

## 2024 - 2025 Board of Directors

### JO-ANN BATTRUM Vice-President



Jo-Ann is a retired financial planning manager, having spent 32 years with RBC in various locations throughout the province. She earned her Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan with distinction in Finance and Marketing.

During her career, Jo-Ann continued her education with the Canadian Securities Course, Personal Financial Planning designation, and Branch Compliance Officers course. She held several positions from loans officer to Manager Investment Retirement Planning, the role she retired from. This role was most rewarding as she managed a team of financial planners that helped Canadians manage their financial affairs and build for the future.

Community and giving back has always been a part of her personal life and career. Like many families, Jo-Ann's family has been impacted by Alzheimer's and she is excited to share her professional experience with the Alzheimer Society board. Jo-Ann joined the Board in June 2023 and has served on the Finance and Audit, and Governance Committee. Currently Jo-Ann serves as Vice-President and on the Finance and Audit

Committee.

### ALLISON CAMMER



Allison Cammer is an Associate Professor and Director of Dietetics, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan and has been a Registered Dietitian for over 20 years. She completed her MSc in Community Health and Epidemiology and PhD in Nutrition and is a member of the Rural Dementia Action Research team, the Rural and Remote Memory Clinic, and the Saskatchewan Long-term Care Network. Allison has been a guest speaker for many education events hosted by the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan and has presented to several support groups on nutrition and dementia.

Allison grew up on a farm in southwest Saskatchewan. Her dedication to dementia care is rooted in her family experiences of dementia. She lives in Saskatoon with her family where she is also a long-standing volunteer for the Saskatchewan Dietitians Association and Dietitians of Canada. Allison joined the Board in May 2020 and is honoured to serve on the Board of Directors of this exceptional organization. Allison has served as Chair of the Nominating Committee and is a member of the Committee for 2024-2025..

## BILL COOPER

### President



Bill is a senior public affairs professional with over 20 years' experience in government and the private sector. He currently serves as Director of Sustainability Governance and Stakeholder Relations including leading Indigenous relations efforts at Nutrien. He is based in Saskatoon where he lives with his wife and their five children.

Bill holds a Bachelor of Journalism and a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) from the University of Regina. He has also completed executive education studies at Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania.

Bill previously served two terms as a Director on the Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce board and was Governance Chair and a member of the Executive Committee.

He is an excellent relationship builder, able to connect with and lead diverse audiences including senior leaders, government officials, industry associations and colleagues.

Bill is looking forward to applying his public affairs and advocacy experience to help make a difference in the lives of those with dementia and their loved ones. Like so many, Bill's family has been touched by Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Bill joined the Board in June 2021 and has served as Vice-President, Chair of the Philanthropy Committee, and on the Nominating and Committee. He currently serves as President ..

Bill loves spending time at the lake, is active in his church, and still occasionally plays recreational sports.

## OWEN KOT

### Finance and Audit Committee Chair



Owen Kot is currently a Manager at MNP working on the specialty tax team, focusing on structure optimization and sale/succession planning for owner managed businesses.

Owen holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (Great Distinction) with an Accounting major from the University of Regina, a Master of Professional Accounting from the University of Saskatchewan and is a CPA. Owen was awarded the Dean's Medal for the Faculty of Business at the University of Regina Spring 2020 Convocation, earned a spot on the National Honor Roll for the Fall 2021 CFE (top 1% of successful writers), and was also awarded the 2023 CPA Western School of Business Exemplary New Professional Award.

Owen's volunteer experience includes involvement on the Hill Business Students' Society's executive team, including one year as President, and directorships on both the Canadian Association of Business Students and Saskatchewan Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs' Boards of Directors. He has also coached rugby at Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School.

Owen's family was affected by Alzheimer's disease as his Grandfather experienced the disease before passing away. Having seen the impact the disease can have on an individual and their family, Owen is honored to serve on the Board of Directors of the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan. He hopes to contribute to the support systems in place for those affected by Alzheimer's disease in Saskatchewan and to the goal of finding a cure for the disease, as well as the many other activities of the Society that make a positive difference in many individuals lives. Owen joined the board in June 2021, has served on the Finance and Audit Committee and is currently the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee.

## KRISTA LAGIMODIERE

### Nominating Committee Chair



Krista Lagimodiere has been practicing as a Geriatrician in Saskatoon since 2020 and is dual-certified as an FRCPC specialist in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. She graduated from the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) College of Medicine in 2015 and completed a 3-year residency in Internal Medicine prior to pursuing a 2-year subspecialty fellowship in Geriatric Medicine in Vancouver. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at the U of S College of Medicine and is involved with teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students. Her clinical work is diverse and spans from acute care to the community. Krista has been invited as a guest speaker for the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan, Rural Dementia Action Research team, Saskatoon Council on Aging, and various other educational events to share her knowledge on dementia and other topics pertaining to seniors care.

