

Re: Call for Applicants: Board of Directors and Fundraising & Development Committee

Applications due: April 9, 5:00pm

The Art Gallery of Peterborough (AGP) is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024 and there are many accomplishments to celebrate! It is a wonderful time to join our Board of Directors.

In March 1974, the AGP was incorporated as a not-for-profit charitable organization “to establish an art gallery in the City of Peterborough to preserve, maintain, exhibit and display works of artistic interest.”

In 1977, the AGP’s Board expanded on these aims and objectives: “This gallery recognizes that, in a changing environment, its role is not static, but must be open to change; that it must reach out to its community; that it must be both a permanent institution and a ‘museum without walls’.”

What followed was fifty years of doing exactly that. The AGP has continued to showcase the extraordinary art produced by artists from within our community and beyond and offer enriching educational experiences for all ages. Even more, it has continued to build a strong collection that reflects the vibrancy of our community while keeping pace with emerging currents in the practice of contemporary art.

INVITATION TO APPLY

We are seeking applicants to join the AGP Board and/or the Fundraising & Development Committee. Successful candidates will serve as ambassadors for the organization and offer leadership, insight, and support as members of the Board of Directors and/or the Board’s committees.

The AGP is actively committed to creating an equitable, diverse, and inclusive community and encourages applications from all qualified candidates. The AGP especially welcomes applications from members of equity-seeking communities, including racialized and Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, and persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions.

Apply with a letter of interest and resume through our online portal by April 9, 5:00 pm. Details and application form available on our website at: agp.on.ca/call-for-board-members/

If you have questions about the AGP or this opportunity please contact Celeste Scopelites, Director at cscopelites@peterborough.ca.

We thank you for your interest and application to this volunteer position. Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Appointments to the Board of Directors will be brought forward to the Membership for approval at our next AGM, June 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm.



Debby Keating
President, Board of Directors

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

What appointed Board and Committee Members can expect:

In the coming year, the AGP Board will undertake the development of a strategic plan to chart a path forward through the next five years. In this, we'll connect with our membership, key stakeholders, and partners, including the City of Peterborough. It is a pivotal time to make an impact and contribute to the ongoing vitality of this long-standing institution, ensuring it remains relevant and vibrant as we project into the next 50 years.

What we expect from AGP Board and Committee Members:

- Commitment to the organization & a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
- Constructive and thoughtful participation in discussions and openness to differing perspectives
- Attendance at meetings, Board Members also join a standing committee and are encouraged to act as Committee Chair as needed
- Contribute to fundraising efforts and participate in AGP events
- Adhere to the ethical and legal duties of a not-for-profit Board
- Maintain an active AGP Membership

You will be provided an orientation session and reading materials covering the following:

- Information about the AGP, including our mission and vision, history, collection, programming, and partnership with the City of Peterborough
- Governance model, policies, Board Member roles and responsibilities, and the Terms of Reference of each Board committee
- Current financial status and budget development
- Existing Strategic Plan and relevant studies
- Annual plan for exhibitions, events, activities, and fundraising initiatives

Position Terms: Directors are elected by the Membership at an AGM, typically held in June, for a three-year term and may be elected for up to two consecutive terms.

Fiscal year end: December 31

Meeting Frequency: Monthly, with a summer break (10 to 11 board meetings per year in addition to the AGM)

Time Commitment: Board meetings are scheduled for 2 hours, with an hour required in advance to review provided meeting documents. Board members are required to sit on at least one committee at an additional 2 to 3 hours per month, depending on the committee. Additional hours could also include attendance at gallery events and openings. The Fundraising and Development Committee typically meets monthly with a similar time commitment.

Committees

Current standing committees of the Board include Executive, Governance, Finance, Fundraising & Development, Acquisitions, and the Advisory Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity. The Executive Committee is composed of the President, Vice President, Past President, Treasurer and Secretary. An AGP Board member is also appointed to the City's Art & Culture Advisory Committee.

Fundraising and Development Committee

As a member of the Fundraising and Development Committee you will help the Art Gallery of Peterborough grow sponsorship and revenue programs, plan and participate in fundraising and development campaigns, build our membership base, and assist in the development of key business partnerships.

Plan to spend two to three hours a month preparing for and attending monthly meetings. As a member of this committee, you will have a front row seat at our fundraising and special events with opportunities to network with our sponsors, donors, and patrons.