

## Neptune Theatre Board of Directors 2016-2017



**Rob Batherson (Past President)** A member of Neptune's board since 2007, Rob Batherson works in the communications and marketing business as Senior Vice-President and Co-owner of Colour, an agency with offices in Halifax, Toronto, Moncton and St. John's. Rob is a proud board member, subscriber and financial contributor to Neptune Theatre because he believes Halifax and Nova Scotia are better for having a strong, vibrant arts and culture sector. Rob is Chair of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Halifax Stanfield International Airport Authority. His past activities have included leadership roles with Mount Saint Vincent University's Board of Governors, United Way of Halifax's Annual Campaign, the Halifax Regional Planning

Advisory Committee and the Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Committee. Rob Batherson holds a Bachelor of Public Relations degree from Mount Saint Vincent University and lives in Halifax with his wife Cathy MacIsaac and their son Sam.



**Rodney Belliveau, CA (Audit Chair/ Secretary-Treasurer)**, is an assurance partner with Grant Thornton LLP in the Halifax office and is a member of the Nova Scotia Institute of Chartered Accountants. Rodney graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in 1999. In his professional practice Rodney focuses on public and publicly accountable entities including not-for-profit entities, and provides advisory and consultation services on complex accounting and auditing matters. Rodney has been a proud member of the Neptune Theatre Foundation Board of Directors since 2011 and is the Treasurer and Audit Committee Chair. In addition to being actively involved in the Neptune Theatre Foundation, Rodney is also involved in a number of

other community fundraising initiatives. Rodney and his wife, Nicole, and their two beautiful daughters, Mackenzie and Abigayle, live in Bedford, Nova Scotia.



**Kelly Boudreau** was raised on the beautiful Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia, in Canso, Guysborough County. After leaving small town life in 1989, she moved to Halifax to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Mount Saint Vincent University, graduating in 1993. In February 1994 she started working at TD Canada Trust (formerly known as Canada Trust). From June 1996 to January 1998, Kelly furthered her education by completing several financial industry educational accomplishments including Professional Financial Planning & Canadian Securities through the Canadian Securities Institute. During Kelly's career with TD Bank, she has been recognized as a top performing employee by receiving TD's Award of Excellence and Champion title seven times. She has also

received TD's top employee recognition achievement – Vision in Action -- an award presented to only 0.1% of employees annually. Kelly is committed to giving back to her community and is an active supporter of Women in Leadership. She is a proud mom of two children -- Jenna and Matthew -- and has been married for 19 years to her husband Les.



**Mary Clancy** graduated from Mount Saint Vincent University, Dalhousie Law School, and the University of London(UK). She served as assistant-director of Continuing Legal Education (UBC/BC Bar Association) before returning to Halifax as Special Advisor to Nova Scotia's Minister for The Status of Women. She practised law as a solo practitioner for nearly ten years, while writing a weekly newspaper column on public affairs and a political commentator for the CBC. She also appeared several times on the Neptune Stage and with other theatre groups in the city. In 1988 she was elected Halifax's first female MP, her tasks included parliamentary secretary in Immigration, and Chair of parliament's Defence committee. In 1997 She was named Consul General to Boston. Returning to Halifax, she is still opining on CBC radio, and sits on several boards



**Pete Clive (Development Chair)** is very familiar with the city's evolving real estate market as a resident and property investor in downtown Halifax. He is also aware of the responsibility of managing what is often a clients' largest decision – where they will invest and where they will live. During his five years at Harbourside Realty, Pete was proud to have mentored with some of the city's most respected and successful Realtors. This experience propelled him to establish his own brokerage *SixEight Realty Group* in 2011. Fully engaged in the quality lifestyle that Halifax has to offer, Pete is an avid boater, an enthusiastic supporter of local music and theatre and has a fondness for stepping out and enjoying the city's many restaurants. He shares a home in Fleming Heights with his wife and daughter.



**Tara Erskine** is returning to the Neptune Board after taking leave for the birth of her fourth child. Her first memory of Neptune is as a young child watching her aunt perform onstage in Gypsy. She was hooked. Tara is a partner at McInnes Cooper where she specializes in labour and employment and human rights law. She has a B.A. from the University of King's College, a LL.B. from Dalhousie Law School, and a LL.M from Osgoode Hall Law School. She also holds the designation of Certified Human Resource Professional. Tara is based in Halifax but provides advice to employers across Canada. She is a member of the bars of Nova Scotia, Alberta, and Ontario. Tara is a part-time commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission and was the founding director of the Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers.



