



Toronto Club Board Biographies – 2026-27

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	<p>Martha Schrader – President</p> <p>Martha has been a volunteer with the Bruce Trail Conservancy and a member of the Toronto Club since 2020. Her contributions include trail captain for the Maureen Smith Side Trail, land steward for the Maple Ridge Property and also a contributor to the Trail Geography Project. She has been hiking The Bruce Trail as long as she can remember.</p> <p>Weekends with her family are all about hiking, cross-country skiing, cycling, paddling and/or camping. Mom to Emily, Eric and the family dog Ozzy; she is also passionate about plants native to our ecosystem, restoring biodiversity in urban areas and encouraging high-school students to pursue STEM careers. She has been a board member within her community and has had a career in systems architecture and program delivery. Monica looks forward to continuing to volunteer on the trail and now with the board to support the Toronto Bruce Trail Club, its members with the vision to protect, explore and hike for everyone.</p>
	<p>Graham Allen – BTC Toronto rep</p> <p>Graham has been a BTC member for ten years and a TBTC board member for five years. He has served as Volunteer Coordinator, Vice President and as President from 2018-2021. Graham has extensive non profit and industry association board experience. He currently works for the Ontario Public Service and prior to that in the Canadian resource industry. Graham completed the Bruce Trail End to End in 2014 and may eventually complete his second E2E in 2022. He is currently the Toronto Club's representative on the Bruce Trail Conservancy's Board of Directors.</p>

**David Williams - Treasurer**

David has been hiking and enjoying the Bruce Trail for over 50 years, especially after moving to Georgetown from Toronto in 1978. Until he retired in 2017 he spent over 25 years in executive and ownership roles in manufacturing for North American and global construction markets. He has broad governance experience with not-for-profit organizations. David regards joining the board as treasurer in 2025 as an opportunity to give back and to join in advancing the BTC's mission.

**Connie Soros – Membership Director**

Connie is a retired Botany and Anatomy instructor from the University of Toronto. She loves hiking, the environment and spending time on the Bruce Trail. Her husband, Mark Pottruff and she, are very active volunteers as Trail Captains for a portion of the main trail and the Todd Bardes Side Trail in the Toronto section. They are also the Land Stewards for the Springle property, members of the Land Management and Biodiversity Committees and are Trail Angels. They are involved with trail maintenance, removal of invasive species, bridge, boardwalk and stair building. Connie has led some nature identification hikes with the biodiversity team and has been involved with the planting of disease resistant Elm and American chestnut trees in addition to the planting of the Toronto section seed garden all on the Springle property. She has also been involved with numerous initiatives such as installing boot brush stations, moving or reblazing trail sections and boundary sign installation. She and Mark have hiked an extensive portion the entire Bruce Trail and the Toronto section numerous times.



Talise Liang – Youth Engagement Coordinator

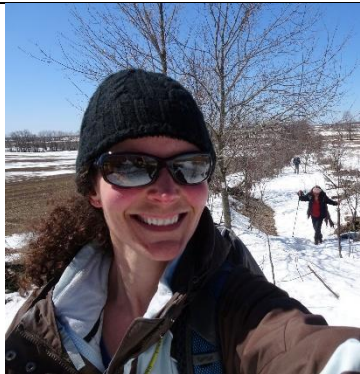
Talise is a student majoring in animal biology and looking to pursue her passion for the environment and preservation of wildlife. She recently took up hiking as a hobby, and through this new experience, the Bruce Trail has become her favorite place to explore. The passionate hikers, the badges, and especially the new species are why she has taken a special interest in the trail. Pixie Cup Lichen, the Eastern Newt, and Eyelash Cup Fungus were her favourite finds so far, and she is excited to continue identifying species and organisms on her hikes.

Ultimately, her experiences as a dance teacher's aide in ballet classes as well as a tutor have given her a unique perspective on specific views regarding behaviours and aspirations of the younger generation. As a Youth Engagement Coordinator, she hopes to apply her past knowledge and provide strategies on how to engage youth to explore and experience more than what technology can provide.



Michael McKibbin – Volunteer Director

Michael joined the TBTC team last year as our badge administrator to get more involved with the club as he was beginning his first Bruce Trail End-to-End. He is also a “newly minted” Trail Captain and looking forward to caring for his part of the trail. The Toronto Section in particular, holds special meaning for Michael. Being a recently retired Vice-Principal with the Peel District School Board, he has fond memories both as a young student and as an elementary teacher with his own classes, exploring the natural beauty of the Terra Cotta area. Occasionally Michael pulls himself away from the Bruce Trail and joins his family on long-distance hikes and canoe trips, both in Ontario and Quebec as well as further afield in Europe and Asia. Michael is looking forward to promoting and celebrating the amazing contributions of our TBTC volunteers in his role as Volunteer Coordinator.

