

# Thunder Bay - Atikokan Provincial Liberal Association 2023 Annual General Meeting

Thursday, January 19th, 2023, at 5:30 PM Location: The Slovak Legion, 801 Atlantic Ave, Thunder Bay, ON, P7C 2T3

Chair: Jordan Hudyma (Regional Vice President, North)

# <u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. President's Report
- 3. Treasurer's Report
- 4. Election of Executive Committee
- 5. President's Remarks
- 6. Other Business
- 7. Adjournment

### **Candidates for Executive Offices**

President - Stephen Margarit

- Executive Vice-President Wayne Tocheri
- Secretary Joleene Kemp
- Treasurer Vacant
- **Director Kristen Oliver**
- Director Karen Shaffer
- Director Rob Barrett
- **Director Paul Caccamo**

Director - Alanna Downey-Baxter

Director - Anne Zuliani

Director - Jordan Hudyma

Director - Vacant (7)

#### **Biographies**

#### **Kristen Oliver - Director**

As a committed member of the Liberal Party for the past 30 years, I have served in many capacities at the association level. I also had the distinct pleasure to work in the constituency office of Lyn McLeod. Assisting constituents while utilizing the Liberal philosophy helped define my leadership skills. I am interested in returning to the association to help rebuild our party as Ontarian's need an alternative to another four years of a Ford government. Using a grassroots approach where we engage the membership and collectively identify opportunities that will change the direction this province is heading is my top priority. As a current member of City Council, I see firsthand how cuts to healthcare, supportive services and infrastructure impacts communities. This approach is putting pressure on municipal resources and is unaffordable nor sustainable.

#### **Karen Shaffer - Director**

Although I have been less involved in recent years, I have been active with the Liberal party since 1995. I worked for Joe Comuzzi, MP for many years and then for Bill Mauro, MPP. I was a member and Executive Member at federal and provincial levels and volunteered on numerous election campaigns.

My career is no longer directly connected with politics however, I am a Coordinator of Volunteer Services in health care (St. Joseph's Care Group) and remain well connected with various community organizations.

I am excited at the opportunity to re-engage with our local Liberals and work to bring our party back to the forefront in our area.

#### Joleene Kemp - Director

My name is Joleene Kemp and I wish to put my name forward for the position of secretary. I have been involved with the provincial association for over the last 20 years. I am presently the secretary for the federal EDA Thunder Bay Rainy River.

I would like to be a part of the team that will be shaping the return of the provincial association to ensure we elect a candidate in the next provincial election.

## **Paul Caccamo - Director**

Paul is a life long resident of Northwestern Ontario. His family moved from Terrace Bay to Thunder Bay in 1972. Paul attended school locally, graduated from Hammarskjold High School in 1988 and Lakehead University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) and a Bachelor of Education degree.

Paul has been involved in Ontarios Public Education system for over 30 years as a classroom teacher, department Chairperson, school Administrator and more recently as a local and provincial leader with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation where he currently serves as Vice President. In this role, Paul has proudly worked with all levels of Government to promote, advance and defend public education in Ontario.

Paul has been active within the Provincial and Federal Liberal party from a very young age. At 16, Paul became a member of both the Federal and Provincial parties in Port Arthur and actively participated in supporting local candidates through many campaigns including serving on the associations executives for many years. He served as regional coordinator for the Ontario Young Liberals and started the Lakehead University Liberal Association in 1990 where he led 8 delegates from the University to the National Leadership Convention in Calgary in June of 1990. More recently, Paul served on the Federal riding association in Thunder Bay Rainy River executive for a couple years between 2014 – 2017 before work required relocation to Toronto.

With retirement from his role in Public Education coming in June, Paul is looking forward to reengaging in his community and supporting important causes. Additionally, with his wife Lisa, they are excited to be welcoming their first grandchild in February.

# Anne Zuliani - Director

I am currently the Chair of the Thunder Bay - Superior North Federal Liberal Association and have been since 2015. I have been involved in campaigns at the federal and provincial levels for many years, and believe it is the right time to get involved with the TB-A PLA, in anticipation of working hard to win back the riding.