2021.g. Ziņojums no Kristus Dārza Valdes Attīstības un Nominācijas komitejas

Kristus Dārza Mājas valde ir uzticējusi valdes attīstibas komitejai atbildību piesaistīt kvalificētus cilvēkus un lūgt tiem kandidēt valdes un revīzijas komitejas amatos.

Šogad mums ir jāievēl pieci valdes locekļi uz trīs gadu termiņiem, un vienu revīzijas komitejas locekli uz trīs gadu termiņu.

Nominācijas komiteja ierosina sekojošus kandidātus, alfabetiskā kārtibā, valdes amatiem:

1) Imants Hausmanis- trīs gadu termiņš
2) Andris Šmits- trīs gadu termiņš
3) Jesika Steprāne- trīs gadu termiņš
4) Ligita Welsh- trīs gadu termiņš
5) TBA- trīs gadu termiņš

Nominācijas komiteja ierosina sekojošu kandidātu revīzijas komitejas amatam:

1) Fritz Kristbergs- trīs gadu terminš
2) Baiba Zariņa -divu gadu termiņš

Klātpievienoti ir kandidātu biografiskie pārskati, kā pieejami.

Baiba Zariņa,
Priekšsēde

2021 Annual report from the KD Board Development and nominations committee

The Kristus Darzs Board has mandated this committee to find and nominate qualified candidates to the KDLH Board of Directors and the Supervisory Committee.

This year we have five vacancies within the KDLH Board of Directors and one within the Supervisory committee, each with a three year term of office.

The committee nominates the following candidates for election to the Kristus Darzs Latvian Home Board:

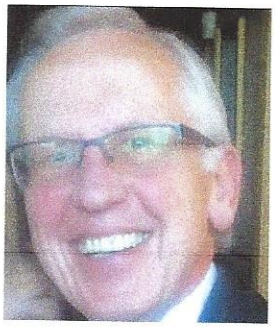
1) Imants Hausmanis- three year term
2) Andris Smits - three year term
3) Jesika Steprans- three year term
4) Ligita Welsh - three year term
5) TBA- three year term

The committee nominates the following member for election to the Supervisory committee:

1) Fritz Kristbergs-three year term
2) Baiba Zarins- two year term

CVs of the candidates are as enclosed, as available.

Baiba Zariņs
Committee Chair.



IMANTS HAUSMANIS -biography

As a consuting professional engineer Imants' experience covers the management and technical direction of transportation projects and staff. His expertise includes preliminary design studies, environmental assessments, public consultation, detailed design, transportation and transit planning, traffic engineering, system modeling, contract administration and field review, value engineering, project and program management, alternative project delivery systems and build operate and transfer projects. He has undertaken projects throughout Ontario and was Deputy Program Manager for the $4.4 billion GO Transit Rail Infrastructure Program responsible for the design and construction aspects of the West Toronto Diamond Rail-to-Rail Grade Separation project and the Georgetown/Weston Rail Corridor & Airport Transportation Link Individual Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design study under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act coordinated with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

Imants has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Engineering from the Unviversity of Toronto. He was a member of the Professional Engineers of Ontario and a Designated Consulting Engineer. He is a life member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

His professional activities include Chairman, Ministry of Transportation / Consulting Engineers of Ontario, Liaison Committee; Chairman - National Engineering Week – Ontario; Program Chairman - 1986 Annual Conference, Canadian Society of Civil Engineering; Member - Editorial Board - Professional Engineers of Ontario; Chairman - Toronto Branch - Engineering Institute of Canada; Member - Executive Board, Toronto Branch - Canadian Society for Civil Engineering; President - Toronto Section, Institute of Transportation Engineers
Chairman - Canadian District Annual Conference, Institute of Transportation Engineers
Member - IRF'97 Transportation Exposition Committee; Associate - Canadian Urban Institute, International Programs Office and Latvian Canadian Cultural Centre – Board of Directors 2011-2017.