Krista is a dedicated physician, educator and patient advocate who has been deeply moved by many individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Her work as a practicing Geriatrician and physician leader inspires her to tirelessly work toward implementing high-quality, safe and evidence-informed care models for those impacted by this challenging disease. She is thankful for the incredible work of the Alzheimer Society in supporting these individuals with compassion and dignified care. She is grateful to be given the opportunity to join the outstanding team on the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan Board and is honoured to contribute to the important work underway to ensure exceptional care and support for those impacted by Alzheimer Disease and other dementias. Krista joined the Board in June 2022 and is currently the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

## TRACY LYSYK

### Governance Committee Chair



Tracy Lysyk is the Director, Operational Risk at Affinity Credit Union. She has almost 30 years' experience in the financial services industry including operations, risk, training, human resources, mentoring and management.

Tracy grew up in Saskatoon. She obtained her Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Saskatchewan. In 2018, she completed her Diploma in Financial Planning from the Canadian Institute of Financial Planning. She has also taken multiple courses in Coaching, Leadership and Change Management.

Tracy is a past Board Member for the Prince Albert Early Childhood Intervention Program (PAECIP), holding various positions on the Board since 2007. She is also a Facilitator for Each One, Teach One. Facilitators present workshops on financial literacy with topics such as budgeting, why to file taxes, investment options and lending products. Tracy is also the Chairperson for her child's School Community Council. In 2019, Tracy joined Big Brothers Big Sisters as part of their In-School mentoring program. Due to her years of experience in financial services, she also professionally mentors colleagues in the industry.

Tracy and her family recently relocated back to Saskatoon after 25 years on the family farm near Meath Park. She enjoys gardening, kickboxing and spending time with friends and family at their cabin at Candle Lake.

The Alzheimer Society is near to Tracy's heart as a number of her family members have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Tracy joined the board in June 2021 and has learned how ASOS is helping those diagnosed and their loved ones navigate this disease as well as raising funds for research. Tracy is currently the Chair of the Governance Committee and was on the organizing committee for the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's in Prince Albert for the past two years.

## BRIAN MARTYNOOK

### Philanthropy Committee Chair



Brian owned and operated a family owned construction company in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan for 25 years. His most recent employment was with the Moose Jaw and District Chamber of Commerce where he served as the CEO for 15 years until he retired.

Brian has always been community oriented and has been involved in a number of events in the community of Moose Jaw, including having served as a Director on the Five Hills Health District, Vice Chair of the Moose Jaw Habitat for Humanity board and as a Director and Vice-Chair representing the City of Moose Jaw on the board of directors of the Regina Airport Authority. His board and committee involvement include leadership roles in the areas of Governance and Human Resources. He continues to represent the City of Moose Jaw as Chair of SaskTel's Independent Program Committee. He also is the Vice Chair of the Moose Jaw Development Appeals Board.

Brian has successfully completed the "Professional Director" designation, under the Health Director Education and Certification Program offered through Brown Governance's Graduate School of Public Policy.

My passion for Alzheimer disease is rooted in my family history. My mother passed due to Alzheimer's disease after having suffered for many years. I have experienced first hand the impact of this disease on families and would like to contribute in any way I can to those affected by this disease. Brian joined the Board in June 2022 has served on the Philanthropy and Nominating Committee, and is currently the Philanthropy Committee Chair.

## JACQUELINE MESSER-LEPAGE



Jacqueline Messer-Lepage is the Executive Director and Registrar with the Saskatchewan College of Paramedics. She holds an undergraduate degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, a Master of Business Administration, an Advanced Graduate Diploma in Management, and credentials in Project Management and Mediation. In 2019, Jacquie became a certified coach in EQi 2.0 and EQi 360, and currently provides personalized coaching in the areas of leadership and emotional intelligence.

During her years with government, Jacquie worked in a number of areas including Executive Council as the Executive Director of International Relations and with the Ministry of Health as Chief Privacy Officer and Executive Director of the Risk and Relationship Management Branch. Her responsibilities spanned diverse portfolios including: International Engagement Strategy, Labour Relations, Provincial Health Policy and Governance, First Nations and Metis Relations, Legislation and Bylaws, and Health Emergency Management. In addition to her current role, Jacquie is involved in international standards development with the Canadian Standards Association and Health Standards Organization and teaches with the University of Regina in their non-credit area.

Jacquie's family is living with the impact of dementia and has felt the support that the Alzheimer Society provides. She is looking forward to contributing to the good work already underway with the Society in the hope that one day it will no longer be necessary. Jacquie joined the Board in June 2021 and serves on the Finance and Audit Committee.

## MEGAN MILANI Secretary



Megan Milani is a practicing lawyer, who joined the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and Attorney General as Senior Crown Counsel in 2021. In May 2023, Megan moved into a management role in the Civil Law Branch of the Ministry of Justice and currently serves as the Director of Solicitors for Human Services Ministries. This involves managing a team of lawyers in addition to providing legal advice to other ministries within the Government of Saskatchewan, and assisting in the drafting and revision of relevant legislation, regulations, and policies.

