

GNS current Board of Governors 2018-2019

Curtis Mundstock, GNS Board Chair

Curtis studied economics at the University of Victoria followed by several years of studies in Japan and Germany before moving on to a trading career in fixed income. His path has taken him to several financial centres in Europe and included various stints as head-trader and director of several trading operations over a 20-year span. Curtis moved to Victoria six years ago with his wife, Saki, and their two children, Helena and Christian, both GNS students in Grades 9 and 5 respectively.

Helen Brooks, Vice Chair

Helen Brooks currently works as a commercial insurance advisor. She and her husband, Mitch, have a Co-operators Insurance and Financial Services Agency in Victoria. She also owns a business called Whole Hound Inc., which manufactures and sells high quality dog supplements. Before moving to Victoria, Helen ran Whole Hound and The Healthy Hound (an organic dog food company she founded in the late 90's in West Vancouver). Prior to that she spent a decade in the film industry. She is a very proud step mom to Mattison (30) and Ashleigh (28). Her daughter, Gracie Brooks, is currently in grade 4 at the beach.

Kevin Glatiotis, Treasurer

Kevin Glatiotis studied finance & accounting at the University of British Columbia (B. Commerce) and is a CPA. He has been a professional in public accounting firms and has lead finance and administration divisions in both Canada and the USA, focusing in the banking industry and in consulting organizations. Kevin currently plays a leadership role in Victoria's Deloitte office and served on the GNS finance committee during the 2017 / 2018 school year. Kevin and his wife Marie-Terese grew up on Vancouver Island, have lived in Victoria for the past 13 years and have a daughter Sophia-Kathryn (Grade 10) who has been a keen member of the GNS community for the past 5 years.

Craig Roberts, Secretary

Craig Roberts has a degree in Mining Engineering from the University of British Columbia, an M.Phil. in Management Studies from Oxford University, and is registered as a Professional Engineer in British Columbia. He has worked in mine operations, consulting engineering, and for the last 15 years in investment banking focused on equity financings and merger and acquisition transactions for mining companies. Craig has served on a variety of boards and committees including as Chairman of the Mineral Economics Society of the CIM and as a member of the CIMVal Committee mandated with establishing standards for valuing mining projects in Canada intended for adoption by Canadian securities commissions. He has taught courses in engineering and mineral economics at UBC. Craig has a daughter who graduated from GNS in 2018.

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Chris Denford, Immediate Past Chair

Chris Denford is an alumnus of Glenlyon School (1982) and a graduate of the University of Victoria (BA: English and Economics.) Chris is the President and CEO of Berwick Retirement Communities, a family owned business that owns and operates Retirement Communities in British Columbia. He has also played an executive roll in other family owned businesses relating to construction, development and investments. Chris has a keen interest in architecture and interior design. Chris and his wife, Anne, have three children attending GNS in Grades 8, 10, 12, and a daughter who graduated in 2018. Chris is completing his fifth year as Chair of the Board and, as such, serves as a member of all Standing Committees of the Board.

James Ballantyne

James Ballantyne moved to Victoria fifteen years ago. He and his wife Vicky have had three children who attended GNS, Will graduated in 2010, Hamish graduated in 2012, and Finley graduated in 2016. James is in the hospitality and real estate business in Calgary; he owns and operates a pub/restaurant and has been involved in commercial real estate investment and development for more than 30 years. James has served on the GNSS Board for ten years.

Charlene Beck

Charlene retired as a member of the RCMP after 25 years of service specializing in Crimes Against Children. Upon retiring, Charlene dedicated a large amount of her time to volunteering at GNS where she ran the Junior School lunch program for 2 years, sat on the Retention Committee, was a Class Representative for 2 years and, in 2015-16, joined the PAUX as Treasurer as well as Co-Chair. A former member of the Board of O.R.C.A. (Organized Response to Child Abuse), she continues to teach and mentor police officers in Child Interviewing Techniques and investigations. She has started a new career with the Attorney Generals office in the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch. Charlene and her husband, Bernard, have a daughter who has been a GNS student since Junior Kindergarten and is currently in grade 8.

Tony Chan

Tony Chan has worked as an investment banker in the US, Singapore and Hong Kong, primarily focusing on mergers and acquisitions, typically taking lead transitional management roles in restructured publicly listed companies. Accustomed to highly regulated industries, including sitting as Director of a US commercial bank and Managing Director of a US broker-dealer, Tony's industry experience spans financial services, REITs, utility infrastructure, medical technology, and property investment and development. He attended Semiahmoo Secondary School in BC where he got his first taste of the IB program, and UBC obtaining a BCom (Hons) in Finance. Tony and his wife Lisa have three children, Ella (2018 graduate), Ethan (Grade 9) and Neo (Grade 1), who have attended full IB schools abroad since Kindergarten prior to joining the GNS family in 2015.