**Rebecca Hiltz LeBlanc, (President)** Born in Windsor, Nova Scotia, Rebecca earned her Bachelor of Music (Vocal Performance) from Dalhousie University in 1996. The following year, she completed independent language studies in German, Italian, and French at the University of Toronto. She later returned to Dalhousie University, earning her LL.B. in 2003. Rebecca was admitted to the Bar in 2004. Rebecca is a Partner and member of the Business Litigation Team with the law firm, BOYNECLARKE LLP. Rebecca enjoys music and is a member of the 36th Canadian Brigade Group (Nova Scotia) Band, performing as a musician, vocalist, and MC for charity concerts and other events.



**Virginia Jones (Advocacy Committee Chair)** is a native Newfoundlander who recently returned to the East Coast after a successful legal career in the arts and entertainment sectors in Ontario. Virginia's clients have ranged from major international film and television producers and distributors to independent playwrights. She has always exhibited a passion for the cultural sector and the valuable contribution that cultural engagement can make to a community. Now that she calls Halifax home she is excited to bring her skills and experiences to the Board of Directors of the Neptune Theatre Foundation. Virginia is General Counsel for the Armour Group. She obtained her law degree from Dalhousie University and her MBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University.



**Diana Khosla** Born and raised in Halifax, Diana holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a major in Accounting, from Dalhousie University and earned her CA designation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia. Diana is a Senior Manager in the Assurance and Advisory practice at Deloitte. She is an active member in her church and provides enthusiastic support to local charities and humanitarian efforts abroad. Diana lives in Halifax with her husband Paul and their two children, Isabel and Judsen.



**Paul Laberge** is currently Senior Counsel, Special Projects at Emera Inc. Prior to joining Emera in 2013, Paul was co-founder and served as CEO of Magellan Fuel Solutions Inc., a leading provider of energy risk management services to the road fuels market in the United States. From 1997 to 2006, Paul held a variety of senior positions at Alliance Atlantis Communications Inc. and its affiliates, including Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and General Counsel. Before joining Alliance Atlantis, Paul practiced corporate and securities law in the Toronto office of a national law firm.



**Erik Sande (Vice-President)** joined the Medavie EMS Group of Companies (MEMS) as President in August 2013 where he leads a team of 4,000 healthcare professionals delivering out-of-hospital emergency medical services and primary clinical care across six Canadian provinces and the state of Massachusetts. Prior to joining MEMS, Erik was Vice President and General Manager of Home Monitoring Healthcare Solutions for Philips Healthcare. Erik received his MBA from the Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario (London, ON), his Bachelor of Arts from Mount Allison University (Sackville, NB), and more recently, he completed The Wharton School's Executive Leadership

Program at the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA). Erik has participated on numerous volunteer boards including Canadian Stage Theatre Company, the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the Power Plant Art Gallery. Most recently he has joined the Board of the Neptune Theatre and the Acquisition Committee of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. Erik, his wife Christine and their three children live in Halifax.



**Sara Scott** is a partner in the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey. Called to the Nova Scotia bar in 2005 following her Bachelor of Law degree as well as Bachelor of Science (Engineering) degree from University of New Brunswick, Sara's practice is focused on such areas as corporate/commercial, litigation, construction law, and bankruptcy and receivership.



**James Spurr** has been practicing law in Halifax for over 30 years in, both the public and private sectors, and currently serves as Corporate Legal Counsel and Corporate Secretary at the Halifax Regional Water Commission. Jim has numerous professional affiliations, including involvement with the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the Canadian Bar Association and the Institute of Corporate Directors. He currently serves as Chair of the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association in Nova Scotia as well as serving on the National Executive of that body. Jim is a graduate of Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Business Administration and a graduate of Dalhousie Law School.



**Catherine Bagnell Styles** is a senior leader responsible for the overall strategic direction of Dalhousie University's corporate communications and marketing functions. Prior to joining Dalhousie University, Catherine was Associate VP External Relations at the University of Calgary for seven years and taught Marketing in the Faculty of Continuing Education. A graduate of Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, NS, Catherine has also completed executive leadership training at Queens University and Royal Roads University. Catherine has served as Board Chair for *Decidedly Jazz Danceworks* in Calgary, as a board member for the *Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education* and as a volunteer with *Voice Print Canada*. In addition to serving with Neptune, she is also a board member for *Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia*.



**Tom Wile** is a Halifax native, Dalhousie graduate and father of two. In addition to the Neptune board, Tom is also on the provincial board of the SPCA and the Audit, Finance and Investment Committee for Nova Scotia Community College. A 21-year investment industry veteran, Tom is the Associate Vice-President for the Atlantic Region for Connor, Clark and Lunn Private Capital and manages investment capital for foundations, endowments and professional families.