

ADRIC Announces 2018-2019 Board of Directors

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The ADRIC Board is comprised of seven Affiliate Representatives, usually a director on their affiliate board and elected by their membership to represent ADR Practitioners and Supporters from their geographic area and seven representatives elected by ADRIC's Corporate Member organizations, representing ADR Users and Supporters. These fourteen directors then exercise the option of appointing up to four directors-at-large to complement their skills and achieve diversity.

At their Board meetings following the ADR Institute of Canada (ADRIC) 2018 AGM and conference, the new slate of Directors for 2018-2019 term were confirmed:

President: Andrew D. Butt. Andy has been an affiliate representative (Past President of ADR Atlantic Institute - ADRAI) to the ADRIC Board since 2012 and brings a wealth of thoughtful experience to the position.

Newly elected Officers are:

- **Secretary: Sara Ahlstrom**, representing the Alberta Energy Appeals Board. Over the past year Sara contributed significantly by Chairing the Mediation Rules Working Group to update the rules, by drafting a standard motion proposal form for the board and is now Chairing the Ethics and Professional Practice Committee.
- **Vice-President: Michael Schafler**, representing Dentons Canada. Mike is invaluable and always ready to help in any way, despite his busy schedule. He Chairs the Media Relations Committee.
- **Vice-President, President-Elect: Elton Simoes** representing ADRBC (also ADRBC President) Chairs ADRIC's Mediation Designations Standards Committee and sat on the Finance and HR committees for 2017-2018.

Re-elected officers are:

- **Past President: Scott Siemens**, representing ADR Saskatchewan is an active member of both organisations. He is President of ADRSK yet still finds time to support ADRIC in numerous ways including Chairing the Governance committee, sitting on the Government Relations committee and representing ADRIC on the National Action Committee on Access to Justice.
- **Treasurer Josie Parisi**, director-at-large, from BDO in Toronto leads the Finance Committee.
- **Vice-President Jim McCartney**, director-at-large is a strong supporter of ADRIC and affiliates and has Co-Chaired the Marketing & Member Resources committee for years, co-Chairs the ADRIC/Canadian Bar Association ADR Section Joint Committee, and sits on the Arbitration Rules committee and assists many ad hoc initiatives.

Serving another term as directors are:

- **Naïm-Alexandre Antaki**, Corporate representative for Gowlings WLG. Naïm assisted on the 2018 local Conference committee and translated the Memo of Understanding document for all affiliates.
- **Laura Bruneau**, Corporate representative for EPIQ assisted on the 2018 national Conference committee and Chairing the HR committee.
- **Anne Gottlieb**, Affiliate representative for ADR Institute of Ontario (ADRIO).
- **Wendy Hassen**, Affiliate representative for ADR Institute of Alberta (ADRIA). Wendy led ADRIC's 2019-2021 Strategic Planning.

- **Allison Kuntz**, Corporate representative for Norton Rose Fulbright Chairs the Roster Selection Committee.
- **Michelle Maniago**, based in Vancouver, representing Borden Ladner Gervais leads the Under 40 committee and LinkedIn site to help engage our members and potential members.
- **P. David McCutcheon**, director-at-Large leads the National Conference committee, sits on the Arbitration Rules committee and is an essential resource for history of the organization.
- **Jim Musgrave**, Corporate representative for Cox and Palmer led the Roster Development committee and sits on the Finance and Mediation and Arbitration Designations Standards committees.
- **Jennifer Schulz**, Affiliate representative for ADR Institute of Manitoba (ADRIM) sits on the Journal Editorial Board.

ADRIC is awaiting the Institut de médiation et d'arbitrage du Québec (IMAQ) appointment of a representative to the Board and has the opportunity to appoint another director-at-large.

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ADRIC's affiliates include ADRBC (BC), ADRIA (AB), ADRSK (SK), ADRIM (MB), ADRIO (ON), IMAQ (QC) and ADRAI (Atlantic Provinces).