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Curtis Mundstock, Board Chair

Curtis brings a background in finance, having built his career as a derivatives trader. Since relocating to Victoria in 2012 with his wife, Saki and their two children, Helena ('22) and Christian ('26), Curtis and his family have been proud members of the GNS community. For the past nine years, Curtis has contributed his time and experience to the GNS Society Board, serving seven of those years as Board Chair. He considers it an honour to support the school in this capacity and to help advance its mission and vision for the future.

Sawyer Bateman, Vice-Chair

Sawyer has been building businesses and technology since his father brought home a computer 30 years ago. In 2013, he co-founded EasyPost, a Silicon Valley technology startup revolutionizing e-commerce shipping. As Chief Technology Officer, Sawyer grew the company to over 300 people and hundreds of millions in revenue before returning to Victoria with his wife, Terry and two young daughters: Sydney and Julie. Sydney and Julie are in Grades 9 and 7, respectively. In 2024, Sawyer founded a new technology startup called Ship Sidekick to bring AI into warehouses around the world.

Craig Roberts, Secretary

Craig Roberts has a degree in Mining Engineering from the University of British Columbia, an M.Phil. in Management Studies from Oxford University, and is registered as a Professional Engineer in British Columbia. He has worked in mine operations, consulting engineering, and for the last 16 years in investment banking, focused on equity financings and merger and acquisition transactions for mining companies. Craig has served on a variety of boards and committees, including as Chairman of the Mineral Economics Society of the CIM and as a member of the CIMVal Committee mandated with establishing standards for valuing mining projects in Canada intended for adoption by Canadian securities commissions. He has taught courses in engineering and mineral economics at UBC. He is currently the CEO and Director of New Found Gold Corp. Craig has a daughter who graduated from GNS in 2018.

Joanne Ko

Joanne Ko serves as a member of the GNS Finance Committee and recently completed her term as a member of the Victoria Golf Club's Finance, Audit, and Risk Management Committee. She has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Victoria and is a Chartered Professional Accountant. With 25 years of progressive accounting experience in the public sector, Joanne has spent the last eight years with the Saanich Police Department and is currently the Director of Finance and Procurement. Joanne has a strong connection to GNS; her daughter Olivia is in grade 7, and her husband Steve, who graduated from GNS in '94, volunteers and assists in coaching Senior School basketball and golf.

Valerie Kuehne

Valerie Kuehne is a professor emerita from the University of Victoria. She held a faculty position at UVic's School of Child and Youth Care for 32 years, with a research interest in community-based intergenerational relationships. She also served more than 20 years in senior leadership, including seven years as UVic's Vice-President Academic and Provost and eight years as Vice-President External Relations. Valerie is also very active in the local arts community as an avid chorister, piano accompanist, and glass artist. She has lived on Vancouver Island with her husband, John, since 1990. Their son, Nathan, a GNS 'lifer' and former Head Boy, graduated in 2016 and is currently completing his residency in internal medicine at the University of Toronto.

Sara Neely

With the exception of grade one, Sara was a "lifer" at Norfolk House School, starting in kindergarten at the then boarding house on St. Charles St. and completing grade 12 as Head Girl ('74). Having earned a Bachelor of Science degree from UBC, she graduated from UVic Law and started a varied career that included criminal prosecutions, civil litigation, and wills and estates. Following her time as counsel, managing estate gifts for BC Children's Hospital Foundation, Sara has worked within the charitable sector since 1993, firstly at BC Children's Hospital Foundation and for the last 17 years at the Victoria Foundation. Sara is grateful for her education and lifelong friends made at NHS, and the opportunity to foster this for future generations of GNS families.

Matthew Phillips

Matthew founded Phillips Brewing Company, growing it from a one-person operation into the largest craft brewery in Canada and is now involved in developing novel packaging machinery. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Mount Allison University and has served on several for-profit and non-profit boards, contributing expertise in entrepreneurship, governance, and community development. He and his wife, Paula, live on a small farm in Saanich with their two children, Norah (Grade 9) and Saul (Grade 6).

Deepa Singal

Dr. Deepa Singal is a nationally recognized scientist and policy leader who serves as Scientific Director of the Autism Alliance of Canada and a part-time Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Alberta. She holds a PhD in Community Health Sciences from the University of Manitoba, an MSc in

Epidemiology from Western University, and executive education in Public Policy and Leadership from Harvard Kennedy School.

Deepa works at the intersection of research and public policy to improve equitable access to health and community supports for Canadians. She partners with federal leaders on the National Autism Strategy and leads initiatives that turn evidence into measurable systems change. She has briefed Senators and presented at United Nations forums, and her research in child and maternal health has been featured by CBC, CTV, Global News, and The Globe and Mail.

Deepa and her husband, Dr. Rohit Singal, a cardiac surgeon at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, live in Victoria with their children, who attend Glenlyon Norfolk School. She is proud to serve on the GNS Board of Governors and is committed to a value-driven school that advances student learning, wellbeing, and character across the community.

Tom Vesey

Tom Vesey has served on the GNS Society board since 2015. He was born in Bermuda and was educated there, in England and at the University of Toronto. He was a staff writer at the Washington Post for several years before returning to Bermuda, where he was editor of the Bermuda Sun newspaper. He served on the board and as chair of Somersfield Academy, an MYP/IB school in Bermuda accredited with CAIS. He was active on several boards and programmes promoting racial equity. Tom moved to Victoria 12 years ago with his wife, April, who is from Victoria. Their son Jackson graduated from GNS in 2016, and their daughter Rebecca graduated from GNS in 2019.

Johanna Ward

Johanna grew up in North Saanich and completed her Geology BSc degree at the University of Alberta. She worked for many years in the Canadian Arctic exploring for minerals and diamonds. Outside of project management, Johanna had the privilege of working closely with the Inuit people and various levels of government. When she left the mineral exploration industry to raise a family, she and her husband, Craig, owned and operated the refuelling station at the Golden Airport, and she was a board member of the Arts Council and Civic Centre Redevelopment Committee. She moved back to the island in 2015 with her husband and twin boys, Liam and Rowan, who have just started grade 10 at GNS. Johanna manages the operations of her family's businesses in Victoria, which currently include financial and property management and previously included two restaurants. Johanna is co-chair of the Governance Committee.

Duncan Wright

Duncan Wright leads business development for Uber in Japan and is also an angel investor and board member of a Japanese private company. He previously served as Director of Strategy & Operations at Google Japan and worked with Canada's Foreign and Trade Ministry. Fluent in Japanese, Duncan brings international experience across government, diplomacy, and technology, and as a proud GNS (2002) graduate, he is committed to building the foundations to help prepare students for an ever-changing world.

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