



GUELPH HUMANE SOCIETY

123rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

DR. SHANE BATEMAN

In the years since I was appointed to the board and have subsequently served as Chair, I have tried to contribute in a positive way to the many challenges that face the Society and the Board. If elected to another term on the Board, I would work diligently to accomplish several goals. Most importantly, I believe the Society needs to become more connected to the wider community of Guelph. We need to engage other organizations and individuals within our community and captivate them to understand the work we do, and motivate them to give more generously of their time, attention, understanding, and financial support. I believe that my experience and background as a leader in academic community and as an emergency critical care veterinarian will be an asset to the Society. In my journey, I have learned the important value of teamwork, compromise, and excellent communication skills, and I gladly bring these qualities to the Board table. At the end of my term, success, for me, will be defined by improving the markers of a healthy shelter (lower euthanasia, higher adoption, etc) and the celebration that healthy human animal bonds bring to all of our lives.

CANDACE RAYMOND

Recently relocating to Guelph, from Caledon, it was time to continue a lifelong passion of volunteering. 12 years dedicated to previous nonprofits, from the front line - teaching culinary and nutritional skills to street kids in Toronto, to various board roles including, Chair of Fundraising and Communication Committee, Board Secretary, Board Vice Chair, and Board Chair of an agency dedicated to hospice work located in Caledon. As board chair, guided the agency through a capital campaign, building an end of life care facility, capacity building to expand the agency from a 100,000 a year operation to a 1.8 million dollar operation, re branding to new name with new logo, and board restructuring to develop processes, and governance policies.

Relocating to Guelph was strategic, in that it offered resources and a lifestyle that accommodated our household of rescued German shepherds (3) and 1 calico cat found abandoned in a field. Our family has always enjoyed a profound connection to all animals, and have been home to a variety of mammals, reptiles, fish, and birds.

10 years of marketing experience, as owner of Banja Solutions, brings a wealth of resources to the Guelph Humane Society. Web design, graphic design and photography, social media, public relations, community relations, strategic planning, event management, risk management, operational rebuilding, publishing, editing, with partners in advertising, and tech support.

STEPHANIE SUTHERLAND

As an avid animal lover and someone who recognizes the value of good governance, it has been my pleasure to be on the Board of Directors for the Guelph Humane Society for the past two years, and as Chair for the past year. I value volunteering and giving back to my community, and I also bring my legal expertise to the Board as a lawyer who has practiced in Guelph for the past 7 years. Having sat as a Director for several other local organizations, I am familiar with the work that Boards do and with the governance model used by the GHS, and I bring that knowledge and expertise with me to the GHS Board as well.

During my time with the Board I have watched the GHS continue to grow and thrive as a successful, caring organization that contributes to much value to its community, and it has been such an honor to continue to be a part of that success and hard work. As a Board member I have contributed a great deal of time and effort into assisting with the GHS in any way that I can, as have all of my fellow Board members, and I would enjoy the opportunity to continue that work and to see the additional ways in which the organization will grow and improve.