



## MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Take notice that a meeting of the members of the **MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL** (the "Festival") will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at the hour of **7:00 p.m.** via ZOOM .

If you wish to join via ZOOM please notify Chris Hazel at [officemanager@mariposafolk.com](mailto:officemanager@mariposafolk.com) He will require your email address and will forward you an email invitation.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to order – Welcome to members and guests
2. Agenda – Motion to approve
3. Minutes from the Feb 25, 2024 AGM – Motion to approve
4. Business Arising from the 2024 AGM minutes
5. President’s Report
6. Treasurer’s Report – Motion to:
  - Accept the financial statements for the 2023/24 fiscal year
  - Re-appoint the Festival auditors
7. Artistic Report
8. Resolution to thank outgoing directors
9. Election of Directors – Motion to Approve
10. Other business
11. Adjournment

The Board of Directors of the Festival has met and recommends that:

a) that the following four individuals be elected as Directors of the Festival to serve a three-year term in accordance with the Festival's by-laws – Ken Rovinelli, Ian Brown, Sue Shikaze, Amber McGarvey-Moreland

b) that Leslie Merklinger be elected as a Director of the Festival for a one-year term.

Please note that you must be a member in good standing to cast a vote.

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## **Board Nominee**

### **Ian Brown**

Ian is a resident of Ramara Township. He is retired after working as the General Manager of the Toronto Harbour Commission from 1971-1991 and the City of Orillia as City Manager from 1993-2011.

He emigrated to Canada in 1970 after attending Marlborough College and further achieving a M.A. in law and economics from Cambridge University.

Ian has been on the Mariposa Folk Festival Board of Directors since 2012. He is the treasurer (since 2012 with a one year sabbatical) and a member of the Executive Committee. He is currently the chair of the Mariposa Folk Festival Governance Committee.

Ian is also a Member of the Couchiching OPP Detachment Board.

### **Amber McGarvey-Moreland**

Born and raised in Orillia, Amber McGarvey is deeply connected to the Mariposa Folk Festival and the Orillia community. Married with two daughters, who are proud fourth-generation Mariposians, Amber's roots with the festival run generations deep. For the past 15 years, she has volunteered as a Festival Ambassador, passionately sharing the spirit and history of Mariposa with attendees while introducing performers and thanking sponsors and volunteers for their contributions.

Amber serves as Co-Director of Ripple of Kindness Orillia Chapter, leading efforts to make a meaningful impact in her community through collective charitable gifts (close to \$300K to-date). She is also the creator of the Wide Awake Club for Mommas, a support group designed to connect local mothers.

Professionally, Amber is the Manager of Donor Advising for the RVH Foundation, where she leads a team dedicated to fostering philanthropy in support of vital healthcare initiatives at the regional health centre. Her dedication to community, connection, and kindness shines through in every role she takes on.

### **Sue Shikaze**

Sue Shikaze is a long-time patron of the Mariposa Folk Festival and fan of live music of a range of genres. In her first term on the MFF board, she has been a member of the Climate Action Committee, recently assuming the role of co-chair.

Sue lives, works and plays in the Haliburton Highlands, where she volunteers as co-artistic director for the Haliburton County Folk Society's concert series and as an on-air host on CANOE FM, a local community radio station.

In her work life, Sue is a health promoter in public health, with a focus on climate change and health. In her spare time, she's often on her bike, skis or paddleboard, or playing the ukulele.

**Ken Rovinelli**

Principle of Krane Consulting Ltd., a development consultancy firm working in the GTA.

Past Chair of the Halton Region Housing Advisory Committee, Director of the Ontario Homebuilders Association and was on the Board of the Tranzac Club in Toronto.

Ken has a long history with Mariposa Folk Foundation as a director and as a lead with the Festival Organizing Group. He was inducted into the Mariposa Hall of Fame in 2015 and is currently Vice President of the Foundation.

**Leslie Merklinger**

Leslie Merklinger is an award winning media veteran with over 4 decades in the industry.

Currently Executive Director of CBC Podcasts, Leslie began her career in television as a producer, director and Commissioning Editor in both independent tv production companies and at every major broadcaster in Canada.

In 2015, she pivoted to audio and founded the CBC Podcast studio. Under Leslie's leadership, CBC has become Canada's #1 Podcast publisher with a slate of more than 60 original series, CBC's podcast slate is internationally successful and critically acclaimed.

She has been part of Mariposa Folk Festival's Promotions Committee for the past 2 years, contributing her media skills and expertise by directing the video crew, guiding the creative theme for the 65th Anniversary and conducting many artist interviews, including a Canadian exclusive with Hall of Fame inductee Bruce Cockburn.

Leslie holds a Masters in Creative Media Education from the University of Bournemouth, UK, and taught media at Toronto Metropolitan University.