



**Lisa Makinson**  
**President**

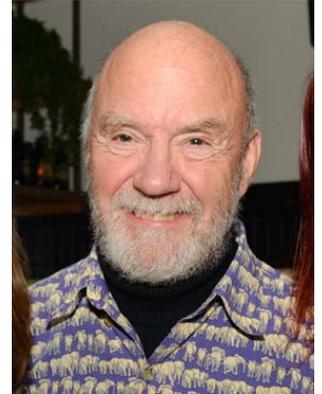
Lisa is a CA, CPA working in the oil and gas sector in Calgary as a Director at Suncor Energy Inc. She is also proud to be a member of Women for Humane Canada and believes that all animals deserve respect and humane treatment.

Lisa attended Brock University, where she obtained her Bachelor of Accounting Honours Co-op degree, obtaining her Chartered Accountant designation in 1996, starting a career of over twenty year in Accounting and Finance in both technical and leadership roles. While working at Deloitte`s, Lisa had the privilege to participate in an international secondment program that took her to Johannesburg, South Africa, which gave her the opportunity to experience African wildlife up close. Lisa describes this experience as "life altering".

Having been bitten by the travel bug, Lisa moved to the tiny island of Bermuda in 1999 to further her accounting and finance career. It was there that Lisa met her Irish husband, Alan.

In 2011, Lisa moved to Calgary from Toronto and has fallen in love with the natural beauty of Alberta and its wildlife and still gets excited when the neighbourhood deer decided to nap her in yard. Lisa and her husband are proud parents of two furry felines: Bailey and Bella.

**Brian Churchman**  
**Vice President**



B. Churchman, known as "Church", is retired with the City of Calgary where he spent many years in the Development & Inspections Area as a Senior Planning Tech in Antenna Services.

Church started as a foster parent for AARCS and fostered AARCS' first pregnant dog in 2006. Since that time he has been actively involved in many aspects of the organization. He volunteers as a rescuer on the weekends and in his mind there is always room for another dog.



**Alison Steeves**  
**Treasurer**

Alison obtained her Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan, and she then joined Ernst & Young LLP in Calgary and received her Chartered Accountant designation. Alison has been employed with Suncor Energy since 2011, and has held various finance roles, most recently a part of Suncor's Enterprise Commercial Assurance group.

Alison is looking forward to combining her professional skills with her love of animals, in supporting the valuable work that AARCS does. shares her home with her husband, daughter, and their AARCS rescue dog, Lucy.

**" Leadership is the capacity to  
translate vision into reality."**  
— Warren G Bennis





**Randy Vanee**  
**Secretary**

Randy began his career with The City of Calgary shortly after college. He has subsequently worked in many technical and leadership positions for their Information Technology department. Randy obtained his PMP

(Project Management Professional) designation in 2000 and has since managed many various IT projects. He continues his career at The City of Calgary leading IT's Service Management division.

Randy has a daughter and son who attend university and whom both love animals. Outside of his professional career and AARCS, Randy enjoys travelling as well as numerous outdoor adventures including camping, golfing, hiking, and motorbikes. Randy joined AARCS with his daughter in 2009 as a volunteer and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2011. He looks forward to continuing his volunteer work with AARCS and is happy to see the organization continue to grow and improve.



**Ingrid Roxas**  
**Board Member**

Ingrid has a Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in Business Administration. She oversees a team of business strategists at The City of Calgary's Office of Land Servicing & Housing (OLSH) where she is responsible for the

development and implementation of OLSH's business strategies, process improvements and performance measurements, corporate reporting, change management and leads OLSH's project management office.

Ingrid has had a passion for animals her whole life and happily shares a full house with her husband and their pack of seven dogs. She is also an active volunteer at the Cochrane and Area Humane Society (CAHS) Ingrid joined AARCS board in 2015 to continue to actively broaden her horizons where she can apply her experience and knowledge, as well as apply her professional experience in assisting AARCS increase awareness on animal welfare.

**Brianna Bridgman**  
**Board Member**



Brianna Bridgman is a marketing and communications professional. She has been with TELUS for over ten years, and has supported complex sales pursuits, new real estate development, and is embarking on a new opportunity to engage with small business owners and entrepreneurs in western Canada. Brianna has also worked in business process improvement and change management, project management, and internal communications roles.

Brianna completed Bachelor's degrees in both English and Communications from the University of Calgary, a certificate in Public Relations from the University of Victoria, and has a Master's degree in Technical and Professional Communications from the University of Wisconsin. She is also a Project Management Professional (PMP).

Brianna has been supporting AARCS since 2015 and is looking forward to continuing to share her knowledge and expertise with such an incredible organization. She is particularly interested in how she can assist in elevating the brand of AARCS in the community to continue to drive towards a compassionate world for all animals. Brianna loves travel, hiking, snowboarding, backpacking, and her dog, Matilda.



## Vanessa Salopek Board Member

Vanessa Salopek is the owner of Calgary's award-winning restaurant, MARKET. Vanessa was born in Calgary but spent many of her summers on her grandparent's cattle farm where she developed a strong passion for animal welfare and sustainable living. This passion is rooted in her restaurant, as Vanessa only partners with farmers and suppliers that practice ethical farming and stewardship. Vanessa was named Canada's Top 10 Young Entrepreneurs in 2015 by BDC Canada and was named Calgary's Top 10 Game Changers in 2016 by Branded Magazine. Vanessa got her B.Comm in Marketing from the Haskayne School of Business and is currently an Associate Member for the CPHR (Chartered Professionals in Human Resources).

Vanessa is an avid dog lover and loves spending time with her German Shepherd x Husky x Wolf Hybrid, Indiana. She enjoys spending her free time walking her dog in Fish Creek Park, going up to Banff for skiing and hikes, and loves golfing. Vanessa is excited to join the Board and apply her professional experience in assisting AARCS achieve their mission and vision for animal awareness and welfare.

## Amanda Manasterski Board Member

Amanda is a lawyer in Calgary with a broad commercial and civil litigation practice at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Calgary in 2016 and a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in 2012.



Amanda's practice focuses on litigation and dispute resolution in the areas of corporate litigation, insurance coverage and defense, arbitration,

contractual disputes, oil and gas, and class action litigation. She also has experience in alternative dispute resolution and has assisted with arbitrations and mediations.

Amanda became involved with AARCS due to her desire to use her skills to help vulnerable animals and give back to the community. Amanda was a Board Advisor to AARCS prior to formally joining as a Board Member in 2019. She is an avid animal lover and loves spending time with her Yorkie x Dachshund, Jack. Amanda believes that all animals deserve a happy and safe home, and she is excited to apply her professional experience to assist AARCS in achieving that goal.



## Erin Salomons Board Advisor

Erin Salomons is Blackfoot (Niitsitapi) from the Piikani First Nation living in Calgary (Mohkinstsis). Erin has been directly affected by the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and the 60's Scoop. She utilizes her lived experiences to help bring awareness of the importance of cultural connections. Erin is actively involved in initiatives and committees surrounding the promotion and wellbeing of Indigenous people.

Erin became involved in AARCS as a caregiver to the shelter animals following the death of her best friend. Her love for animals and being close to dogs (Imiitaa) helped her in her healing journey. She brings knowledge to the Board, provides insight on Indigenous matters, and in a supportive role- assists the organization in building upon the trust with First Nation communities. Respecting and nurturing the relationships/partnerships that exist between communities, their companion animals and the organization.

