

GHS Board of Directors: Candidate Bios - 2022

Michael Irwin

Mike moved to Guelph in 2003 with his wife and daughter. His son was born in Guelph, and he is now the proud grandparent of 2. Mike is a CFA charterholder who spent 27 years working in senior corporate roles within the financial services sector. Leaving corporate life has allowed him the flexibility to dedicate time to a very worthy cause in the Guelph Humane Society.

Mike and his family split time between their home in Guelph and their family farm north of the city. He spends an inordinate amount of his time cleaning up fur and drool left behind by his two Newfoundland dogs Angus and Kane.

Jim Pietrangelo

Jim is a family law lawyer in Guelph, with 20 years of experience. He is currently focusing on his practice as a family law mediator.

Jim is a passionate animal advocate, with a keen interest in animal rights and educating the public about animal welfare. Jim began his involvement with the GHS as a volunteer, walking dogs. He and his wife have had two “road trips” to Nova Scotia to ensure that rescued dogs were able to secure safe and friendly homes.

In his spare time, Jim enjoys going to see live indie music at small venues, listening to his record collection and making noise on his drum kit.

Jim loves to spend time with his wife, Danielle, and their assortment of animals that they have rescued and fostered. What started out as one foster, Marley (who they will never forget and who remains in their hearts), is now a lively household consisting of Stella, Harper and Spencer, all of which are “foster fails.”

Animals bring joy to Jim’s daily life and he wants to ensure that they are treated humanely, with respect and compassion.