**Monica Pasquali – PR and Education Director**

Monica's first hike on the Bruce Trail was in January 2021 when she brought her family to Limehouse Conservation Area so her children could earn the TBTC Youth Badge. It was during that hike that she fell in love with the Bruce Trail, and since then she has been sharing that passion with anyone who will listen! Monica is a high school biology teacher who holds a B.Sc. in Zoology so she enjoys hiking at a more moderate pace which allows her to take in the sights and sounds of nature along the way. She volunteers as a Unit Guider for the 8th Mississauga Guides, and she has also volunteered as a Trail Captain and a Hike Leader for the TBTC. Monica likes to earn badges while completing solo hikes along the Bruce Trail, and she also enjoys helping fellow hikers earn badges by leading group hikes for the TBTC and by regularly hiking with her husband and two children. As Public Relations and Education Director for the TBTC Monica hopes to encourage more youth to hike the Bruce Trail so they, too, can fall in love with it and be inspired to help in the Bruce Trail Conservancy's mission.

**Matt Ostergard – Communications Director**

Matt Ostergard is an avid outdoors enthusiast, hiker, and runner. In 2024, Matt started an end-to-end journey on the Bruce Trail with friends which he is aiming to complete over the next few years. In recent years, he has completed hiking journeys on Alta Via 1, Laugavegur, Kerry Way, and Peaks of the Balkans.

Outside the Toronto Bruce Trail Club, Matt works as a leader in government relations. He previously served in government working for senior political leaders at the federal and provincial levels.



Tom Swales – Hiking Director

Tom joined the TBTC in 1983 after an urban hike in the Rosedale Ravines which was promoted to the public. He was intrigued by the opportunity to get out on the Bruce Trail, which he had experienced through Scouts Canada and a hiking club in High School, and also that the club offered organized hikes in the City. Attending both Bus Hikes and Urban Hikes every week led to his passion for hiking and awareness of the value of preserving the Niagara Escarpment. After completing Hike Leader Training in 2016 he has led many Urban Hikes in communities throughout the GTA, all accessible by public transit. Tom has been involved in the TBTC Hiker Initiation Program, organizing hikes for the TBTC's Diversity Initiative and new Canadian students, and helping Hike Leaders with the transition to the BTC Unified Hike schedule. Tom is committed to diversity and making all feel welcome on the club's hikes.



Michelle Lindsay – Special Events Director

Michele is a mother of 3 children who has extensive experience organizing events when she worked for the pharmaceutical company, Bayer. While working in the Regulatory Affairs Department, Michele also volunteered to take on extra duties to arrange team-building events to celebrate special milestones at the company. She is an avid hiker/walker and has previously helped out at Toronto Club events such as Bruce Trail Day.



Peter Pritchard – Landowner Relations Director

Peter Pritchard grew up on a dairy/beef farm in the Ottawa Valley. His career in Project Management in the Telecom industry took him around the world enabling he and his family to live in nine different countries, work in 27 countries and visit 77 countries in total! After moving to Georgetown in 2010, he discovered the Bruce Trail, joining in 2012. He is Director of Land Owner Relations and Land Acquisition for the Toronto Section. He and his wife, Gail, maintain the section north of Limehouse. He is in his happy place as a sawyer on the trail!



Tim Reedman – Trail Maintenance Director

Tim Reedman has been a member of the Bruce Trail Conservancy since 2021. His volunteer roles with the Bruce Trail include: trail captain for a section of the Main Trail in Silver Creek, one of four trail geographers that have documented the trail since 2023; certified sawyer and member of the trail maintenance team; trail maintenance and construction work parties.

Tim and his wife, Marilyn, are longtime Halton Hills residents and live in Glen Williams, They are working their way through their first E2E and are looking forward to hiking the Beaver Valley, Sydenham and Peninsula sections next. Tim retired in 2023 from a career in the aerospace industry, and after many years of office work, greatly enjoys working outside!



Neal Stein – Land Management Committee Director

Neal has enjoyed hiking and volunteering for work on the Bruce trail for many years. He is a trail captain and for the last year has been chairman of the Land Management Committee (LMC) of the Toronto Bruce trail section. The LMC oversees many of the issues not involving organizing hiking trips that come up. He is looking forward to working with all to further the BTC mission of preserving and enhancing our ribbon of wilderness for all to enjoy for years to come.



David Rowney – Secretary / Halton Hills Chapter rep

Originally from Toronto, David is a long-time Georgetown resident who has hiked extensively along the Toronto BT section with his family. David's work background includes 10 years as a reporter/editor and 30 years as a public relations executive. His role includes taking minutes of meetings, organizing board documents and handling Annual Report and Meeting agendas. David is also the liaison for the Halton Hills Chapter of the Toronto Club.

**Stewart Fleming – Land Stewardship Director**

Stewart has been hiking the Bruce Trail for over 15 years. His Toronto Club involvement began with garlic mustard pulls, grew into Trail Development and Maintenance volunteering and as a Trail Captain. He is the Limestone Roost property's Land Steward, a hands-on way to protect habitats. Stewart has shared the Bruce Trail's importance while leading hikes for over 10 years, completed multiple end-to-ends of the Bruce Trail, and is a Certified Hike Leader. He has developed BTC relationships through donor activities and photographic contributions. Stewart also brings the environmental experience of leading hikes and winter camping in the Adirondacks, including hiking 34 of the 46 High Peaks. Trained in mountaineering and strict environmental protocols to minimize human impact, Stewart has been on climbing expeditions on all seven continents, including five of the Seven Summits. In all of these adventures, he refines his photography techniques to capture the moments in images. Stewart has worked globally in financial services and has served on bank board and senior management risk committees.