

## **Pride and Remembrance Association Announces 2021-2022 Volunteer Board of Directors**

Association that executes the annual pride & remembrance run elects new Board of Directors with diverse expertise

Today, the Pride and Remembrance Association announced its new volunteer [Board of Directors](#): a team of talented professionals from diverse backgrounds that will oversee the 26<sup>th</sup> annual pride & remembrance run - the largest, longest-running, and most fun pride run in Canada.

The pride & remembrance run is a 5km fundraising run and walk that is held every June, and has been organized and operated by the philanthropic and athletic-oriented Pride and Remembrance Association since 1996 - a leading volunteer-run not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting Toronto's LGBTQ+ community.

This year's Board includes 12 accomplished individuals from the city's LGBTQ+ community who offer vast experience across a number of fields in the public, private, and charitable sectors.

The new Board members bring extensive expertise in strategic communications and media relations, politics and government, fundraising and development, accounting, law, governance, information technology, financial services, and community health education.

The Association's 2021-2022 Board of Directors include the following members in addition to two key support roles:

### **Board Members:**

**Alan Belaiche (he/him)**, Founder

**Christopher Brohman (he/him)**, President & Chair

**John Hurley (he/him)**, Vice Chair

**Andrew Perez (he/him)**, Media & Communications Director

**Brian Smith (he/they)**, Operations & Registration Director



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**Candace Ellison (she/her)**, Secretary

**Dan Johnson (he/him)**, Beneficiary Director

**Gabriel Jarquin (he/him)**, Experience Director

**Gokul Kalaimani (he/him)**, IT Director

**Jorge Saban Jr. (he/him)**, Sponsorship Director

**Julia Trench (she/her)**, Marketing Director

**Ramzi Bou Hamdan (he/him)**, Treasurer

**Support Roles:**

**Sean Addis (he/him)**, Marketing & Communications Manager

**Debra Kriger (she/her)**, Beneficiary Manager

**About Us:**

Founded in Toronto by Alan Belaiche 26 years ago, the pride & remembrance run is the only annual athletic event held during Toronto's celebrated Pride Month each year.

The run promotes and fosters community spirit, goodwill, volunteerism, and sportsmanship across Canada's LGBTQ+ community.

Since 1996, the Pride and Remembrance Association has raised \$2.4 million for local charities that support the LGBTQ+ community in several communities across Canada.

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