Internationally Imants was Project Director for the planning and Preliminary Design Study of a 240 km 4-lane Toll Highway in Jamaica linking Kingston to Montego Bay and Ocho Rios; Project Director for the City of Kavaja Traffic Management Plan, Albania. In Riga , Latvia he was Team Leader for the Pre-Feasibility Study for a New Bridge or Tunnel Crossing of the Daugava River; Team Leader for the City of Riga Master Traffic Plan, and advisor to the Riga City Council and the Development Department on technical and administrative transportation and land development issues. While in Riga he established a Transportation Planning Department and trained local staff.

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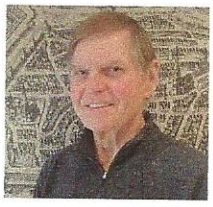

KDLH and KDLF Boards of Directors
11290 Pine Valley Drive,
Woodbridge, ON L3L 0B1

Dear Board Members,

Please accept my candidacy for a position with the Kristus Darzs Latvian Home.

I would welcome the opportunity to continue to contribute to KDLH's commitment for providing resident and family centered care in a nurturing environment.

My past involvement within the Latvian community reaches back many years, having completed Latvian schools, being part of the scouting movement, as well as participation with both Daugavina and Dizdancis as a dancer and providing musical accompaniment for performances. More recently I had involved myself with Latvian choirs and participated in Latvia's Song & Dance Festival in 2018.

In my spare time, I still pursue musical hobbies and have provided musical entertainment for KD residents on numerous occasions.

I had worked for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board for 35 years both as a high school teacher and program manager for their Adult Learning Centre. I believe my current role within the Kristus Darzs Latvian home as member of the Supervisory Committee and member of the KDLH Building and Property subcommittee, with its experiences, will lend itself well for the various duties expected of Board members.

Sincerely,

Andris Smits

Jesika Steprans

Education:

BA in Art History from York University,
Diploma in Architectural Technology from Sheridan College.

Employment:

From 2008-2018 worked at B+H Architects in their Toronto office and worked on such projects as Ripley's Aquarium of Canada in Toronto, ON, Mosaic Stadium in Regina, SK, and the Joyce Centre for Partnership and Innovation at Mohawk College in Hamilton, ON.

From 2019 have worked at bnkc Architects as a project manager.

My main area of interest is sustainability and high performance buildings.
I have became a Certified Passive House Consultant in 2019.

Interests:
Involved with the Creative Arts Student Association at York University as their Vice-President of Finance,
Held several positions with the Latvian National Youth Association of Canada.

I am passionate about creating healthy, sustainable spaces and buildings that improve the lives of those using them, and hope to bring this same dedication to Kristus Darzs.

Ligita Welsh

More than 40 years of experience working in the healthcare industry, providing Physiotherapy, Rehabilitation and overall Case Management to optimize the recovery of patients.

SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

- Demonstrates individual leadership skills
- Patient advisory and rehabilitation
- Proficient in patient assessment, analysis and problem solving
- Family case management
- Ability to positively influence, and motivate patients
- Excellent communication skills
- Client management and facilitation skills
- Innovative and willing to contribute as a part of an interdisciplinary team
- Understanding of the Latvian language

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario
Bachelors of Science Physical Therapy, 1975

Registered Physiotherapist (#4082), Ontario

Ontario College of Physiotherapists, 2018

Neuro Development Treatment Certificate, Ontario
Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association, 2001

Practicing physiotherapist in Ontario from 1975 - 2019 in acute care, homecare, rehabilitation, and discharge planning from hospital to community.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

- Extracurricular activities: Volunteering, traveling, golfing, cooking, skiing and cottaging

Rev. Dr. Fritz Traugott Kristbergs was born in 1945 in the closing months of WWII near Dresden, Germany. His parents were refugees who left their native Latvia and fled on foot to Germany. He was born along the way. They lived in a refugee camp in Germany until 1950 when the family, now with 4 sons, moved to the United States, first living in Mississippi and then in New Jersey where Fritz's father, a Lutheran pastor, established a congregation among Latvian immigrants there.