Megan was born and raised in Regina and is a proud graduate of both the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. She received her B.A. (Hons.) in Psychology in 2003 and her LL.B. in 2007. She completed her articles in Regina and was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 2008. Megan spent the first several years of her career in private practice, focusing on Civil Litigation and Family

Law. After deciding to leave private practice, she spent six years at the University of Regina providing advice to the institution with respect to research contracts and funding agreements.

Megan has been an active volunteer in her community since law school, in particular by providing free legal advice through Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan since 2014. She has also served on the executive of another non-profit organization in the labour relations sector.

During her time at the University of Regina, Megan was fortunate to interact with many talented researchers and was particularly inspired by those working to study and improve mental health and wellness for those experiencing stress, pain, anxiety, aging, and other underlying illness, including their family members and supporters. She has observed the mental health challenges experienced by her own family when a relative was diagnosed with dementia. These experiences, coupled with her interest in volunteerism, make Megan keenly interested in the work of the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan. If there are better ways to support a person and their family facing Alzheimer's Disease so as to promote their best mental health and wellness throughout, she believes we have a duty to do so. Megan joined the Board in June 2022, is the Secretary and serves on the Governance Committee.

## FEMI OGUNRINDE



Femi Ogunrinde possesses an extensive professional background spanning over 40 years in diverse roles such as a uranium geologist, high school teacher, university professor, pastor, community leader, business owner, and chartered director. He currently serves as the President/CEO of two non-profit organizations and one business in international education.

Dr. Ogunrinde holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in earth sciences from the University of Ibadan, a Master of Research in Business Administration from the University of Liverpool, and a Doctor of Healthcare Administration from Virginia University of Lynchburg. Additionally, he graduated with a Post-graduate Certificate in Effective Writing for Healthcare with an emphasis on Grant Writing from Harvard University Medical School in 2023. Furthermore, Femi obtained the Chartered Director designation (C.Dir) from the DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University and the French equivalence (ASC) from the University of Laval.

A dedicated board enthusiast, Femi has volunteered as a public representative with the College of Opticians (2016-2019) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons (2019 to present). He currently serves as the President and Board Chair of Turning Leaf Community Support Services and the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Mental Health Association of Saskatchewan. Additionally, Femi is a member of the Saskatchewan Social Services Appeals Board and the University of Regina Senate. He serves in several positions and committees, including the Chair of Compensation & Benefits, Diversity & Bias, Finance and Audit, as well as Governance and Nominating committees.

The Alzheimer's Society was a valuable resource for Femi and his wife as they empathetically supported a family member through their journey with the disease until their recent passing. This experience became the catalyst for his interest in participating, giving back, and supporting the organization's mission with his skills. Femi joined the Board of the Alzheimer's Society in June 2022 and currently serves on the Finance and Audit Committee.

## WALKER PATERSON



Walker joined the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan in May 2023 as a non-board member committee-member on the Society's Governance Committee, and formally joined the Board of Directors in May 2024. Walker is a lawyer with Seiferling Law, a boutique firm in Saskatoon which focuses on the area of labour and employment law, as well as corporate commercial law. Walker was raised in Saskatoon, graduating from Walter Murray Collegiate in 2015. He went on to attend the University of Saskatchewan, College of Arts & Sciences, and convocated in 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts Honours in Sociology (with High Honours), and then went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law, having convocated in 2022, where he then went on to article with Seiferling Law.

During his tenure in law school, Walker served as a Research Assistant to Professor Dwight Newman, Canada Research Chair in Constitutional and International Law, and was a member of the College of Law's 2021 Philip C. Jessup International Law moot team, which competed both nationally and internationally; his love for academia continues, with his having re-joined the College of Law in the Winter 2023 semester, teaching Advanced Legal Research & Writing as a sessional lecturer. Likewise, during law school, Walker was involved with the Law Students' Association in numerous elected roles, was a member of the Outreach Committee for Legal Follies, and volunteered with Pro Bono Students Canada. Outside of school, he is the Acting President of Saskatoon Community Mediation Services.

Walker's connection to Alzheimer's and his interest in serving with the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan is personal, having seen his grandmother's deterioration from the disease at a young age. Walker joined the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan Board in June 2024 and serves on the Nominating Committee.

## JACQUIE THOMARAT



Dr. Jacquie Thomarat, PhD, has dedicated her career and academic pursuits to understanding and bettering philanthropy for provincial and federal public policy. She has a doctoral degree in Public Policy from the University of Saskatchewan (USask). She has also worked at USask since 2006, and has been the Director of Governance since 2018. She has published and presented at national conferences on charity in higher education, tax policy, and research. Dr. Thomarat also periodically teaches classes at USask in Political Studies, Ethics and Strategic Decision Making, and International Relations. Since 2018 she has also been the Chair of the Creative Kids Saskatoon Committee, which provides funding for youth to participate in artistic and cultural experiences in their community. She is dedicated to improving the lives of people living with dementias and Alzheimer's in her volunteer capacity at the Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan. Jacquie lives with her husband Kevin Greva on an acreage outside of Saskatoon. They have two dogs and three outside cats to catch the mice.

Jacquie joined the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan Board in June 2024 and serves on the Philanthropy and Governance Committees.