Board Candidate Amanda King-Dukart

Hi, my name is Amanda King-Dukart. I was born in Regina and moved to Saskatoon in the year 2000. I was enrolled in French immersion at E.D. Feehan Catholic High School and graduated with a bilingual diploma in 2006. After a couple years of study at the University of Saskatchewan, I started my career in 2015 with SaskEnergy. I started with a temporary position in the office, and from there I went on to successfully complete a four-year apprenticeship program as a Service Technician.

I met my husband Peter in 2010 and we were married in 2013. In 2014 we made Warman our home and have been residents ever since. In February of 2020 we welcomed our first child, Oliver, into the world. We are excited to welcome our second child into our family this July 2022. We have two Brittany spaniels, Ember and Eevie, that complete our family. I absolutely love being a mom, and spending time with my family is important to me. Whether we are taking our dogs to the dog park, playing outside, playing hockey, having dance parties in the kitchen, or just relaxing together at home; being with my family is my favorite past time. Other past times that I enjoy include reading, doing crafts and DIY projects.

For me, being a member of the board of directors for WCC would be a great opportunity to both give back and be involved in the community. I believe early childhood education in a loving and fun learning environment, where kids can be kids, is vital in our child's development. I look forward to doing my part to ensure other families have the same opportunity for their children to thrive as my son has had at WCC.

Board Candidate Dawna Fisher

My name is Dawna Fisher. I am currently a Candidate Member with Brunsdon Lawrek & Associates. I am pursuing an AACI designation with the Appraisal Institute of Canada. I started with the firm in 2012 as a researcher and recently completed the applied experience program under a mentor. The majority of my assignments are commercial based. I am also working towards gaining experience in property assessment review services. I graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 2010 with a B.Comm degree with honours and distinction.

My husband, Adrian and I moved to Warman in 2013 shortly after welcoming our daughter, Helaina. Since establishing our family in Warman we have welcomed two more children, Jarett (2016) and Lars (2021). I live by an attitude of hard work, commitment, and perseverance in every part of my life, often going above and beyond my responsibilities. I am dedicated to serving others and my community. I enjoy spending time with my family, gardening, going to greenhouses and u-pick farms, baking and eating it too, and anything where I get to be creative. I also can't wait to get my kids on the ski hill someday soon. I watched the Warman Childcare Centre being built and all of our children have been privileged to attend the centre. I am excited for the opportunity to volunteer at the centre.

Board Candidate Ian Braaten

Ian Braaten obtained his accounting degree from the Edwards School of Business in 2009, then his Master of Professional Accounting in 2011, and his Chartered Accountant designation in 2013. His career path took him West to Calgary for a few years, before moving back to Saskatchewan. He is a Partner with the accounting firm KPMG LLP. Along with his wife Christie, they moved to Warman in the Winter of 2012 and have fallen in love with the city and the great people who live here. In 2018 they welcomed a son, Beau, into the world. A few short years later in 2021 they welcome a daughter, Freya, into their family. Beau joined WCC in the fall of 2019, this experience has been remarkable in his development in learning and socializing.

Ian believes that early education and literacy is essential to building a healthy community and economy. He has previous board experience with READ Saskatoon from 2013 to 2020. He was involved with the Audit and Finance Committee and played a role in reviewing the annual financial statements and budgets. He also served on the Board of the Saskatchewan Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (SYPE) from 2013 until he no longer fit the definition of young in 2021. He currently sits on the Board of Ideas Inc. When not busy with work, he enjoys time working with Christie and Beau on their hobby farm and is looking forward to giving Freya her first tractor ride this spring. He also enjoys family time at the lake fishing, hiking, snowmobiling and sailing.

Board Candidate Jasmyne Bahr

HMy name is Jasmyne Bahr and I am a working mom of two. After years working with managing a team with SGI Autofund and the insurance industry, I started with Mint Mortgage following the birth of my daughter where I am a licensed mortgage associate and assistant to the brokerage owner. I am currently on maternity leave enjoying time with my son before I jump back into my career in the mortgage industry . From the beginning of our time in Warman, my family has really enjoyed this community and I look forward to serving it as best I can!

Board Candidate Mark Prodahl

Hello, parents and staff of the Warman Childcare Centre. My name is Mark Prodahl and I grew up in the small town of Lake Lenore, 20 minutes Northeast of Humboldt. Lake Lenore is a small farming community at heart. My parents still reside there as my father runs the family farm. I continue to help out on the farm during the busy seasons of the year.

After graduating high school, I moved to Saskatoon to attend the University of Saskatchewan. I obtained a degree in Civil Engineering in 2018 and started working for PCL Construction Management directly after. At University I met my wife Brittany. We got married and moved to Warman in the summer of 2018. Brittany is a teacher and had been working in her hometown of Humboldt the two years prior. She received a transfer to Holy Trinity Elementary School in 2018 and has been teaching a grade 2/3 split ever since. Two years later we were blessed with our daughter Bryer.

Our family has settled into Warman and gladly calls the city our home. The small-town feel with big-city amenities is the best of both worlds for us. I would be privileged to serve on the WCC board as I would like to become more involved with the community and help the centre towards its goals.

Board Candidate Meghan Forsyth

My name is Meghan Forsyth, my husband is Jared and I am mom to Davon (5 years) and Scarlett (2.5 years). We have been attending Warman Childcare Center since 2018. I am a nurse with 13 years of experience in a variety of settings including ICU, primary care, clinical teaching and LTC. I completed my Masters Nurse Practitioner (NP) in 2018 and work as a NP at the Saskatoon Cancer Center.

As a family you can usually find us enjoying the outdoors, especially the lake in the summer. I personally enjoy reading, quilting, traveling and getting together with friends and family. I am passionate about quality care and am interested in serving on the quality-of-care committee. I have experience serving as an executive member of my professional association, treasurer of my union local, and am a member of my work place quality improvement committee. I am a strong advocate and love working in a team environment. Thank you for your considering me for a position on the WCC board of directors.

Board Candidate Rachel Heidecker

Rachel Heidecker is a leader in business strategy and transformation, specializing in technology and innovation. She holds a Chartered Director designation in board governance from The Director's College at McMaster University and is an MBA and B.Sc graduate from the University of Saskatchewan. She was previously a director and manager at the University of Saskatchewan and is currently the head of Information Technology for the City of Prince Albert. She is the Vice Chair of the SKArts Board of Directors and Chair of the Finance and Investments committee. She has been a board member with SkArts for 4 years. She has also served on the SaskTel Board of Directors for 9 years and is currently the Chair of the Growth & Technology Committee. Rachel would enjoy the opportunity to volunteer for the board of the Warman Childcare Centre. Her daughter Brynn is 3 years old.

Board Candidate Kendra Usunier

Currently Serving as Board Treasurer

Kendra Usunier has served on the WCC Board of Directors for two years as treasurer and is hoping to renew her term. My husband Marc and I are originally from Brandon, Manitoba but have been living in the Saskatoon area since 2008, and moved to Warman in 2017. We have two children, Elise (age 5) and Luc (age 1). I am a physiotherapist currently working as the Director of Continuing Education in Rehabilitation Science at the University of Saskatchewan, and also serve as clinical faculty within the Masters of Physical Therapy program.