



EASTER SEALS ONTARIO
PROPOSED SLATE of OFFICERS for the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022/2023

KEVIN KELLY – Chair

Chair, Executive Committee

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Bruce Power

Tiverton, Ontario

John M. Herhalt - Past-Chair, Ex-officio

Retired - KPMG LLP Global Chair, Government and Infrastructure Business

Kingsville, Ontario

Michael Carli - Vice Chair

Chair, Fundraising Committee

Lawyer/Partner, Miller Thomson

Woodbridge, Ontario

Deanne Buckle – Treasurer

Chair, Finance & Audit Committee

Vice President, Business Banking, Bank of Montreal

Toronto, Ontario

Brenda Agnew - Director

Client Liaison, Gluckstein Lawyers

Burlington, Ontario

Paolo Ciotola - Director

Director, Investment Banking RBC Capital Markets

Toronto, Ontario

Jeffrey Man - Director

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and Transitions Strategy – Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation

Hospital Richmond Hill, Ontario

Jessica Metcalfe - Director

Senior Controller, Bruce Power

Port Elgin, Ontario

Michael Grochmal - Director

Past President, Atlas Care

Oakville, Ontario

Jennifer LaForge - Director

General Manager, Rakuten Canada

Ajax, Ontario

Michael Tzimas - Director
Chief Financial Officer, Napoleon
Richmond Hill, Ontario

Marc Henein - Director
Director, Wealth Management, Scotia Wealth Management – Scotia McLeod
Georgetown, Ontario

****Board Nominee Proposed for 2022/23****

Azam Ishmael - Director
National Director and 2021 National Campaign Director, Liberal Party of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

In a career that has spanned the country, leading private, public and not for profit offices, Azam has been responsible for establishing and managing organizational best practices, including board governance, strategic direction, fundraising, risk and reputation management.

Since 2014, he has led three different organizations and has a proven track record of results with positive revenue and donor growth, stakeholder management and team building. These roles required Azam to navigate strategically in complex, multi-stakeholder environments in heavily regulated and scrutinized industries. Sound judgement, tact, collegiality, integrity & interpersonal skills have been crucial in both leading these organizations and having them succeed. The Prime Minister of Canada personally appointed Azam as his National Campaign Director for the successful 2021 campaign based on his unparalleled record of achievement which also made him the first person of colour to be appointed as a National Campaign Director in the history of Canada for one of the major political parties.

Over the course of his tenure as the National Director, Azam drove the execution of grassroots organizing and fundraising programs that led to over 100,000 volunteers and 160,000 donors who made over 2 million individual donations. In the five years that he has served as the National Director, he has grown the monthly donor program by 37%, established new fundraising records and has raised close to 100 million dollars for the organization and its affiliate entities. He has continued the creation of best-in-class innovative digital technologies with cyber security measures that were a first for political parties in Canada. In the realms of finance and human resources, he has helped create a safe workplace policy that has been implemented and enforced in one of the largest implementations for a Canadian organization.

Mr. Ishmael shares our values and vision and is excited to bring his leadership, focus and business acumen to Easter Seals Ontario to help us further our mission.