

Kelsi Dunman

My name is Kelsi Dunman and I'm writing to express interest in joining FIPA's Board and assuming the responsibilities of Secretary. I'm currently a Research Librarian at Virginia Wesleyan University in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where I teach information literacy and provide research assistance to students and faculty both in person and online. I also hold responsibility for the development and curation of open access and open educational resources for the library and the university more broadly. I have previously worked within FIPA's E-Library through a professional experience opportunity and have assisted with the development of FIPA's webpage dedicated to open access resources for teachers across Canada. As such, I am particularly dedicated to public education and supporting access to information.

Ben Parfitt

Ben Parfitt is a long-time investigative reporter and author living and working in BC and has received numerous awards for his journalism. The major focus of his work is environmental and natural resource management issues. Since 2005, he has worked on public policy issues relating to natural resources as a policy analyst with the BC office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Ben joined the FIPA Board in late 2022, by appointment. He brings experience in the policy field and a wealth of journalistic experience to his work with FIPA, and he makes active use of freedom of information requests in his reporting, and he understands both the potential and the pitfalls of our current public records laws.

Robert Tremonti

Robert Tremonti is a generalist in a specialist field. His experience in information risk management not only spans time, it spans disciplines. Whether the setting is a financial institution, retail business, government agency, insurance company, major oil & gas firm, or corporate boardroom, he has the ability to pull from over 30 years of experience the nuggets of knowledge that allow him to identify and understand the problem at hand and recommend timely, applicable, and effective solutions.

The seeming contradictions in the manner Canadian citizens are offered the freedom to access information, yet have the right to privacy, fascinates Robert. He has been working with and through these apparent contradictions during his professional career, and in his capacity as a member of FIPA's Board of Directors - most recently, as Vice-President. Robert is interested in continuing to work with FIPA to effect change in the information and privacy fields, both by supporting the organization's governance and by sharing his knowledge and experience.

Robert is currently a Sr. Privacy and Information Security Risk Advisor with one of Canada's leading universities.

Ali Yusuf

Ali Yusuf has a wealth of experience practicing both criminal and immigration law, in addition to his experience as a postsecondary educator. He has been practicing law for over 20 years, as both Crown and defence counsel, and he has specialized in immigration law since 2015, primarily in proceedings before the Refugee Protection Division, Refugee Appeal Division, and Federal Court of Canada. In this practice, and in his defence practice, he often makes Charter applications with respect to disclose and the admissibility of deviance.

He has, in his professional capacity, witnessed many examples of obstruction, stonewalling, and secrecy with respect to public bodies, and he is aware of how important gaining access to the records of these organizations can be for his clients' substantive rights. In the context of refugee law, a lack of government transparency can impact lives.

Alongside his legal practice, Ali has, since 2014, worked as a full-time Instructor in the Criminology Department at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. He teaches courses about law and legal system administration, and he makes a point of conveying the legal and philosophical principles underpinning information and privacy legislation.

Ali has been a member of FIPA's Board of Directors for several years, and has most recently served in the capacity of Interim Secretary-Treasurer. He has previous nonprofit experience working with the Vancouver Association for Survivors of Torture and the Rainbow Coalition.

Kieran Forde

Kieran Forde is a PhD candidate and sessional lecturer at the University of British Columbia. Before moving to Canada in 2017, he completed his BA (University of Galway) and his MA (University of Limerick) in his native Ireland. Kieran started his teaching career in Poland in 2000, before moving to China in 2001 where he delivered Canadian community college and university courses at a Sino-Canadian college. During ten of his thirteen years in China, Kieran also worked in language assessment with the British Council and, later, worked in that same role in Nepal and India.

In 2019, he completed an MEd in Media and Technology Studies Education at UBC with a graduating paper entitled Regulation of Teacher Professionalism and Social Media: An Analysis of Disciplinary Outcomes and Teacher Candidates' Self-Regulation in British Columbia. In the same year, Kieran began his PhD which explores connections between the Right to Be Forgotten and education, especially as it pertains to the increasing commodification of children as data subjects. In addition, he has a particular interest in the regulation of off-duty teacher conduct through school district social media policies and freedom of expression for K-12 teachers in BC.

At UBC, Kieran has worked as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Faculty of Education, a Graduate Facilitator at the Centre for Teaching Learning, and Technology, and served as one of the two Provost Office Fellows in Online Learning at the Office of the Provost & Vice-President Academic. He currently works in the Teacher Education Program and was reappointed to the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline in September 2023.

See more here: <https://kieranfor.de/about/>

Alexandra Wieland

Alexandra Wieland is the Processing and Reference Archivist at Simon Fraser University Library Special Collections and Rare Books and an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia, where she teaches a graduate-level course on Administering Records Under Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Legislation.

She is an information professional with experience in records management, FOI and privacy administration, and archives management, and holds a Master of Archival Studies (MAS) from the University of British Columbia.

Her previous and relevant governance experience includes: treasurer for the ARMA Vancouver Chapter Board (an organization that represents and serves records and information professionals), Librarian and Archivist Representative on the executive of the Simon Fraser University Faculty Association union, and Member at Large of the Archives Association of British Columbia executive, overseeing the Grants Committee and Election Nominations Committee.