

NOTICE OF MEETING

**LADYSMITH MARITIME SOCIETY
32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY DEC. 6, 2017
1900 (7:00 pm)
LMS WELCOME CENTRE**

Registration and Coffee: 6:30 pm

Meeting: 7:00 pm

Agenda:

- Approve Agenda
 - Approve Minutes of the 2016 AGM
 - Receive and Accept Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
 - Appoint Palmer, Leslie to conduct a Review Engagement of the finances for the 2017-2018 fiscal year
 - Receive and Accept Director and Committee Reports
 - Election of Directors – by acclamation (four nominations - four vacant positions on the Board)
 - Announcement of Board of Directors for 2017-2018
 - Approve that the signing officers of the Society be any two of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director and Operations Manager
 - New Business
 - Adjournment
 - Wine & Cheese
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- The officers of the Board – President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer – will be decided by the directors from among themselves at the 1st Board meeting after the AGM.
 - Printed copies of the Agenda, Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements will be available at the AGM.
 - Director and Committee reports will not be printed for the AGM, but will be posted in the Member Information section on the LMS website.
 - Minutes of the 2016 AGM are posted in the Member Information section on the LMS website.
 - 2018 memberships will be on sale at the AGM.
 \$20 – single \$35 – couple \$50 - family

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Directors of the Board closed at 5:00 pm on November 15, 2017. Four candidates were nominated for four vacant positions. Therefore, the Directors will be elected by acclamation at the AGM. Of the four Board positions, three are for a 3-year term and one is for a 1-year term. The new Directors will decide from among themselves who will occupy the 1-year term position.

The following comments are from each candidate by way of introducing themselves to you. The candidates in alphabetical order are:

(1) Doug Bell

Seconders: Betty Pearson and Cheryl Bancroft

LMS is a remarkable organization that contributes very significant volunteer energy and expertise to our community. In addition, LMS initiatives provide for unprecedented levels of marine tourism spending in our community. Our future is potentially very bright.

I believe LMS is at a fork in the road with respect to our future. Our lease will expire in 12 years and the current joint Town – Stz’uminus First Nation waterfront planning work is well underway with a time frame much longer than 12 years. This work has the potential to fundamentally shape the future of LMS however LMS is not a significant participant in this work.

Excellent relationships with LMS employees and members, moorers, citizens of both communities and funders are essential to securing our future. I am prepared to diligently contribute to improving these relationships and in the process work towards further securing our future potential in the harbour and with both the Town and Stz’uminus First Nation.

(2) Barrie McDonald

Seconders: Gerry Beltgens and James Phillips

LMS’ facilities, expert staff, and incredible volunteers are widely recognized throughout the Pacific NW as the best there are. Our many activities that welcome members of the community down to enjoy their own waterfront have earned the appreciation of local residents. Local businesses benefit significantly from the visitors we attract.

But in addition to its on-going activities and capital programs LMS is now facing a situation that may well determine its future as an organization. That is the opportunity to serve our community through proactive participation with the Town of Ladysmith and the Stz’uminus First Nation in implementation of the community’s waterfront plan. The consultant’s final report is expected before Christmas. Fumbling this opportunity would lessen the relevance of LMS in the community. And it could jeopardize the longer term tenure of LMS on the waterfront.

Securing the future of LMS, together with strengthening a culture of support and mutual respect across our organization, requires leadership. And that starts with the Board. Over the past ten years I have served on your Board for six years (2007-2013) and on special project teams for the past four years. LMS is a very important contributor to our community. And I hope we can keep it that way.

(3) Peter MacHardy

Seconders: Dan Lutz and Janet Skinner

I retired in 2014 with 46 years of experience to start up my own consulting business PEMAC & Associates yet still enjoy the benefits of retirement & life on the island. My career spans across administration, project management, property management, occupational health & safety, strategic planning and team building. Over my career, I have sat on numerous not-for-profit boards: Habitat for Humanity, Missing Children Society of Canada, various condo boards and commercial real estate boards. I currently sit on the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce Board, Ladysmith Family & Friends Board and the BOMI Canada Board in Toronto.

When asked if I would be an interim director with LMS the reply was yes, as being involved with the Waterfront Development Charrette with the Town as a citizen at large was a natural fit along with all the other volunteer work I am involved with. If elected, I hope to bring value to our society through past and current board experience in the areas of policies & procedures, as our board moves towards being a governance board and to add value where ever possible to protect and best serve LMS and our members.

(4) Janet Skinner

Seconders: Dan Lutz and Gerald Fitzgerald

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF.....

- My name is Janet Skinner
- My husband (Willard) and I have been members of LMS for 4 years
- Our sailboat (Oryx) has been happily moored at LMS since 2014
- I have been participating on the LMS Board of Directors since Aug. 2017, and recently joined the newly formed Human Resource Committee of the Board
- We retired to Vancouver Island in the autumn of 2013
- I retired after 32 years with the Government of Alberta; the last 13 years as an Assistant Deputy Minister with 2 Ministries
- I currently volunteer with the Nanaimo Community Hospice Society. Since January 2014 I have been on the Board of Directors, and have been Board Chair since June 2015
- I volunteered on the Board of Directors with the 7-10 Club Society from Nov. 2015 until April 2017. The 7-10 Club provides hot breakfasts and bag lunches to the homeless and low income individuals and families (approx 160 individuals/day)
- I volunteered on the Board of Directors of the Sunshine Bay Yacht Club (Alberta) from April 2006 until April 2011. Positions held: Secretary and Membership Director

WHAT IS MOTIVATING ME TO SUBMIT MY NAME FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS YEAR'S ELECTION.....

LMS and the Community Marina is listed in the top 10 marinas in the Pacific Northwest according to a recent article in the Ladysmith Chronicle. I would like to do my part to see LMS to continue to thrive.

LMS has a strong and unique sense of community that 'grabs you' - and one can quickly develop a sense of pride seeing how LMS treats members and visitors, and works with and respects the local communities. By being given the privilege to work with the Board, I would be contributing to, and giving back to an organization that walks the talk - its purpose is to serve people, support the community, and work to meet the needs of folks from many walks of life.

My previous work experience allows me to bring diligence - to act fairly, reasonably and always in good faith. I will be committed to the organization - putting the interests of LMS first.