



# Meet your LPRA Board of Directors

May 2025

# LPRA Board Director 2025 Overview as of May 25, 2025

- 11 Directors + Ex-Officio (Elected / Re-elected for a two-year term)

Board Director	Role/ On the Board Since (date)	Committee Lead / Participation	Location	Expiry	Other BoD positions
Jeff Hopkins	President / 2022	FOCA	Beach	June 2026	Director   Long Point Biosphere Region
Richard Mercey	Vice President/ 2022	Sponsorship	Beach	June 2026	
John Deans	Treasurer/ 2023	Finance / Membership	Beach	June 2026	
Lynette Horton	Secretary / 2024	Technology support / Membership	Channel	June 2026	
Janet Dassinger	Director /2024		Channel	June 2026	Interim Executive Director   Long Point Biosphere Region
Karen Deans	Director /2013	Communications (Newsletter; FB)	Beach	June 2026	
John Godin	Director / 2017	Causeway	Channel	June 2025 (not seeking re-election)	
John Henderson	Director /2012	Community Watch	Beach	June 2025 (not seeking re-election)	
Jim Kerr	Director /2017	Phragmites	Channel	June 2025 (seeking re-election)	
Heather Meulemeester	Director / 2019	Secretary up until July 2024	Beach	June 2025 (seeking re-election)	
Carol Mitchell	Director 2007- 2013; Membership (Ex-Officio) since 2013	Membership; Website: Emails			
Steve Selk	Director /2019	Parking & Safety	Beach	June 2025 (seeking re-election)	

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**Jeff Hopkins**

**LP Address:**  
**Woodstock Ave**

**LPRA President | Since 2022**

**Director term:** 2026| **Current and previous role/focus area:** President | FOCA Liaison

## **About**

Jeff has been a regular Long Point cottager on Woodstock Avenue since February 2019, purchasing after having visited many years prior. Jeff has been a board member with the Long Point Ratepayers' Association since June 2022 and president of the board since June 2023. Jeff is also a board member of the Long Point Biosphere Reserve. For work, Jeff is a partner with Grosman Gale Fletcher Hopkins LLP, representing both employers and executives, providing strategic advice and expertise in all aspects of employment and human resources law.

**Professional Focus:** Partner at Grosman Gale Fletcher Hopkins (Employment & Labour Lawyers); Jeff also serves as a Director at Large on for Long Point Biosphere Region.

## **Education and certification highlights**

Jeff holds his LL.B from Western University and his Hons. B.A. from the University of Toronto, Trinity College. ; Law Society of Ontario; Ontario Bar Association



**Richard Mercey**

**LP Address:**  
**Hastings Drive**

**LPRA Vice President | Since 2022**

**Director term:** 2026| **Current and previous role/focus area:** Sponsorship

Rich has been an LPRA Board Member for 4 years serving as the Vice President these last 2 years.

## **About**

Now a full-time resident of Long Point, Richard Mercey (Rich) fell in love with Long Point the first time he paid a visit! It all started with family camping trips and when the opportunity to purchase his Beach House came available, he and his kids jumped at it.

Rich was instrumental in putting a stop to the unchecked attempts to introduce speculation and development on Hastings Drive and now works with various Biosphere initiatives to further protect this sensitive environmental jewel.

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**John Deans**

**LP Address:**  
**Woodstock Ave**

## **LPRA Board Treasurer | Membership**

**Director term: 2026 | Member since:** Personally since 2001. Family since 1961.

**Current and previous role/focus area:** Developed the Excel spreadsheets to produce the financial statements in 2018. Maintained the LPRA books since 2018 behind the scene. Elected to the Board and appointed Treasurer in 2023.

### **About**

Born and raised in Woodstock Ontario. Spent part of every summer at the family cottage built by my grandfather in 1939. After serving in the Canadian Armed Forces (Air Force) as a Logistics Finance Officer from 1974 to 1999, I and my wife and two children moved to London.

### **Education and certification highlights**

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from the University of Western Ontario. Obtained a Certified General Accountant (now Chartered Professional Accountant) designation in 1993.



**Lynette Horton**

**LP Address:**  
**West Pine Road**

## **LPRA Board Recording Secretary**

**Director term: 2026 | Current and previous role/focus area:** Board Secretary (since July 2024) / Technology enablement & modernization

### **About**

I grew up on a farm outside of Teeterville Ontario. My husband grew up in Long Point and it has been an important part of my life since the 1990s. Our family has owned here since 2015. I have a passion for preserving the natural environment and commit to taking a balanced approach that harmonizes the natural surroundings with the needs of tax paying residents.

### **Professional Focus: Partner at Deloitte Canada**

I bring 25+ years of proven results in the areas of building high performing programs teams, strategic facilitation and workshop design, customer experience management, data and analytics, organizational development and change, strategic program development and management, with a proven record of results.

### **Education and certification highlights**

The University of Western Ontario, Bachelor of Arts in Economics; Masters in Economics from McMaster University.