Fritz received his education in the United States: B.A. Monmouth College, 1969; M.A. (History) University of Maine, 1971; M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, 1976; D.Min. Princeton Theological Seminary, 1996) In 1976 Fritz began work at The Institute for New Testament Textual Studies in at the University of Munster, in Germany where he was a senior academic staff member and editor of several scholarly publications for New Testament text and language studies. During this time, he also served several small Latvian Lutheran congregations in Westphalia in Germany. He is currently on leave of absence from Doctor of Theology studies at Trinity College at the University of Toronto.

In 1985 he accepted the call to come to St. John's Latvian Lutheran Church in Toronto, where he has served as senior pastor. Dr. Kristbergs was the editor of the current hymnal used by the Latvian Lutheran Church in Latvia and throughout the world. His field of doctoral studies was the dynamics of ethnic ministry and he has lectured and led seminars on this topic in the United States, Germany, Latvia and Canada. Dr. Kristbergs retired from active ministry in 2015, having served St. John's Latvian Lutheran Church for 30 years.

Fritz is married to Lilita Stripnieks, who is also retired, having been CEO of the St. Catherine's library system. They enjoy traveling, theatre, opera and time spent at the cottage.

As a competitive fencer, Fritz has won individual and team medals in Canada, the United States and in competitions in Europe. He is 5 time national gold medalist in his age group and has represented Canada at 5 Veterans Fencing World Championships. Fritz enjoys gardening, music and reading, particularly history and detective novels.

Baiba Zarins-biography

Baiba's commitment to innovation in health care education and professional development is seen in her role within University Health Network as Program Manager of an innovative Bachelor of Science nursing program in collaboration with Nipissing University and three Toronto academic health care delivery organizations. This second-degree program prides itself utilizing the tenants of narrative inquiry and cognitive apprentice pedagogies to foster practice ready nursing graduates. Within her role, Baiba facilitates the development, operations and support of affiliate organizations, program learners and faculty within a shared governance model.

Past collaborations include the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, within the Best Practice Guidelines (BPG's) and Advanced Clinical Practice Fellowship programs to develop, implement and sustain evidence-informed practice initiatives. This collaboration fostered UHN in achieving designation as a provincial Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO). Other leadership initiatives include supporting UHN's organizational capacity and knowledge networking with remote First Nation communities and international professional development opportunities; both which exemplified unique responsiveness to health human resource needs.

Baiba's expertise actively contributes to health care organizational practices within point of care evidence informed practice strategies, policy development, risk management and health care education strategies.

As a commitment to lifelong learning, Baiba's most recent journey includes both Master of Arts and Doctorate degrees from Fielding Graduate University. Her extensive nursing career spans many roles within point of care clinical, educational and administrative capacities spanning acute and community care sectors. Most notably, in her long standing role as Chair of the Board of Directors of Kristus Darzs Latvian Home, an ethnic based long term care facility located in Woodbridge, Ontario.

Baiba is a contributing author in several health care journals, publications and reference texts. She holds cross-appointments to Nipissing University, the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto and most recently, invited international collaboration with the Riga Strazdins University (RSU) Faculty of Nursing, located in Riga, Latvia.

Ara Good has been a Registered Massage Therapist since 2000, with her career starting in Toronto, where she built practices in private multidisciplinary clinics, and in the Granite Club. After having her two boys, she decided she wanted to work closer to home, so she moved her work to a Massage Therapy clinic in Mississauga, which she eventually bought with a business partner in 2008. In 2016, she and her husband decided that they wanted a slower pace of life, and more exposure to nature for their kids, so they decided to move to beautiful Collingwood ON.

She sold her half of the clinic, and set to work building a clientele in her new town. She was fortunate to find a wonderful chiropractic clinic to join, and they were incredibly supportive in helping her build a new Collingwood practice. After Covid hit she was shutdown for the first 3 months. During this time, she decided to move her practice home to reduce exposure, and have more control over infection prevention, and she's been happily treating her clients at her home practice since.

Over the course of her career, she has studied many different modalities, including acupuncture and cupping, Tapping/Emotional Freedom Techniques (with a trauma-informed focus), Wellness Coaching, and is now working on becoming a Practical Herbalist. She has always been interested in health and healing, and enjoys helping her clients feel their best, and understand their bodies better.