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Tybring Hemphill

Tybring Hemphill is a Glenlyon (as it then was) alum '79 and his wife, Beth, is a Norfolk House alum '81. His son Mattias graduated in 2013 and his son Anders graduated in 2016, both GNS "lifers". Tybring received a BSc from Trinity College – U of T and an LLB from UVic. He has practiced law with the firm McKimm & Lott in Sidney for 25 years and has been an instructor with the UVic Law School clinical law program, The Law Centre, for the last 18 years. His preferred area of practice is criminal defense. Tybring was Chair of the Sierra Club of BC Foundation for 11 years. He has served one term on the GNS Board and over the last 5 years, Tybring has sat both as a member and chair of the Governance and Nominating committees.

Azalea Jin

Azalea is a lawyer at Pearlman Lindholm, with a practice area in business and regulatory law. With over 20 years of experience, Azalea advises clients from small businesses to multi-national corporations on a broad range of business matters including compliance and governance matters. She is an active member of the Canadian and Victoria Bar Associations, and past Vice-Chair of the Administrative Law Section. Azalea and her spouse, David Duquette, have two children, both of whom started GNS at the Beach and have now continued on to the Middle and Senior school. Azalea and her family are happy to have settled in Victoria and become part of the GNS Community.

Sarah Jones

Sarah Jones hails from Manitoulin Island in Northern Ontario. She pursued undergraduate studies in Community and Regional Planning at the University of Waterloo followed by a master of science degree at the University of British Columbia. While at university, she balanced studies with a career in real estate sales. After two decades in community planning throughout British Columbia, including work with a large public school board, Sarah became a corporate administrator for a local government and currently serves as Deputy Chief Administrative Officer. Appreciative of Island-living, Sarah moved to Victoria from Vancouver in 2002 with her husband, Karl, and daughter, Sally, a GNS Senior School student.

Blair Robertson

Blair Robertson is an owner of Totangi Properties Ltd., a property development and construction company based in Victoria, BC. Through Totangi, Blair has gained broad experience in all facets of land development, construction, and resource management, including more recent experience incorporating green technologies in new home construction. Blair is also a licensed Realtor. In 2010, Blair was appointed to the Managed Forest Council, an independent provincial agency responsible for the oversight of forest practices regulations on private Managed Forest land in BC. Previous experience includes 7 years as an Executive Director of a BC forestry association and several years as a commercial realtor in Vancouver. A student at Glenlyon from 1973-1981, he has a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of British Columbia. Blair and his wife Nancy have two children at GNS, Arran in Grade 9 and Callum in Grade 11.

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Brian Tam

Brian Tam is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, registered with Engineering Council UK. He graduated from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, with a Bachelors Degree in Applied Science. After university, he moved from Ottawa to Hong Kong in 1991 and has worked in the construction industry there ever since. With over 25 years experience in Hong Kong and Macau with consultants' and contractors' practices, he has successfully delivered infrastructural airport & railway projects, major residential & commercial properties in Hong Kong, and large-scale mixed-use hotel, leisure & entertainment developments in Macau & Manila. Brian continues to be involved with local professional and industry organizations devoted to the betterment of engineering practices in Hong Kong society and in its strive for sustainability. His career passion remains with successful planning, construction and commissioning of major infrastructural, institutional and building development projects which will further enhance the built environment of the society we live and breathe in. Brian has two sons at GNS who are international students, one currently Grade 10 & an elder son who graduated in 2018.

Tom Vesey

Tom Vesey was born in Bermuda, and was educated there, in England and at Trinity College, U of T, graduating in 1981. He was a staff writer at the Washington Post for several years, before returning to Bermuda where he was editor of the Bermuda Sun. He served on the board, and as chair, of Somersfield Academy, an MYP/IB school in Bermuda accredited with CAIS. He was active on a number of boards and programmes promoting race equity. Tom moved to Victoria six years ago with his wife April, who is from Victoria. Their son Jackson is a 2016 GNS graduate now attending UBC, and their daughter Rebecca is a GNS Grade 12 student.

Yukina Yamamoto

Yukina Yamamoto is a Director of Yawatahama Kisen Co. Ltd, her family-owned shipping company in Japan. She grew up in the small city of Yawatahama, in the southwestern part of Ehime Prefecture on Shikoku Island. A member of Glenlyon Norfolk School's Class of 2008, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Victoria in 2014, majoring in Economics. Since joining Yawatahama Kisen, Yukina has contributed significantly to at least three major deals with long-term bareboat chartering companies in Israel and Belgium. Her family's business has earned a reputation for building and sustaining relationships built on trust and reliability, and Yukina is committed to ensuring the company's values endure for years to come.