

Board of Directors Nominee Bios

Christopher Ellis

Christopher Ellis brings over 15 years of senior leadership experience in stakeholder engagement, strategic planning, and organizational governance. As Senior Director at MASS LBP, he has pioneered innovative approaches to democratic deliberation, designing over hundreds of processes, with a focus on randomly selected Citizens' Assemblies. Prior to his work at MASS LBP, he was a Director of Circulation and Marketing at the Walrus magazine.

Christopher has extensive board experience, currently serving as Chair of The Local, an online publication focused on health care policy, and has held board positions with four other media and publishing organizations. He has led strategic planning initiatives for diverse organizations including professional associations, libraries, municipal governments, and several social service organizations similar to Jewish Family Services.

He holds a Master's in Publishing from Simon Fraser University and a BA (Honours) in History and Economics from Wilfrid Laurier University. Christopher is the lead author of the internationally-used Civic Lottery guide.

Christopher lives in Laurier Heights with his wife and two daughters. The family are active members of the Beth Ora congregation. Public service is important to him.

Sarah Feutl

Sarah is a lifelong Edmontonian with a passion for, and experience working in, local frontline social services. She has run employment readiness classes, overseen a tax clinic for low-income Albertans, and managed volunteers at large festivals and events across the region. Sarah holds a Master's in Global Affairs with dual specialities in Human Rights & Justice and Global Security from the Munk School in Toronto. As part of this international focus, she worked with the United Nations in Bangkok, studying migrant workers' integration into new financial systems. Sarah currently works as a data and research analyst in the Government of Alberta's Housing Division, and runs an indie theatre company called The Fox Den Collective. She is excited about the opportunity to join the board of JFSE and contribute to its mission of supporting vulnerable community members.