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**Janet Dassinger**

**LP Address:**  
**Erie Blvd**

## **LPRA Board Director**

**Director term: 2026 | Member since: 2015 | Current and previous role/focus area:** Director at Large

### **About**

Janet has been coming to Long Point for over twenty-five years, has been a property owner since 2015, and a full-time resident since 2018. The only place she loves as much as Long Point is Costa Rica. She is on leave from her position as a Senior Research Officer with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) where she has provided support to employees in the not-for-profit sector including collective bargaining and legislative and policy analysis. She also been a project manager, executive director and fund developer in the not-for-profit sector.

**Professional Focus:** Janet has served as the Biosphere's Interim Executive Director since April 2025. In this role, Janet leads the Biosphere operations and plays a key role in strategic planning. She first learned about the Biosphere through the Wandering Wednesday hikes. Janet became passionate about conservation and the role of biospheres in sustainable development.

### **Education and certification highlights**

Janet has advanced degrees in Labour Studies and Social Work from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.



**Karen Deans**

**LP Address:**  
**Woodstock Ave**

## **LPRA Board Director | Communications**

**Director term: since 2013 | Renewal in 2026; Member since: 2001**

**Current and previous role/focus area:** Director responsible for Communications; Past President

### **About**

Originating from Winnipeg, now residing in London, Karen enjoys downtime as a fourth-generation family member (circa 1939) at their Woodstock Ave. Long Point property. Karen served as Secretary on the Condominium Appeal Long Point (CALP) from, 2009 to 2012.

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**Jim Kerr**  
LP Address:  
Old Cut

**LPRA Board Director | Phragmites Committee| Seeking Re-election at 2025 AGM**

**Director term: 2025 Current and previous role/focus area :**Director at Large Since 2017

## **About**

Jim has enjoyed cottaging and living on Old Cut Blvd, since 1995. Retiring in 2016, Jim has served on the LPRA Board since 2017, including 4 years as Treasurer. Jim's interests include preserving the natural habitat for the wildlife in the region, by helping to raise funds to control the spread of Phragmites. Jim also enjoys helping to create a positive sense of community in Long Point

## **Professional Focus:**

Worked at Government of Canada

## **Education and certification highlights**

Studied at University of New Brunswick (UNB); Studied Social at University of Western Ontario



**Heather Meulemeester**  
LP Address:  
Erie Blvd.

**LPRA Board Director | Seeking Re-election at 2025 AGM**

**Director term: 2025 Current and previous role/focus area** Director from 2017 to current, Recording Secretary 2017-2023

## **About**

I want to ensure that the voices from the west end of Long Point are represented on the board, to develop membership engagement, increase activities for the association and members to be involved in and advocate for all members of the LPRA. I have lived in Norfolk County my entire life and continue to reside locally. Long Point is a very special place in Norfolk County that should be celebrated and protected. I understand that we need to share our special place, however that should not be at the expense of the environment, wildlife and property owners. Prior to purchasing our cottage, we would come down to the point for part of the day and camping for many years with the dream of owning a cottage in the peaceful community.

## **Professional Focus:**

30 + years of advocacy for people with developmental disabilities; Job Development, task analysts, fundraising, event organization, leadership, public speaking

## **Relevant Board, Volunteer of Governance Experience, Committee Experience**

Delhi & District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - 2019-Current |Chair of the Community Committee 2021- Current | Member of Events Committee 2021-Current; Fundraising Committee NACL – 2015-2022; Union Local President 2015-2018

## **Education and certification highlights**

BA Sociology, McMaster University



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**Steve Selk**  
LP Address:  
Beach Ave

**LPRA Board Director since 2019 | Seeking Re-election at 2025 AGM**

**Director term: Until 2025 | Current and previous role/focus area:** Parking safety.

## About

About 1950 my father built a cottage on property where the new provincial park is today. In those days only one family lived on Long Point year-round. My father lost the cottage to expropriation in 1960. While he never said anything negative about the Long Point Company, I associated it with the loss. In my teenage years, the resentment I harbored, as well as my curiosity, led me to become a frequent trespasser. On one occasion, I drove myself to the lighthouse at the tip. On another, I drove the length of Courtright Ridge. Since then, I have boated the length of the south beach dozens of times and flown over the island dozens of times. I recently wrote a book about Long Point. I've completed a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, and it will be carried by a publisher in Ottawa.

**Professional Focus:** Retirement. Association focus – Environmental protection at Long Point.

## Education and certification highlights

Former Professional Consulting Engineer. ; Former Federal Investigator-in-Charge, , U.S. Chemical Safety & Hazard Investigation Board.; Former manager of the Investigative Branch, U.S. Chemical Safety & Hazard Investigation Board.; Former Senior Policy Advisor on chemical terrorism risk & prevention. U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security.; Former Chief Compliance Officer for the Dept. of Homeland Security's chemical anti-terrorism regulations.; At-large Detailee, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB); Past memberships: Can. Soc. Forensic Sci., American Academy of Forensic Sci., AIChE, ASME, SAE.



**LPRA Board Directors not seeking re-election**

**John Godin**

**John Henderson**

**Thank you for your dedication to the LPRA Board and community.**