secretary, accounting instructor, paralegal, and bookkeeper. Gail moved to Grande Prairie in 1987 and worked for the law firm of Robert S. Pollick for 11 years, retiring in 2000. She has always been interested in genealogy, and has always felt that keeping a paper trail of history was just as important as having to keep a paper trail for accounting. Someone having preserved records enabled her to research her family tree back to 1551. She hopes that her volunteer efforts will help someone uncover their ancestry and history.

**Eleanor Dalen Whitling:** Eleanor has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2010. Her interest in local history begins with her own family, who arrived in the Peace Country in 1920. Eleanor's grandfather, Knut Johansen Dalen, built the Grande Prairie brickyard, which supplied the bricks for many local landmarks including the Montrose School, the Donald Hotel, and the old Imperial Bank building still standing downtown. She is interested in all those who built our local community, both literally and figuratively. Eleanor worked for the Grande Prairie hospital for decades before pursuing an education in her true passion: art history. Eleanor is now happily retired and still enjoying her interests.

**Daryl White:** Daryl has been a member of the SPRA Board of Directors since 2010. He holds a doctorate in history from Western University and teaches at Grande Prairie Regional College. Active in the local history community, Daryl has served as the president of the Peace Country Historical Society and of the Museum Society of Grande Prairie. He is also the author of *Proudly Serving Since 1915*, the centennial history of Grande Prairie's fire department. He has a long-standing interest in computing and worked in software support while finishing his dissertation.

**Pauline Norton:** Pauline is a longtime resident of the Grande Prairie area, having first moved to the community 55 years ago and returning, more recently, 9 years ago. Before her retirement, Pauline worked at the Royal Bank and then as an office secretary for many years. She is interested in all aspects of local history, including the surrounding communities. Although she has learned a lot about the South Peace in her time living here, she feels there is always something new to uncover.

**Meaghan Peuramaki-Brown:** Meaghan is an archaeologist and Visiting Scholar at Grande Prairie Regional College. She is also an Associate Professor of Archaeology at Athabasca University and an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology & Archaeology at the University of Calgary. Meaghan is the principal Investigator of the Stann Creek Regional Archaeology Project in Belize. Her research focuses on settlement and household archaeology—from any time period; she is particularly interested in early village and town settlements in this region, especially in the Bezanson area. During her free time, Meaghan enjoys running and volunteering with Girl Guides of Canada.

**Shawn Morton:** Shawn is an anthropological archaeologist and Anthropology Instructor at Grande Prairie Regional College. He is also currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary and a Research Associate in the Department of Anthropology at Michigan State University. His interests include urban and architectural studies; ritual and religion; survey and visualization; and community engaged approaches. He is the Associate Investigator of the Stann Creek Regional Archaeology Project in Belize. Shawn enjoys cooking and plans on dedicating the coming year to mastering the tricky-yet-delicious pupusa.