The Parkinson Association of Alberta Board of Directors and its Nominating Committee are pleased to share the following nominees for consideration by the membership at our Annual General Meeting. 19 individuals put their names forward and we thank them sincerely for their interest in supporting the work of our organization.

Hanif Fazal, Edmonton

Hanif is a proud Albertan, being born and raised in Edmonton, and graduating from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Commerce. He holds a Chartered Accountant (CPA, CA) designation and was a Manager for several years with one of the big 4 international accounting firms providing audit and financial advisory services. Hanif currently works in commercial real estate development focusing on investment opportunities, capital raising, and financial analysis.

Hanif has a close connection to Parkinson Disease (PD) with both his father and grandfather being diagnosed. Having witnessed first-hand the impacts of PD and its' ultimate progression, it is Hanif's hope that a cure will be discovered. Until then, Hanif is excited to be of service to the Parkinson Association of Alberta and to help contribute to making life better for Albertans affected by the disease.

Hanif also sits on the Board of Directors for the University of Alberta Campus Food Bank. In his spare time, he enjoys mountain biking, snowboarding, squash, golf, curling, and attending live music shows.

Cara Ferreira, Calgary

Cara Ferreira received her PhD in medicinal chemistry and her MBA is strategic management from the University of British Columbia. As a scientist she has lead research related to medical imaging including for Parkinson Disease. In her current work as a strategy consultant at McKinsey & Company, Cara focuses on helping pharmaceutical and medical device companies positively impact patients' lives through the launch and growth of innovative products. She is recognized as an inclusive leader and an outstanding mentor in both the business and scientific communities.

Born in Calgary, Cara returned to her hometown from the west coast in 2013 excited to be closer to her family. Soon after her return, her father was diagnosed with PD increasing her awareness of the often unseen challenges of living with the disease for the patient and their loved ones.

Cara hopes to bring her unique mix of science, business and personal experience to help realize the shared vision of the Parkinson Association of Alberta team.

Ken Gordon, Calgary

Ken Gordon was born and raised in Calgary, and has held various positions in the energy industry, including leadership roles in engineering, corporate planning, and construction management at Imperial Oil. He is currently Manager, Pipeline and Integrity Services with Strike Group LP. He holds degrees in engineering, economics, and business from Western University and University of Calgary.

Ken has had Board experience in the non-profit sector, serving as a Director for Alberta One Call, supporting its growth and evolution as a key advocate for pipeline and utility safety in Western Canada. Additionally, he has had experience supporting governance improvement initiatives with senior executives in the energy industry, as well as organizational and corporate development projects throughout his career.

He is excited to be part of advancing the mandate of the Parkinson Association of Alberta, and in helping Albertans living with Parkinson's, and their families.

Ken enjoys spending as much time as he can outdoors, cycling, skiing, and hiking with his wife and young kids.

Reg Milley, Calgary

Reg Milley retired after successful careers in both the petroleum industry (20 years) and aviation / airports (15 years).

Most recently, Reg had been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Edmonton Airports. Throughout his time with Edmonton Airports, Reg had a positive impact, not just on the airport, but in the community and region as well.

Prior to joining Edmonton Airports, Reg was President and Chief Executive Officer of Halifax International Airport. Before that, he was a Vice President and Lead Officer with Husky Energy Inc. headquartered in Calgary.

Reg is a graduate of Memorial University of Newfoundland. He received a Distinguished Citizen Honorary Degree from Grant MacEwan University and was also named as one of Alberta's 50 Most Influential People.

In addition to his extensive management experience, Reg has considerable board experience having served on not-for-profit boards as well as for profit boards, local, nationally and internationally. During his career, Reg has held many board positions, including, board chair, board vice chair, governance committee chair, committee chair, and director.

Reg is a strong advocate for giving back to the community. We can all do more.

Pam Strauss, Nanton

Pam was born and raised in Kimberley, BC and completed her Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Calgary. She continued her studies to obtain her Certified Management Accountant designation now known as a Chartered Professional Accountant.

Pam has worked many years in the oil and gas industry but also enjoyed some time working for a public accounting firm and managed her own independent accounting service business which evolved into HR administration, two website redesigns and event planning services. She is currently the Director of Financial Reporting for an oil and gas rental service company.

Pam alongside her husband lives in Nanton and has kept busy over the years raising their three boys which provided various opportunities to volunteer. Organizations that have benefited from her contributions include the local hockey and baseball associations, Nanton Scouts, and the high school band parents' association. Pam is most proud of her contributions as a volunteer firefighter and most recently, was on the Board of Directors for a local hospital foundation serving for six years with the last two as Chair. Pam's father-in-law has been challenged with the Parkinson disease for over ten years, and this is now her new focus for her volunteering efforts.