

Nominated Candidates for the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Latvia

on October 2nd. 2017

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM The following are candidates nominated for election at the AGM:

President / Chairman



Ed Kalvins is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a BASc in Chemical Engineering, and is a Latvian-Canadian who operates Technical Partners International Inc. of Canada and "TP Riga" SIA of Latvia from offices in Riga, Latvia. As a Canadian engineer with extensive Project, Production and Engineering experience in Canada and 20+ years in Latvia, he has developed both a significant contact network and a deep understanding of local conditions while still understanding western business expectations. Provides project development, project management and manufacturing management services, develops export markets to and from Canada, and helps entrepreneurs with getting financing for investment projects. Assists companies develop a market for products and services in the Baltic region. He is the current chairman of the CanCham since 2015 and was the founding chairman of the CanCham. He is the author of CanCham's Partnering for Profit and Governance programs which emphasize helping members meet their business objectives.

Members of the Board



Daiga Štendenberga is a graduate of the University Latvia and the owner of SIA "Stendenberga" representing Krinner ground screws for providing foundations which replace concrete foundations. Daiga has been on the Board since 2016 and is the Director, Social Activities.



Eriks Seminovs is a graduate from Glendon College of York University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree and has worked as a consultant since moving to Latvia. Eriks joined the CanCham in 2016 and now serves as Group Leader for the Export Group.



Henrik Mjöman operates PRIME Recruitment in Riga, Latvia. Henrik served in the Royal Swedish Navy from 1979 to 1987 gaining experience in leading people and helping people keep their own personality, but also to work for each other. A major asset is his ability to create contacts and networks as well as seeing and creating new business opportunities. Henrik has worked on recruitment projects in Stockholm, Estonia, Lithuania & Latvia, run Outplacement projects in Latvia, and provided translation services. He has lived in Latvia since 1994. Henrik has been with the CanCham since 2005 and has served as its Director of Business Development since 2015.



Indra Sproģe-Kalviņa is a graduate of the University Latvia with a Bachelor's Degree from the Faculty of Economics and Management in Business Administration, and is currently a Member of the Board and Director of Finance & Administration at "TP Riga" SIA. Indra has been on the CanCham Board since 2007 and has served as its Director of Finance & Administration since 2015.





Inta Cinite holds a Masters Degree in English Language and Literature (Latvia), MBA (USA), Doctoral Degree in Management (Canada) and a Graduate Diploma in Program Evaluation (Canada) and is a consultant in organizational behaviour. With 10+ years of experience in research-based consulting in Canada, fluency in English, Latvian and Russian and a good understanding of local circumstances, Inta applies North American standards in Latvia to conduct customized client-focused organizational research, evaluate the effectiveness of various organizational programs and facilitate strategic planning and implementation of organizational changes. She has also taught several business courses at Carleton University in Canada (1999-2007) and Riga Business School (1997-2000). Inta joined the CanCham after returning to Latvia in 2016, serves as Group Leader for the Busness Services group and was invited to serve on the Board because of her contrivution to the organization.



Dr. Karl Sarkans was born in Toronto and has an engineering degree from the University of Toronto, an MBA in finance from Wharton Business School, a doctorate in Economics from the University of Latvia, and has a Charter from the CFA Institute. Karl has been involved in Latvia since its independence, brought in Emerging Markets Investors from Washington DC to bid on buying Laima and several high level investors from Asia and Canada, organized the Bankers Trust / Deutsche Bank purchase of privatization certificates, debt finance for Ventspils Nafta from Credit Suisse and the first issue of shares in Latvia for the predecessor of Air Baltic. Karl converted two apartment building blocks in Riga and has one of the largest residential rental property portfolios in Latvia. He was a global fund manager for more than 23 years and has received an award for the highest returning fund in the world. Karl has lived in and invested into China, Vietnam, the United Arab Emirates, the U.S. and Canada and, in various countries around the Former Soviet Union including Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia.



Dr. Kintija Barloti is a business development expert and entrepreneur with more than 15 years' experience in international business management, development of new brands and innovative product development. She has acquired leadership experience in several business sectors, such as pharmaceuticals, hotel and tourism and the aviation business environment in SIA "Baltic Helicopters". Based on her experience in leading positions in the health sector, she gives business advice in creating, managing and attracting international customers to new medical brands and clinics. Kintija serves as Group Leader for the Healthcare & Pharmaceutical and Medical Tourism Group

Board Representative in Canada



Samuel Davidovich, a graduate of the University of Latvia and Granton Institute of Technology, operates his company Transcontinental Consulting Company (TCC) from his Toronto, Canada office. He is a Canadian-Latvian fluent in English, Russian, Spanish and Latvian who served as Aluma Systems International Regional Projects Coordinator for Business Development in the Baltic States & Eurasia. He is actively involved in international trade, consulting, marketing and promotion of investments and trade between Canada, the US, the Baltic States, Scandinavia, South & Central America and has had extensive experience in Russia, Ukraine, Croatia, Bosnia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Czech Republic, Slovakia, etc. His particular strengths include his international network, translation capabilities and construction knowhow. He supports foreign business initiatives in Latvia and export from Latvia, has been a member of the CanCham since its founding in 2000, and is a Director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Latvia representing CanCham in Canada.