

2022-2023 AREA Board of Directors Recommended Slate of Candidates**Presented by: AREA Nominating Committee****November 3, 2021**

Public Member: Iris Evans

Iris is a former MLA based out of Sherwood Park who provides consulting services to a diverse group of companies. During her 15 years in government, Iris acted as the Minister of Finance and Enterprise; Employment, Immigration, and Industry; Health and Wellness; Children's Services; and Municipal Affairs. During the interview, Iris presented as a smart, ambitious, and well-balanced individual who digs deep with whatever she is given, has a depth of knowledge in finance, government and legal and regulatory matters and who is excited to share her knowledge and learn from other Board members. Iris has significant name recognition within the government relations sphere and will help lend credibility to the advocacy work being done by AREA.

Northern Representative: Colin Hartigan, Coldwell Banker Fort McMurray

Colin is a Broker based out of Fort McMurray whose practice focuses on residential, condo and commercial. Having been in practice since 1998, Colin has extensive Board experience including having been a Director for Fort McMurray Realtors, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo United Way, and Keyano College Foundation. Well prepared and insightful, Colin presented as passionate, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable about AREA and organized real estate.

Director at Large: Kristie Kruger, Royal LePage South Country

Kristie is an Associate Broker based out of Lethbridge whose practice focuses on residential, condo, country residential, rural/agricultural and commercial. Kristie also has experience with property management. Having been in practice for 15 years, Kristie has been involved at the Board level and in various capacities, most recently with the AREA Board as the chair. Kristie also served on the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and the Lethbridge and District Association of REALTORS® as well as several committees. In the interview, Kristie presented as an individual with passion, enthusiasm and a drive to continue to help in AREA's advocacy work. As an incumbent and past AREA Board Chair, Kristie showed a strong desire to continue to help AREA's Board with the ongoing projects.

Director at Large: Chris Hassall, Century 21 Drive

Chris is an Associate/Owner based out of Lloydminster whose practice focuses on residential, condo, country residential, rural/agricultural, and commercial. Having been in practice for 27 years, Chris was a RALD Director and President. As President, Chris was responsible for leading the RALD Board through the transition of contracting AREA as an EO Service Provider, oversaw the transition of lockbox service providers and contributed to the uptake in membership engagement. With RALD's unique position operating in both Alberta and Saskatchewan, Chris also has experience with the challenge of governing with two sets of regulatory bodies and rules. In the interview, Chris presented as an enthusiastic, high-energy individual who was both honest and humble about the interview process. Chris expressed his excitement about the work AREA's Board is doing and interest in being part of this work.