



Nominees for Election to the Board of Directors Guaranteed Funeral Deposits of Canada (Fraternal) 2026-2027

GFD's Board of Directors consists of nine individuals elected in-person or by proxy from the Members of GFD in attendance at the Annual General Meeting. The nominees are, in the opinion of the current Board, well qualified to act as Directors for the coming year. Each nominee has established his or her eligibility and willingness to serve as a Director, if elected.

The 9 proposed nominees for election as Directors are listed below in alphabetical order:



Mac Bain

**Martyn Funeral Home
Basic Cremation Services,
Councillor, City of North Bay**

Mac has gained vast experience serving on a number of boards including Vice-Chair of the Board of Funeral Services. As a passionate northern, he has a great deal of knowledge for the present climate in Ontario thanks to over 17 years of involvement in municipal work at the provincial level. Mac will be serving his fifth consecutive term on North Bay's Council and is excited to serve concurrently on the GFD Board since 2020.



Rob Blackburn

Jones Funeral Home Limited, Georgetown

Rob has served his community as a licensed Funeral Director since 1989 and became co-owner of Jones Funeral Home in 2018. Rob has a passion for funeral service and has served on the GFD Board since 2016. Rob has been a long-time member of the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown and enjoys the outdoors, playing golf in the summer and curling in the winter.



Brett Denning
Denning Funeral Directors Ltd.,
Southwestern Ontario

Brett is a fourth-generation funeral director serving southwestern Ontario. He helps lead Denning's Ltd., a family-run network of funeral homes and a crematorium operating in Northern Ontario. He also serves as Director of Finance and Business Development for Southwest Crematoriums, a multi-crematorium cooperative, overseeing financial management, strategic planning, and operational growth. Brett brings deep sector experience, a strong sense of community responsibility, and a commitment to thoughtful, sustainable leadership.



Meghan Henning
Lakefield Cemetery & Crematorium Inc.

Meghan Henning is a proud cemeterian and cremation professional of 19 years, currently serving as General Manager of Lakefield Cemetery & Crematorium Inc. During her tenure with the cemetery, she has held numerous job titles and fulfilled many roles that have provided her with thorough insight into the unique operational and financial challenges faced by cemeteries today. She is a Past President of the Ontario Association of Cemetery & Funeral Professionals, and serves on the Bereavement Authority of Ontario Cemetery, Crematorium & Municipal Advisory Committee. When she isn't working or volunteering her time, she travels the world visiting cemeteries, networking with other bereavement professionals and pursuing continuing education and professional development.

Lucy Lombardi, CPA, CA

Independent Director, Toronto

Chief Financial Officer

March of Dimes Canada



Lucy is a qualified Chartered Accountant with broad financial experience and has worked with a variety of clients and industries of varying sizes. She has held several senior leadership positions in the private sector, including the bereavement sector, with experience implementing systems and process improvements in team-based environments. Lucy is enthusiastic to continue serving the Board of GFD, and her extensive background will continue to lend itself well in understanding the funding needs of GFD's Membership. Lucy has served on the GFD Board since 2018.

Pina Melchionna, LL.B, MBA

Independent Director, Toronto

President and CEO

Canadian Institute for Traffic and
Transportation



Pina Melchionna is currently the President and CEO of the CITT, Canada's Logistics Association, a learning and development organization offering professional training and development and certification in supply chain logistics. Prior to her role at CITT, Pina worked for several national banks and financial institutions and started her career as a lawyer, receiving her Juris Doctorate Law Degree from Osgoode Hall Law School. In addition, Pina has a specialized Master of Business Administration in Financial Services from Dalhousie University. She has served on the board of SGI Canada and currently sits on the board of the Royal Canadian Mint and the Raymond James Trust Company. Pina has served on the GFD Board since 2024.

Peter Nadeau

Independent Director, Ottawa



Peter is a corporate lawyer with more than 30 years' experience and brings a diversity of expertise and experience in corporate governance and finance that has proved to be a valuable asset to the GFD Board. He served 11 years on the Board of Comtech Credit Union, 3 of which he served as Chair, leading the effort for the successful adoption of governance and Board operating best practices. Peter has extensive board experience including modernizing governance structure, revising charter documents required by legislative changes, and evolution of a board's operations shifting to a governance board from an operational board. Peter has served on the GFD Board since 2019.

Olya Sanakoev, LL.M, MBA

Independent Director, Toronto

Chief Information Officer

123 Dentist, Toronto



With a background in innovation and transformation, combined with a passion for learning, Olya brings her unique experience in all facets of digital transformation. Having worked her way through the digital industry, she possesses experience in strategy in both B2B and consumer segments. Olya believes that technology, when used well, can have an enormous positive impact on foundational human experiences and is eager to contribute her knowledge and skill to the board. Olya has served on the GFD Board since 2023.



William B. Solomon

Independent Director, Toronto

Bill is a retired actuary with a sense of community involvement, including sharing his investment and finance experience with not-for-profit and charitable organizations. Bill brings a lifetime of experience and is adept at developing and monitoring risk control metrics; identifying, prioritizing and assessing the various risks that an organization faces and determining how best to avoid or control those risks. Bill was an important contributor to the development of GFD's Care & Maintenance programs. Additionally, he has experience interacting with FSCO and OSFI as regulators of pension plans. Bill has served on the GFD Board since 2019.

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