

**Election of 2025/27 Board of Directors  
Annual General Meeting  
University of Alumni Association  
June 18, 2025**



**Hon. Patricia Bovey,[LL.D/21], DCL, D.LITT, FRSA, FCMA, FDFS**

Patricia Bovey, the Winnipeg Art Gallery's Director Emerita, is a Winnipeg-based art historian, arts advocate, museologist, author, and professor. She served as a member of the Senate of Canada (2016-2023) and is a former Director of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, the Winnipeg Art Gallery, and the Founder of St. Boniface Hospital's Buhler Gallery. She has lectured and published extensively on western Canadian art, her most recent book being *Western Voices in Canadian Art*. Founder of the MA in Curatorial Practice and Adjunct Professor of the University of Winnipeg, she taught Canadian and European art history, Canadian Cultural Policy, and Cultural Management and Leadership. She has served and chaired many boards in the cultural and university sectors, and was Chair of the Boards of the University of Manitoba and BC's Emily Carr University.

As a Senator, she initiated the Senate Report: *Cultural Diplomacy at the Front Stage of Canada's Foreign Policy*, June 2019. Her Bill S-202 for a Parliamentary Visual Artist Laureate received Royal Assent in June 2024; and in 2022 the Senate unanimously passed her *Declaration Respecting the Essential Role of Artists and Creative Expression in Canada*, Bill S208.

She is currently representing Manitoba on the Boards of the Confederation Centre for the Arts, the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and the Roberta Bondar Foundation. Currently Chair of the University of Manitoba's Distinguished Alumni Awards Committee, she is also a member of the Board of the Confederation Centre of the Arts, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, the Roberta Bondar Foundation Board, the national Advocacy and Awareness committee for Type 1 Diabetes, and Ambassador for the Pan African Heritage Museum in Ghana currently under construction.



**Kathryn Gompf [BSc(GE)/99]**

Kathryn Gompf holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering ('99) from the University of Manitoba. After earning her P.Eng designation and building a promising career in engineering, Kathryn made the meaningful decision to step away from the profession to raise her two children—a choice that marked the beginning of a new chapter grounded in purpose, balance, and community.

Over the years, Kathryn has continued to grow and lead in new ways. She holds certifications in Project Management and Professional Coaching through the Co-Active Training Institute, and has become deeply engaged in volunteer leadership. She has served on numerous boards and committees, most notably as Co-Chair of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre Gala in both 2023 and 2024. Currently, she is a proud member of the Board of Directors for Thrive Community Support Circle, where she also chairs the organization's Capital Campaign.

An accomplished endurance athlete, Kathryn is a former Ironman and two-time Boston Marathon runner. She finds joy in the outdoors, staying active, cooking, and sharing time with her husband Kirby (University of Manitoba, B.Commerce) and children—one a current student at the Asper School of Business, and the other set to begin there in Fall 2025.



**Vicki Verge[BA/90, MSW/04]**

Vicki Verge's tenure as a Social Worker started in 1992 when she became employed with Winnipeg Child and Family Services after obtaining an Honors Bachelor of Social Work degree from Lakehead University. After achieving her MSW at the University of Manitoba, Vicki left her role as a Program Director in child welfare for a career in healthcare. At the Health Authority, she worked as a Community Team Manager. In this role, she was a leader of diverse interdisciplinary teams including doctors, nurses, mental health practitioners, community development and home care professionals. In 2012, Vicki became the Regional Director of Social Work. In this position, she was responsible for providing leadership and direction for the provision of social work services across the health region continuum (which included acute care, long term care and community programming). In addition to this role, Vicki was responsible for the direct management of a team of medical Social Workers and a team of Spiritual Health specialists in an acute care hospital at an integrated health and social services campus. Vicki was the President of the Manitoba College of Social Workers (MCSW) Board of Directors and has volunteered on various committees such as the College's Continuing Competence Committee. In 2021 Vicki joined the University of Manitoba Faculty of Social Work where she is currently an Instructor and Field Education Liaison. She is a Board Member for CASWE-ACFTS. Additionally, Vicki holds the position of Director of Regulatory Practice for the Manitoba college of Social Workers.



**Rennie Zegalski [BComm(Hons)/95]**

Rennie is a Co-Founder and Principal of Capital Commercial Real Estate Services Inc. Over his career he has gained extensive experience in the commercial real estate industry, specializing in retail sales, leasing and tenant representation, and downtown and suburban office leasing, sales, and consulting.

Rennie earned a Bachelor of Commerce (BComm) degree from the University of Manitoba. He's an active member of the Winnipeg business community and sits on many boards, including currently as chairperson of the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada and on the Board of Directors of The Associates of the Asper School of Business.

He has served as the past chair or president of the following organizations: Winnipeg Convention Centre, University of Manitoba Alumni Association, University of Manitoba Board of Governors, and West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone. Rennie has also worked in venue management for the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg and served for six years on the Downtown BIZ board.