

Regent Theatre Foundation
Board Members for Election and Re-election
BIOGRAPHIES
March 22, 2025

FOR ELECTION or RE-ELECTION

Darren Goldstein
Elect for 2-year term

Darren has been an active corporate finance professional in Canada's technology sector over the past 25 years. Over two decades at TELUS, he led major growth initiatives, overseeing transactions across digital health, smart home tech, and digital agriculture. A CPA, CA, and CFA, Darren started his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers first in the financial assurance group and then helping clients raise capital pursue their strategic objectives.

Beyond the corporate world, Darren is passionate about mentorship, community impact, and environmental conservation. He has led professional development programs, launched the Corporate Finance stream at TELUS for CPA candidates, championed diversity and inclusion in the workplace and was recognized for his leadership in TELUS's community initiatives. Most recently, he joined the working board of the South Shore Joint Initiative, helping to permanently protect Prince Edward County's South Shore for future generations.

Sol Korngold
Elect for 2-year term

Sol is the General Manager of The Royal Hotel in Picton and a co-owner of STOCKtc in Toronto. Prior to taking on the development of the hotel, Sol was the Chief Operating Officer of an International payments and software development company based out of Toronto.

Rick Szabo | First Joined: 2016
Re-elect for 2-year term

Rick loves being a part of the Prince Edward County community. He spent 24 years working in various business and finance roles, most notably as co-owner, along with his wife, of The Vic Café (sold in 2023). Now, you can usually find Rick volunteering at The Regent Theatre or the Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory when he's not traveling the world with his wife. He is also a social media influencer, known as *Birding With Rick*, where he shares his love for birds and teaches bird identification and birdwatching skills.



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Benjamin Thornton | First Joined: 2019

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Ben is an appointee to the County's Built and Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee, and volunteers with several County organizations. He was the president and chair of the board of the Mississauga Arts Council for many years and worked closely with the municipal government and partner agencies on arts and cultural policy and funding issues. He has done community and public relations for other not-for-profit organizations including TVOntario and the United Empire Loyalists' Association.

Ben has roots in the County generations deep. He lives in Picton with his wife and three children.

CURRENT MID-TERM BOARD MEMBERS (NOT CURRENTLY UP FOR RE-ELECTION)

Isabel Gomez-Moriana | First Joined: 2024

Isabel is a creative strategist and consultant with 20+ years' experience working in film and television. She fell in love with cinema at 7 years old, watching Charlie Chaplin's *Modern Times* at her local movie theatre. She knew then that she wanted to make this magical experience a part of her life.

Isabel was Director of Development of Scripted TV for Entertainment One (eOne), Canada's largest studio, from 2017 to 2024. She spent the previous 9 years with the Canadian Film Centre (CFC) as Executive in charge of Project Development & Packaging (2011 to 2016) and Executive in charge of Production & Post (2007 to 2011).

Isabel holds a BFA from Concordia University, MFA from York University, and a global MBA from the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. She's produced numerous short films, co-wrote and co-hosted the Gemini-nominated lifestyle series, *My Messy Bedroom* and co-designed the Future of Film initiative with Ted Hope. Isabel has participated on industry advisories and panels for the Toronto International Film Festival, Banff World Media Festival, Women in Film Toronto, ImagiNATIVE, and the Tribeca Film Institute to name a few.

She grew up in a mixed cultural household in Montreal and proudly calls Prince Edward County home.

Karen Valihora | First Joined: 2024

Karen graduated from Yale University in 2000 with a PhD in English Literature and works as an English professor at York University in Toronto. She published a book on Jane Austen and moral philosophy called *Austen's Oughts* in 2010. Together with her partner, Chris Fanning, she has five kids and has been living in the County since 2017, moving here permanently in 2020. In May 2023, Chris and Karen were delighted to become the latest publishers of the Picton Gazette, Canada's oldest community newspaper.

One of the first things they did was launch a new "Books on Film" club in collaboration with the Regent.



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Peter Wismath | First Joined: 2024

A graduate of Trinity College in the University of Toronto, Peter has a long background in publishing, sales, marketing and communications. For the past 10 years, he has been Chief Marketing Officer at Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, a top corporate law firm with offices in Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary.

Having visited the County for over 25 years solely as a tourist, Peter and his partner finally purchased a home in Picton in 2018 and have been splitting their time between there and Toronto ever since. They look forward (in the – hopefully - not too distant future) to retirement in the County.

Peter has remained close to Trinity College as an alumni, and has served on various boards and committees at the University for over 15 years. He is also an active supporter of the arts community, having been a performer, director and stage manager throughout both his undergraduate studies and as an alumni. Most recently, Peter held board positions at two indie theatre companies in Toronto: Shakespeare in the Ruff and Theatre Smash

