

The CALL Board of Directors for 2022-23 is as follows:

*President	Linda Flanagan
*Vice President	Barbara Decker Pierce
Past President	Leslie Dort
Treasurer	Cathy Martin
*Secretary	Gail Kingwell
Communications	vacant
Information & Technology	Shauna Romanzin
Governance	Andy Peters
Membership	vacant
Volunteer	vacant
Programs	vacant
Operations	Carroll Jaques
Fund Development	Diana Bloom
Special Programming	Adrienne Kertzer

*Elected this year

BIOGRAPHIES:

LINDA FLANAGAN, President

Linda lived in five provinces from Newfoundland to BC before settling in Calgary where she earned a BA and B.Ed. at the University of Calgary. Following several years working at the U of C Library, Linda went on to enjoy a fulfilling career in public education as a teacher, district accountability specialist and Principal. Her interest in technology was enhanced by completing a Master’s degree in Educational Technology. Since retiring Linda has been a consultant for the CBE in system improvement and program evaluation, and with Alberta Education as a member of the provincial Attendance Board. She is lucky enough to spend many happy times at the family cabin with her husband, children and four grandchildren, who are always a source of inspiration, energy and fun.

She has loved participating in several CALL groups in areas of ongoing interest, including film, philosophy and literature. Serving on the IT committee has been another wonderful opportunity for learning in an area she loves

BARBARA DECKER PIERCE, Vice President

Barbara is a retired university professor having been the Director of the School of Social Work at King's University College Western University. Being new to Calgary, she looked for ways to get involved in her new community. CALL was an obvious choice since she highly values lifelong learning. Barbara has always enjoyed working with non-profit Boards serving on the Program Committee of London's lifelong learning organization SLR (Society for Learning in Retirement). Being an avid hiker and walker, she enjoys the outdoor lifestyle that comes with living in Alberta and when not outside walking she can be found reading and learning new things about the world.

LESLIE DORT, Past President

Friends introduced me to the extensive interesting opportunities at CALL and I joined promptly after retiring in 2018. My interest in learning had led me to do master's degree late in my career and CALL activities are a natural fit. I am grateful to CALL volunteers for programs that engage my mind and introduce me to fascinating people through discussion groups, book clubs, CALL cafes, speaker series and other interesting opportunities.

I also volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Calgary Reads and have served on other non-profit boards of directors. I am looking for opportunities to support this organization which I have come to value greatly over a relatively short time.

CATHY MARTIN, Treasurer

Cathy is entering into the second year of her tenure as CALL treasurer, having also served as assistant treasurer/bookkeeper from February to August 2020. Recently retired from her role as a reservoir characterization geophysicist in the Calgary oilpatch, Cathy has been pursuing her special interests in golf, music, bridge and Mahjong. She has served on a number of boards and organizations in the role of treasurer and although she is not formally trained in accounting, she has a strange passion for bookkeeping and gets ultimate satisfaction from a balanced account reconciliation report.

GAIL KINGWELL, Secretary

Gail is a former teacher and administrator with the Calgary Board of Education, university instructor of English as a Second Language teaching and learning, and consultant in educational projects and curriculum development. She has been active in CALL for a number of years, serving on the Board and working with the newsletter team to produce the CALL newsletters.

SHAUNA ROMANZIN, Chair, Information and Technology Committee

I spent 35 years working in various Information Technology development & management roles in the Calgary oilpatch. A highlight was a chance to work together with my husband Aldo on an 18 month IT Project in Orange County, California with teams from around the world. When we retired I went looking online to find learning activities in Calgary and stumbled across the CALL website. I joined a number of interest groups, and during a Tuesday Morning Walk with Mary Lou I happened to mention our previous careers. Before I knew it we were part of the CALL webteam, and 5 years later I still enjoying the camaraderie of the team and the opportunity to learn new technologies. I love reading, photography and camping, and hope to get back to travel soon.

Carrol Jaques, Chair, Operations

Carrol Jaques is a former teacher with a passion for history and politics. She taught high school in Edmonton and then in the Adult Education Program with the Calgary Board of Education. Her interest in the history of Alberta's agricultural and political organizations – particularly the United Farmers of Alberta government (1921 to 1935) – led to a master's thesis on the UFA and then a book on a successor group, Unifarm, published by the University of Calgary Press.

Carrol also contributed a chapter on former Alberta Liberal Premier Charles Stewart to the book "Alberta Premiers of the Twentieth Century." Carrol served on the board and then as president of Chinook Country Historical Society.

She is also an avid hiker and served on the Board of Alberta TrailNet. Carrol joined CALL a few years ago but has become more active in the last two years, leading to a decision to get even more involved – hence the decision to join, and then Chair, the Operations Committee.

ADRIENNE KERTZER, Chair, Special Programming

Adrienne Kertzer spent 39 years as an English professor at the University of Calgary. During the last 25 years of her career, she took on a range of administrative roles at the local, national, and international level. Retiring in 2015, she began volunteering a few years later: first as a tour guide at the new Central Library and subsequently as a volunteer for other Calgary Public Library programs. Joining CALL in 2019, in June 2020, restless after three months of lockdown—and no volunteering—she responded to CALL's need for volunteers and became Coordinator, Current Issues. The past fifteen months have introduced her (albeit virtually) to others who share her lifelong passion for learning, and she looks forward to what she will learn and whom she will meet in her new role as Chair, Special Programming. A multitasker at heart, when she is not volunteering, she reads, watches films, gardens and walks.

ANDY PETERS, Chair, Governance

In 2018 I retired from professional life after 40 years in corporate insurance and risk management and risk transfer. My focus was on Construction, IT, Directors and Officers Liability, Contract Liability. Beyond the challenges of building my business, my greatest professional satisfaction was in continuous learning, teaching and mentoring. I feel that anyone who experiences this satisfaction in their professional or personal lives can appreciate the CALL organization as a supporter and facilitator of learning and community, most especially in our later years. It is my belief that enrichment in life happens when you open yourself to curiosity and self awareness through learning from everyone's experiences and skills.

I am enjoying the opportunities made available through CALL and appreciate the time and effort of our dedicated volunteers. I look forward to helping in any way that I can.

DIANA BLOOM, Chair, Fund Development

Diana has a background in research and planning spending most of her working life with the Calgary Police Service although her early career was in the voluntary sector with the United

Way and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

While working, Diana took numerous recreational courses in art including painting, drawing, interior design and photography. Since her retirement Diana has completed a Bachelor of Fine Art degree. Diana's first volunteer role with CALL was to assist in developing the Strategic Plan. She was a Coordinator for the Creative Arts Interest Groups before serving for two years as Program Chair.

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