

*The following Directors have completed the first year of their 2-year term and will remain on the Board:*

**Joan Desautels**

**Stephanie Smith**

*The following Directors have completed a 2-year term and are seeking re-election to a 2-year term:*

**Michele Bedford**

Former Microsoft executive, Michele Bedford is a currently Chief Commercial Officer for Calianan Ottawa-based technology and consulting firm. A well-rounded marketing leader, Ms Bedford successfully, and pragmatically leads marketing teams through product launches, re-branding, market expansion, organizational change and other strategic projects.

A passionate advocate for innovative public sector leaders, while at Microsoft, Ms Bedford partnered with governments around the globe to accomplish their digital government objectives.

Prior to her time in the US, Ms Bedford was a product marketing lead and competitive analyst for Ottawa, Canada-based technology start-up companies, guiding products from initial design specifications, through development, production and deployment.

While based in Seattle, WA, Ms Bedford was an active fundraiser for Washington Women In Need (WWIN), focused on providing health and education scholarships for women in need. And in her spare time, Ms Bedford was a youth basketball coach for the City of Issaquah.

A graduate of Clarkson University (New York, USA), Ms Bedford holds Bachelors of Science in: Engineering, Management & Marketing.

**Rachel Hitayezu**

Rachel Hitayezu was born and raised in Ottawa, Ontario. After completing an undergraduate degree in biomedical sciences, she focused her career on nutritional science and gained a second undergraduate degree in food science and nutrition. She completed a Master's degree in 2019 in human nutrition and earned her credentialing as a Registered Dietitian (RD). She has work experience in the public sector, including her current position in regulatory affairs, and in the non-profit sector with the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, biking, and gardening.

The following new nominees are seeking election to a 2-year term:

### **Jennifer McAndrew**

Jennifer is the proud mom of two children, Chase and Bryn, ages 14 and 11. Jennifer and Scott, her husband, are current residents of Carp but have deep roots in Ottawa.

Jennifer is passionate about contributing to the strong and vibrant community fabric that makes Ottawa a wonderful place to raise her family. Having completed her BA from Carleton in 2003, she completed her MBA in 2007. Jennifer and Scott founded their business, Mastermind Events in 2007 and have since grown from their garage in Morgan's Grant, to a warehouse in Kanata North, and their newest space on Carp Rd. Growing this business and employing 16 people in various capacities, combined with community volunteerism, Jen is a proven leader.

In 2015 she was the recipient of the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce/Ottawa Business Journal 40 Under 40 award. Most recently, Jennifer has been named the Chair of the Businesswoman of the Year Gala presented by the Women's Business Network. She continues to volunteer her time with many local groups including the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre, West Carleton Minor Hockey Association and Kanata Theatre and the West Carleton School of Performing Arts and now Bruce House.

Jennifer has previously worked with Bruce House on signature fundraising events including the Kichten Parties and the AIDS Walk for Life.

### **Dumo Nyathi**

Dumo is an active community member with a background in law and finance as well as providing services to members of the community in a number of capacities. She is an immigrant, BIPOC woman from the lovely and yet desolate land of Zimbabwe: a nation in which every other person is either affected or afflicted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. She has worked and volunteered in the non-profit industry for over 8 years and at one point founded a non-profit in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe which aimed to alleviate poverty and teach health and hygiene to young children and mothers living in squatter camps near the local municipal dumpsite affected by HIV/AIDS amongst other socio-economic barriers. By sitting on this Board, Dumo hopes to be impactful by using my natural gifts and knowledge to improve the lives of those around her to the greatest extent that she can while capitalizing on the her in-depth understanding of finance and its intimate relationship with organizations that have a social impact or are social entrepreneurship endeavours.